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Coronado Chief of Police **Jon Froomin** is shown here with Miss Teen Coronado **Katie Hearther**, and **Susanna Wiggins**, Miss Coronado USA. Jon was appointed in 2013 by City Manager **Blair King**. He previously served 30-years in the Foster City Police Department in San Mateo County before coming to the Coronado Police Department. Katie's mother **Kellee Simpson Hearther** is a **USC** graduate.

CITY MANAGEMENT GRADUATES FROM **USC** REVISITED.

In September, 2007 we issued a newsletter issue listing some of the many city management professionals who are alumni of the University of Southern California (**USC**). After a few requests for more; well, we thought that we would revisit that topic and put a completely new list into a new issue. We hope you enjoy this effort.

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Of course, first off we must mention some of the very "**USC** active" City Managers, such as **Mark Alexander** of La Cañada Flintridge, **Jim Lewis** of Pismo Beach, **Bruce Channing** of Laguna Hills, a Past President of the City Managers Department of the League of California Cities; and retired City Manager **Bill Kelly** of **Kelly Associates Management Group**. Also, a tip of the cap is appropriate to **Frank V. Zerunyan**, J.D., Rolling Hills Estates City Council Member, and Past President of the California Contract Cities Association (2008-2009), who also serves as a Professor and Director of Executive Education at the **USC** Sol Price School of Public Policy.



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League of California Cities' **Jennifer Quan** chats at an event. She has a Master's Degree from **USC**.



Kevin O'Rourke retired as the City Manager in Fairfield in 2008. Since then he has completed "interim" assignments in Stockton, County of Solano, Woodland and Santa Ana. He is currently affiliated with **PARS** as a Senior Consultant. Kevin is seen here with retired La Mirada City Manager **Tom Robinson**.

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In Santa Monica in 1975 **Larry J. Kosmont** began his career as an Administrative Intern. Later that year (1975) he was hired as an Administrative Assistant. Larry was appointed Assistant City Manager in Seal Beach in 1978, working with then-City Manager **Dennis Courtemarche**. While serving in Seal Beach, Larry was awarded the 1980 *John H. Nail Memorial Award* presented by the City Managers Department of the League of California Cities annually to the Outstanding Assistant. In 1980 Larry was selected to be the City Manager in Bell Gardens, where he served until 1983 when he was appointed Redevelopment Director in Burbank. In 1985 he became the Burbank Community Development Director, leaving that post in 1986 to establish the **Kosmont Companies**, which has become an industry leader in public/private real estate transactions and public finance. In 2011 to 2012 Larry stepped in as the Interim City Administrator in the City of Montebello, but continues to serve as the President & CEO of **Kosmont Companies**. Larry earned a BA from the State University of New York, and an MPA from the University of Southern California (**USC**). He received a 10-year ICMA Service Award in 1988. In 1995 Larry conceived of and created the *Kosmont-Rose Institute Cost of Doing Business Survey*, which is now recognized as the industry standard for comparing city taxes and economic incentives. The survey covers 400 cities in all 50 states, and is published annually by Claremont-McKenna College. Larry has served on the State Economic Development Commission, and as a Commissioner on the Los Angeles Industrial Development Authority. He is a registered Municipal Advisory with the U.S. Security and Exchange Commission.

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John P. Keisler is the Long Beach Business Operations Manager, Department of Parks, Recreation & Marine.

The Department has 1,400 employees, a \$50 million annual operating budget, 300 contracts, and the marketing and a communications division. John spent three-years as the Director of Animal Care Services prior to his appointment to his current post. He also previously worked with the Long Beach Office of the Budget and the City Manager's Office. John began his working career with Teach For America as a middle school teacher at Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Elementary School in Newark, New Jersey. In 2001 he was the recipient of the "Best Practices Award" for a first year teacher in the Newark Public Schools District. When he returned to California he served as a Policy Assistant for the Orange County Division of the League of California Cities from 2003-2005. He joined the Long Beach staff in 2005 as a Management Assistant. In 2006 he was promoted to Performance Management Analyst and in 2008 he became the Acting Business Manager for the Long Beach Department on Animal Care Services, and then the erased the "acting" part of the title later that year (2008). John earned a BA from St. Olaf College in Northfield, Minnesota in Philosophy and Religion, and an MPA from the University of Southern California (**USC**). He served as the President of the Municipal Management Association of Southern California, 2007-2008. He served on the ICMA Committee for Preparing the Next Generation. He and his family live in the Belmont Shore area of Long Beach. (The picture at the top is of John & **Jack Simpson** in 2009.)



