

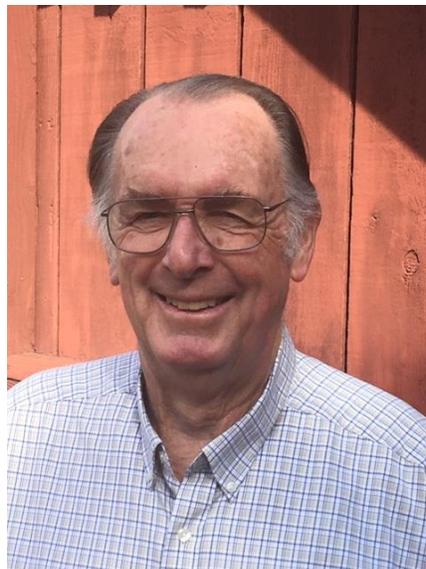
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Grandson of Fred and Florence Bixby Becomes  
Chairman of the Board of Directors at Rancho Los Alamitos



**J. Jeffrey Green**

**Long Beach, California** – Rancho Los Alamitos Foundation is delighted to announce that J. Jeffrey Green has accepted the position of Chairman of the Board of Directors beginning January 2020. Mr. Green, who is the youngest grandson of Fred and Florence Bixby, and first cousin to the RLA Foundation's founding director, Preston B. Hotchkis, previously held the position of Vice-Chairman.

Mr. Green has been involved with agriculture, and Rancho Los Alamitos his entire life. At age 9, he rode in his first roundup at the Cojo Ranch with his mother (Deborah Bixby) and grandfather (Fred H. Bixby). He decided then that agriculture was his calling. After graduating from Michigan State with a degree in Agriculture and an MBA in Marketing, he came back to California and started his career. This included time in the cattle business, managing a large row crop farming operation, a smaller privately owned tree crop farming operation, and finally, a citrus packing house. He has served on Boards of Lemon, Orange and vegetable packing houses, a county Farm Bureau, and a citrus exchange.

After “retiring,” Mr. Green received an MA in Choral conducting and directed choirs, a community chorus, and several musicals. He served on the board of the Ojai Art Center and the Lobero Theatre in Santa Barbara.

When asked for a comment, he said, “I am absolutely delighted to be able to be part of the activities of Rancho Los Alamitos. This place has always been very special to me and I look forward to continuing the excellent work of my cousin Preston Hotchkis and his successor, Jerry Miller. I feel I am coming home.”

### ***More about Rancho Los Alamitos***

*Rancho Los Alamitos, the “Ranch of the Little Cottonwoods,” is a Long Beach City Landmark and is twice listed on the National Register of Historic Places. The Rancho has a continuous history that stretches back for more than 1,500 years and reflects the many people who have called it home – from the first people, the Tongva-Gabrielino, to the European colonists to the American ranchers and farmers of the 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> centuries. The 7½-acre historic site includes four acres of nationally significant historic gardens, a ranch house (1790-1933), and restored barnyard of the early 20<sup>th</sup>-century working ranch. In 1968, the children of Fred and Florence Bixby, the last private owners, donated the family ranch to the City of Long Beach, transforming what had been a working ranch to a public oasis and setting the stage for what Rancho Los Alamitos is today—a place for all time.*

*Children and adults alike are fascinated and delighted when touring the interpretive center and the ranch house with its core of adobe, communing with nature in the lush gardens and visiting with the farm animals (horses, sheep, goats, chickens, ducks, and rabbits) housed in the barns area. Guided tours of the Ranch house and Barns Area start every 30 minutes from the Rancho Center with the last tour beginning at 4:00 pm. Visitors may tour the gardens with a docent or opt for a self-guided tour. Admission and*

*parking are free. For more information, call 562.431.3541 or via email to [info@rancholosalamitos.org](mailto:info@rancholosalamitos.org).  
The not-for-profit Rancho Los Alamitos Foundation operates the Rancho in a public/private partnership  
with the City of Long Beach under the Department of Parks, Recreation and Marine.*

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