



**“I want the children and teens in our community to live a life that they love. Join me in supporting Boys & Girls Clubs of the Los Angeles Harbor and shaping tomorrow’s leaders.”**

Why would a person who spent just four years as a member dedicate over 20 years as a Club volunteer?

Retired firefighter John Vidovich fondly remembers how the Boys & Girls Clubs welcomed him during his middle school years. The Club was a safe place where he could stay for hours playing baseball and hanging out with friends. Being a Club member became part of his identity. Coaches and Club staff gently guided him to “take the path a Boys & Girls Club member would take” and to “make the right decision even when no one is looking.” Not wanting to disappoint his mentors, he aspired to do his best. He grew into a man of character, choosing a career in public service so he could help others.

John was a 36-year member of the Los Angeles City Fire Department, rising to the rank of Deputy Fire Chief before retiring in 2017. He has served as a board member of Boys & Girls Clubs of the Los Angeles Harbor since 1997 and is Co-Chair of the Comprehensive Campaign.

