

COUNCIL DISTRICT 7 REPRESENTATIVE: Mr. Dale Gibson

Raised on a Quarter Horse ranch on the outskirts of Louisville, Mr. Gibson was given his first pony when he was 4 years old. When Mr. Gibson was eight, his mother taught him trick riding. He also competed in High School Rodeo in the state of Indiana and he furthered his training by competing in horse shows and high school and amateur rodeos throughout the Midwest.

After high school, Mr. Gibson became a professional rodeo bull rider for two years. He then earned a degree in Business Administration at Murray State University in western Kentucky, which he attended on a rodeo scholarship. While there, he was a regional intercollegiate bull riding champion and was second in the nation in bull riding competition in 1983.

Mr. Gibson was a member of the Gamma Beta Phi Honor Society and a founding member of the Delta Pi Chapter of Phi Kappa Tau at Murray State. He was president and vice president of the Murray State Rodeo Club. In 1997, he was voted an Outstanding Young Man of America.

A sense of humor and an appreciation of drama are important aspects in Mr. Gibson's life. On a lark Mr. Gibson and several other rodeo cowboys went to Mississippi to work on the mini-series *North and South, Part 2*. He was spotted by a producer and was asked to come to Los Angeles to work on the rest of the film.

Encouraged by his success, Mr. Gibson loaded his trick horse, saddle, and gear and arrived in Hollywood in 1985. Although he started out as an extra, reputation of his talents spread. Within a few years, he was a featured stunt rider in major productions.

While working in the movie business he met his wife Heather, a stuntwoman. They were married in 1997 and a year later they started Gibson Ranch. In 1999, their son Reid was born.

In 1997, Mr. Gibson retired from riding bulls in his own fashion and started working on a new sport in team roping.

Mr. Gibson has been the chairperson and host of the "Ride for a Cure" event the past five years. The event raises money for different charities every year. Becoming involved in the Foothill Trails District Neighborhood council and local politics opened the door to becoming involved with the Los Angeles Equine Advisory Council.

"Promoting the equestrian lifestyle in Los Angeles is my passion," says Mr. Gibson. "As they say there's something about the outside of a horse, that's good for the inside of a man."