

Rebecca “Becky” Martinez
Madera County Clerk- Recorder and Registrar of Voters
Biography

Rebecca “Becky” Martinez is a lifelong Madera County resident, a devoted mother, a proud grandmother and the Madera County Clerk-Recorder and Registrar of Voters. In addition, Becky enjoys traveling with friends and family and serving as a member of the Madera Noon Chapter of Rotary International where she has chaired the Rotary Health Day event and was selected as Rotarian of the Month.

Born in Madera, Rebecca is a third generation Maderan who chose to raise her family here because of her fond childhood memories of growing up in a small, safe and familiar community that has so much to offer. After graduating from Madera High School, Becky started her career of public service with Madera County in 1973 in an entry level position where her work ethic, attention to detail and dedication to duty earned her several promotions.

In 1990 Rebecca was elected the Madera County Clerk- Recorder and Registrar of Voters, the first of nine times Ms. Martinez has been elected to this position. Until September of 1998 Ms. Martinez held the position of ex-officio Clerk of the Madera Superior Court. Ms. Martinez holds the distinction of being the longest serving elected official in Madera County, an honor she is mindful of every day as she continues to serve the residents of her community.

From July of 2008 through July of 2010 Rebecca served as the President of the California Association of Clerks and Election Officials, the statewide association of County Clerks, Clerks of the Board of Supervisors and Registrars of Voters. In July of 2010 Secretary of State Debra Bowen presented Ms. Martinez with the National Association of Secretaries of State Medallion Award in recognition of her “intelligent, open-minded and enthusiastic dedication to making our democracy work better.” The Medallion Award can only be given by the Nation’s 50 Secretaries of State to individuals, groups or organizations with an established record of promoting the association goals with a special emphasis on voter education and participation.

In November of 2014 Ms. Martinez was appointed by the President of the California Association of Clerks and Elections Officials to the transition team for newly elected Secretary of State Alex Padilla. As a part of the team Ms. Martinez was asked to provide essential input as Secretary Padilla transitioned from the position of State Legislator to the role of California’s Chief Election Official.

In 2017 Ms. Martinez successfully completed the national Certified Elections Registration Administrator (CERA) certification for election and voter registration professionals. This program consists of over 30 courses covering the following topics: Election and Voter Registration Systems Administration; Management and Leadership Concepts in Election and Voter Registration Administration; Strategic Planning and Budgeting; Election Information Access and Security; Ethics in Election and Voter Registration Administration; Communications and Public Relations; Enhancing Voter Participation; Implementing New Programs; Constitutional Law of Elections; and History (Ancients – 1781, 1781 – Modern Era, 1965 to Present).

In 2022 the Madera Chamber of Commerce recognized Ms. Martinez with their Lifetime Achievement Award. This award is reserved for those who have demonstrated a history of dedication to Madera by actively working to advance civil and/or commercial endeavors or creating positive change for the

community in government policy. In honoring Rebecca, the Chamber noted her knowledge, creativity, ability to bring people together, willingness to lead, compassion and respect.

In May of 2025 the Mariposa-Madera County Charter Association of California School Administrators presented their "Golden Apple Award" to Ms. Martinez for her outstanding service to the Madera County Superintendent of Schools. This honor was presented to Ms. Martinez for her years of cooperation, dedication, and service conducting elections for the County Superintendent of Schools.

Rebecca "Becky" Martinez's career reflects an unwavering commitment to integrity, public service, and community. As the longest serving elected official in Madera County, she continues to approach her role with the same dedication and enthusiasm that first earned her the trust of voters more than three decades ago. Becky remains devoted to ensuring fair and transparent elections, preserving the public record, and fostering civic engagement, all while cherishing her roots in Madera and the relationships that inspire her work each day.