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In 1984 **Raymond R. Cruz** took an Administrative Intern position with the City of Riverside. In 2000 he was appointed Executive Director of the Arroyo Verdugo Cities, a sub-regional council of governments in the San Fernando and San Gabriel Valleys, including Burbank, Glendale, La Cañada Flintridge, Pasadena and South Pasadena. In October, 1986 Ray was hired to be the Assistant to the City Manager in Glendale, and he served in Glendale for the next 14-plus years. In March, 2001 Ray joined the Carson staff as the Public Services General Manager, and he worked in that position for the next 11 and a half years. Ray was promoted to be the Carson Director of Community Services in September, 2012. He left Carson in 2013 when in November of that year he was appointed City Manager in the City of Rolling Hills. Roy is a Full Member of ICMA but does not list his career history in the ICMA Who's Who. Ray earned a BA at the University of California, Riverside, and an MPA from the University of Southern California (**USC**). He also participated in the Coro Foundation Fellowship Program at their San Francisco Center from 1985-1986.



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Hilary M. Straus, a classic car buff, started his public management career in 1995 in Loomis, California as an Administrative Assistant and then Analyst. Hilary moved to Citrus Heights in 1998 as a Management Analyst, and proceeded to move up in that organization: Management Analyst II, 2001; Senior Management Analyst, 2002; and Assistant to the City Manager, 2007. While Hilary served as a Senior Management Analyst between 2004 and 2005, he also served concurrently as the City Administrator in Plymouth. In 2008 Hilary became the Deputy City Manager in Hanford, and in 2009 he added the duties and responsibilities of Community Development Director. In 2010 Hilary was appointed to the Hanford City Manager post. After leaving Hanford in 2012 he was selected to serve as the Assistant City Manager in South Pasadena. Hilary earned a BA from the University of California, Davis, and an MPA from the University of Southern California (**USC**). Hilary served as the Chair of the Board for Cal-ICMA in 2007-2008. He also served as President of the Municipal Management Association of Northern California (MMANC), 2000-2001. In 2006 he received a 10-year ICMA Service Award. He is a former CCMF Board Member.



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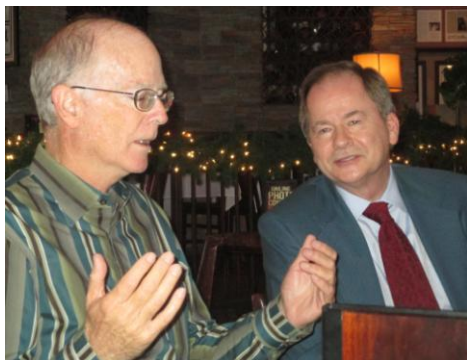
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Former Rosemead City Manager **Bill Crowe** began his career as an Administrative Assistant in Paramount, California in 1975. In 1978 Bill was appointed Director of Administrative Services, and in 1979 he was tapped to serve as the Paramount Assistant City Manager. Bill served as Interim City Manager for a brief time in 1980, prior to leaving Paramount to join the staff of Los Angeles County Supervisor **Peter F. Schabarum**. Bill worked as the Supervisor's Deputy for 10-years. In 1995 Bill tried the private side when he went to work for Unisys, an information technology and services firm. In 1997 Bill worked for a time at a school district, and in October, 1999 he was appointed Director of Administrative Services in Rosemead by then-City Manager **Frank G. Tripepi**. Following Frank's retirement, Bill was appointed to the Rosemead City Manager post in May, 2002, and he served there until February, 2006. Bill's next assignment starting in February, 2006 was to serve as the Assistant City Manager in the City of El Segundo with then-City Manager **Jeff Stewart**, who currently is the Bellflower City Manager. Bill retired from El Segundo in December, 2010. Bill earned a BS in Public Administration and an MPA from the University of Southern California (**USC**).



Here **Bill Crowe** chats with former City Manager **Paul Philips**, the CCCA Deputy Executive Director.

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In 1972 **John F. Shirey** began his long and storied public management career in Monterey Park as a Junior Administrative Assistant. He was promoted to Administrative Assistant to the City Manager and served in that roll until 1975. John joined the Long Beach city staff in 1975 as a Legislative Analyst. In 1976 his roll was changed to Director of Intergovernmental Relations. He left Long Beach in 1979 to serve the National League of Cities in Washington, D.C. where he served as the group's Legislative Counsel. John returned to California in 1982 and initially served as the Assistant Executive Director of the Community Development Commission of the County of Los Angeles. He was appointed Deputy Chief Administrative Officer in 1985, and then Assistant CAO in 1986. John returned to Long Beach in 1987 as the Assistant City Manager and served there until in 1993 when he was appointed City Manager in Cincinnati, Ohio. John served in Cincinnati until 2001. In 2002 he became the Executive Director of the California Redevelopment Association where he worked until 2011 when he became the Sacramento City Manager; his current assignment. John earned a BS from Purdue University and an MPA from the University of Southern California (**USC**). In 2001 he received an ICMA Program Excellence Award for Intergovernmental Cooperation. He received a 30-year ICMA Service Award in 2013.



