As an Eagle Scout, John Lee began his commitment to public service at a young age. His commitment has continued as he has served on various commissions and boards through elected office.

John’s first job was with the Culinary Union as a dishwasher at the Silver Nugget Casino. In 1975, John began working in the plumbing trade, and eventually turned his craft into a successful plumbing company.

In 1996, he was elected to the Nevada State Assembly serving three terms. John was known as a champion of bipartisanship for his commitment to common sense solutions to complex problems. He later served on the Nevada Senate for 8 years, where he served on the committees of Energy, Infrastructure, and Transportation; and was the Chairman of Government Affairs.

In 2007, John was diagnosed with stage IV cancer. His determination to live was based on his understanding that every one of his accomplishments started with his decision to try. After months of agonizing treatment, John successfully won his battle with cancer. To signal the end of his battle, John completed a 10-day, 165 mile hike of the Tahoe Rim.

On April 2, 2013, Lee was elected Mayor of North Las Vegas. His top priorities focus on attracting new businesses to the City, and the expansion and enhancement of North Las Vegas libraries and parks. One of the Mayor’s most notable accomplishments was finding and recruiting Faraday Future to build a $1 billion electric car plant at the Apex Industrial site in North Las Vegas. Because of Lee's leadership, Nevada was selected after a national search. The new plant will employ 4,500 workers and have an eventual $87 billion impact on the region.

John and his wife Marilyn have been happily married for 42 years and have seven children and twenty-four grandchildren. They reside in North Las Vegas, Nevada and are active members of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints.