



The Honorable Louis John Vella
Hon. Consul – Republic of Malta
San Francisco California USA.

Louis J. Vella is the Honorary Consul of the Republic of Malta in San Francisco, California. His Consular Jurisdiction covers Northern California and the States of Nevada, Oregon and Hawaii. Mr. Vella was born in Malta but has resided in California since 1980. He is a graduate of the Malta College of Arts, Science and Technology and has a Bachelors Degree in Management from St. Mary's College in Moraga, California. Before moving to California Mr. Vella worked for several years in the construction management industry with one of the longest established and successful construction companies in Malta.

In California, Mr. Vella's professional career spanned over 28 years in the public safety sector, retiring as the Administrative Chief and Fire Marshal while also serving as Interim Fire Chief at a local Municipal Fire Department. He also attended the CA State Fire Academy as well as the US National Fire Academy in Maryland.

Mr. Vella is a very active member of the San Francisco Consular Corps, particularly in the areas of, training and emergency preparedness. He is also very involved within the Maltese-American Community in his region. Mr. Vella is the founder of several NGO's, community organizations, and programs including the Maltese Cross Foundation of California, the Maltese Heritage Association, Maltese Historical Society, Stars And Stripes Malta, and the Maltese Community Network.

Through the years Honorable Vella has hosted, Presidents, Prime Ministers, Ministers, as well as a number of VIP's and business delegations visiting California. In 2012, the Prime Minister of Malta appointed Mr. Vella to form part of the Council of Maltese Living Abroad and serving for two consecutive terms.

Honorable L. Vella has served as chancellor of the Consular Corps College (CCC) in the United States for almost 14 years and in 2019 was elected and still serves as Dean of the Consular Corps College - US.

In December of 2018 on the occasion of Malta Republic Day, the honorable Louis J. Vella was decorated by the president of Malta with the Medal of Service towards the Republic.

In 2022, honorable Louis Vella was appointed to form part of the board of directors of the Federation of World Consuls (FICAC). As member of the board of directors, Louis Vella delivered several presentations on behalf of FICAC at different parts of the world, introduced the concept of the planting of the Tree of Unity, Friendship, and Peace at host countries and assisted FICAC securing a presence at the United Nations in New York.

Honorable Louis Vella is married to Lillian Vella and has two adult children.