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Anthony D. Gonsalves serves as a member of the CCMF Board of Directors. The late-**Joe A. Gonsalves** is a former member of the State Assembly.



Here is a picture of **Anthony Gonsalves** with **Jose Vera** of **Stifel** chatting at a city event.

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Kenneth C. Farfing started his city management career as a Student Intern in the City of Santa Fe Springs in 1980. Following that experience, Ken joined the La Verne staff where he worked in various planning and redevelopment capacities, including Community Development Director from 1981 to 1988. In 1988 Ken joined the Downey staff as the Assistant City Manager and worked in that post until 1991. In 1991 he was appointed City Manager in the City of South Pasadena, serving there until 1996 when he was appointed to his current position of Signal Hill City Manager. Ken is a past President of the Gateway Cities City Manager's Group, and has served on the League of California Cities Water Quality Task Force. He has become an expert in storm water and urban runoff regulations and practices. Ken earned a BA in history from the University of California, Berkeley, and a Master's in Urban Planning from the University of Southern California (**USC**).

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Life ICMA Member **Darrell L. Essex** served as the Assistant City Manager in Santa Fe Springs between 1957 and 1962. On July 1, 1962, Darrell was appointed City Manager in the Orange County City of Cypress. Darrell took the reins from Acting City Manager **John M. Toups**, and held them for the next 34-years. He served from 1962 until 1996. In 1994 the Cypress City Council renamed the former Texaco Park at 5131 Ball Road to "*Darrell Essex Park*," in Darrell's honor. Since his retirement in 1996, Darrell has served as an ICMA Range Rider starting in 1999 until recently. The 82-year old Darrell continues to play golf, and has maintained his interest in city management. He earned a BS and an MS from the University of Southern California (**USC**). In 1992 Darrell received a 35-year ICMA Service Award.



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We have just touched the tip of the iceberg with our additional list of city management professionals who are **USC** alumni, and here we are out of room in this issue. **Carl Alameda** is a Senior Management Analyst in La Cañada Flintridge. Carl served as the President of the Municipal Management Association of Southern California (MMASC) in 2010-2011. He also sat of the Cal-ICMA Board that year. Carl earned a BA at California Polytechnic University, Pomona, and two Master's Degree, including an MPA, from the University of Southern California (**USC**). We are sorry that we cannot explore in more depth some of the very deserving **USC** alumni that we have missed in this and our previous issue. However, we can list a few without the career histories. We recognize **USC** graduates: Beverly Hills Assistant City Manager **Mahdi Aluzri**; Fremont Director of Youth & Family, **Annie Bailey**; retired City Manager **Ron Bates**, a League of California Cities past President; retired City Managers **Tim Casey**, **Robert M. Christofferson**, **Ray Patchett**, **Raul Romero**, **Dave Rudat**, **Ed Schilling**, and **Mike Sedell**; Laguna Hills City Manager **Bruce Channing**, a City Managers Department of the League past President; **Kristen M. Crane**, Assistant to the City Manager in Del Mar; Berkeley Administrative & Fiscal Services Manager **Melanie Jones**; former City Manager **Thomas Lando**; Yuba City Interim City Manager **Steven Kroeger**; City Manager **Patricia E. Martel** of Daly City, a former ICMA Regional Vice President; Life ICMA members **Tom Mauk** and **Harry Peacock**; Menlo Park City Manager **Alex McIntyre**; Brookings, Oregon City Manager **Gary Milliman**, formerly of California; Rancho Cordova City Manager **Dr. Brian S. Nakamura**; Lemon Grove City Manager **Graham Mitchell**; Glendale City Manager **Scott W. Ochoa**; Temple City's recent Interim City Manager **Don Penman**; Davis City Manager **Steven Pinkerton**; Belmont City Manager **Greg Scoles**, and many others. This is a random list. We apologize to those we missed.



Harvey Englander is a graduate of **UCLA**, and is a member of the Board of the **UCLA** School of Public Policy. **Matt Knabe** serves on the LAEDC Board of Governors, and as President of the Paramount Education Project, among other service assignments.

