



## City of Irvine Mayor

# Steven S. Choi, Ph.D.

Mayor Steven Choi, Ph.D., was elected in 2012, after having served eight years on the Irvine City Council. Previously, he served as a Trustee of the Irvine Unified School District from 1998 to 2004.

Mayor Choi earned his Ph.D. in Library and Information Science at the University of Pittsburgh, his Master's degree in Library Science from Louisiana State University, and his B.A. degree from Kyung Hee University in Seoul, Korea.

After coming to the United States in August 1968 as a Peace Corps language instructor for the State Department, he continued his post-graduate education and resumed his teaching career, primarily in higher education.

Mayor Choi has taught at several universities and colleges including USC, UCI, and California State University, Los Angeles. He founded and serves as Director of Dr. Choi's Academy, while his wife, Janie, has operated Kumon Math and Reading Centers in Irvine since 1990.

Mayor Choi and Janie have two grown children. Their son, Daniel, is a physician and their daughter, Michelle, is an attorney.

