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Mark Meckler
Biography



Mark Meckler is founder and president of Citizens for Self-Governance and co-founder of that non-profit organization's primary program: The Convention of States Project.

Born in Southern California Mark Meckler grew up in the Los Angeles suburb of Northridge. He earned a bachelor's degree from San Diego State University, then a law degree from the University of the Pacific, McGeorge School of Law in 1988. He and his wife Patty owned a succession of small businesses until Mark established a business law practice specializing in Internet advertizing and privacy issues.

Mark began his career in grassroots political activism in 2009 when, along with Jenny Beth Martin and Amy Kremer, he co-founded the Tea Party Patriots, an organization that become one of the largest in the Tea Party movement. After co-authoring with Martin the book *Tea Party Patriots: The Second American Revolution* in 2012, he left that movement citing differences in management policy and its increasing partisanship.

In 2012 Meckler created the organization Citizens for Self Governance "to focus on broadening the philosophical reach of the idea of self-governance." Then in 2015, with constitutional litigator and Chancellor of Patrick Henry College, Michael Farris, he co-founded the Convention of States Project which seeks to limit the power and scope of the federal government by implementing the second method of proposing constitutional amendments outlined in Article V; that of a super majority of state legislatures calling for a "convention to propose amendments".

For the past five years, Mark and Patty Meckler have traveled extensively on behalf of Convention of States advocating for a return of federalism and the restoration of our American Constitutional Republic. They have two adult children and celebrate their 25th wedding anniversary this year.