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- **Rosa Gomez, Administrative Manager**



Picking Up the Pieces: Retired Vista City Manager and Past President of CCMF, **Rita Geldert**, who served as the Executive Director of the California City Management Foundation (CCMF) following her retirement, has been enduring a long line of serious medical procedure and still has a way to go. She is currently at home, but requires 24-hour medical care for the time being, though she is slowly improving. She anticipates her final major medical procedure next month or sometime in October. Her husband **Dale Geldert**, retired CDF Director, reports that Rita's spirit remains upbeat and positive. She has had several serious operations over the past 10 months and still perseveres. Our prayers and best wishes go out to Rita, Dale and their family and friends. **Dan Berman** is the new City Manager in Trinidad, California. Dan has worked in coastal watershed management for the past 13-years, and served as the Director of the Morro Bay National Estuary Program, and as the Director of Humboldt Bay Harbor Recreation and Conservation District. Dan is a native of Trinidad. He will replace City Manager **Karen Suiker**, who is retiring. Patterson City Manager **Rod Butler's** last day at Patterson City Hall is August 31, as he has been appointed City Manager in his hometown of Upland. **Ken Irwin**, Patterson Director of Engineering, Building and Capital Projects, has been appointed to take over for Rod as Interim City Manager. Ken joined the Patterson staff in 2012 after working 23-years for a private engineering firm. Livermore Assistant City Manager **Troy Brown** is the new Tracy City Manager. Troy joined the Livermore staff in 2009 after working in Santa Clarita, Riverside and Elk Grove. Troy is currently serving as a Regional Vice President on the ICMA Executive Board. He served on the Cal-ICMA Board from 2008 to 2011. Troy is a former Vice President of the Municipal Management Association of Southern California (MMASC) (2004-2005). South Gate Assistant City Manager/Finance Director **Bryan Cook** has been appointed to serve as the new City Manager in Temple City. Bryan takes over from Interim City Manager **Don Penman**, retired Arcadia City Manager. Bryan earned a BA from California State University, Los Angeles, and an MPA from California State University, East Bay. Lincoln City Manager **Jim Estep** will be the new President and CEO for Crossroads Diversified Services, a Sacramento-based employment and placement nonprofit organization. He will replace **David DeLeonardis**, who is retiring after nearly 35-years of service. Jim has served as the Lincoln City Manager for the past 6-years. Prior to that he was Assistant

City Manager in Elk Grove, Assistant City Manager in Folsom, and Public Services Director in San Ramon. Pismo Beach City Manager **Jim Lewis** is active at his alma mater, the University of Southern California (**USC**). He has served on the Board of Governors of the **USC** Alumni Association, the advisory Board of the Masters of Public Administration degree program, and currently serves as the Chair of the annual fund council for the Price School of Public Policy. Before joining the Pismo Beach staff, Jim served as the Assistant City Manager in Atascadero and prior to that Assistant to the City Manager in Claremont. Jim as an MMASC Past President (2001). City Manager Jim Box of Stanton earned a BA from the University of La Verne, and an MPA from California State University, Long Beach. Jim served as the Stanton Assistant City Manager from 2010 to 2012 when he was appointed to the top spot. Cotati City Manager **Dianne Thompson** has announced that she will resign her position by the end of the year. Dianne has served as the Cotati City Manager since 2007. She said that she will pursue other opportunities. Dianne expects to assist the City in finding a new City Manager.



Pam Newcomb and **Janees Williams** flank ICFA Executive Director **Debbie Smith**. Pam and Janees are principals with **Newcomb Williams Financial Group**. We are hoping that we finally used the appropriate logo for their firm. We apologize ladies!



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More Pieces Picked Up: Retired U.S. Army Colonel **David W. Buckingham**, 49, has been appointed City Manager in Morro Bay. David served more than 25-years in the Army. He will be relocating to the Central Coast from Washington, D.C. Originally from Pennsylvania, he earned a BS in engineering from Pennsylvania State University; a Master's degree in National Security and Strategic Studies from Salve Regina University in Newport, Rhode Island; and a master's degree in International Relations from Cambridge University. He takes over from Interim City Manager **Ed Kreins**, who took the post following the resignation of City Manager **Andrea Lueker**. Former La Cañada Flintridge Public Works Assistant and Carlsbad Management Analyst **Mindy Jacobs**, who worked for Moreland & Associates and IntelliBridge Partners, recently celebrated her first anniversary with First Team Real Estate in Irvine. Palmdale City Manager **Dave Childs**, a former ICMA President, applauds the recognition of former Daytona Beach, Florida City Manager **Howard D. "Tip" Tipton** as the recipient of the Florida League of Cities' inaugural *Raymond C. Sittig Distinguished Public Service Award*. "Tip" served as the Daytona Beach City Manager from 1978 to 1994. He went to Florida in 1978. He began his career as an Administrative Assistant in Duarte in 1959, and he served as the Assistant to the City Manager in Glendora in 1961, and became the Glendora City Manager in 1962 at the age of 23. Port Hueneme City Manager **Cynthia Haas** has celebrated her first full year with the city. The former Carlsbad Deputy City Manager, joined the Port Hueneme staff in August, 2013. Cynthia earned a BA and MPA from California State University, San Diego. She is a Poway High School graduate. Cynthia is a Licensed Real Estate Broker. She began her city government career in Carlsbad in 1988 as an Analyst; worked as the Manager of the City's Economic Development & Real Estate Department; and served as Deputy City Manager for a little more than 5-years. Sonoma City Manager **Carol E. Giovanatto** served as the Assistant City Manager in Cloverdale prior to joining the Sonoma staff in 2001 as the ACM. In 2010 Carol received a 35-year ICMA Service Award. County of Humboldt Administrative Officer **Phillip Smith-Hanes** joined the county staff as the Assistant County Administrative Officer in August, 2007. He was appointed County Administrative Officer in December, 2009. Phil began his first California position as a Management Analyst in the City of San Bruno in August, 2000. Former Orange County CEO and Whittier City Manager **Tom Mauk** has

served as the Director of Business Development for Onward Engineering for the past two years; starting in August, 2012. Tom earned an MPA at the University of Southern California (**USC**). Retired Pico Rivera City Manager **Dennis Courtemarche** and his wife **Kathy Courtemarche** were recently spotted in Central Park in New York City. **Michael Ramsey** was a Los Gatos Police Officer from 1972 to 1975, and then he served as a Visalia Police Officer from 1975 to 1977. Mike worked in various position with the Visalia city organization and left there as the Assistant Executive Director for Redevelopment in 1996 when he was appointed City Manager in Antioch. After a half dozen years in Antioch, Mike took the Pleasant Hill City Manager post in 2002 and left there in 2006. In 2006 he received a 30-year ICMA Service Award.



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Make the Ordinary Come Alive:

Do not ask your children
to strive for extraordinary lives.
Such striving may seem admirable,
but it is a way of foolishness.
Help them instead to find the wonder
and the marvel of an ordinary life.
Show them the joy of tasting
tomatoes, apples and pears.
Show them how to cry
when pets and people die.
Show them the infinite pleasure
in the touch of a hand.
And make the ordinary come alive for them.
The extraordinary will take care of itself.
By **William Martin**, [The Parent's Tao Te Ching: Ancient
Advice for Modern Parents](#).
Many "Thanks" to retired City Manager **Craig Robinson** for
sharing this poem.



Still More Pieces Picked Up: Michael Colantuono of the **Colantuono, Highsmith & Whatley, PC** law firm has been elected Treasurer of the Board of Trustees of the State Bar of California for 2014-2015. **Patterson** City Manager **Rod Butler** is the new City Manager in the City of **Upland**. Rod, 50, is taking over for Interim City Manager **Marty Lomeli**, a retired **La Verne** City Manager, who took over for former City Manager **Stephen Dunn**. Previous to serving as the **Patterson** City Manager, Rod served as the City Manager in **Crescent City**. In 2008 Rod worked in **Pomona** as the Assistant to the City Manager. He also worked in the **Ontario** Housing Authority and Redevelopment Agency, and spent a little more than four years as a Senior Management Analyst in **Chino**. **Rosemead** Assistant City Manager/Finance Director **Matthew Hawkesworth** previously served as the Finance Director in **Claremont** (2004-2007) and he was an Accounting Manager in **El Monte** (1995-2004). Matthew joined the **Rosemead** staff in October, 2007. He earned a BA from the University of La Verne. **Azusa** City Manager **James Makshanoff** earned a three-year employment agreement extension. Jim took over as City Manager when former City Manager **Fran Delach** retired. Jim had previously served as the **Azusa** Assistant City Manager. Fran is currently with **Kelly Associates Management Group**, and serving as the Interim City Manager in **Monrovia** following the retirement of City Manager **Laurie Lile**. **Orinda** City Manager **Janet Keeter** began her public management career as an Assistant Coordinator with the San Joaquin County Office of Emergency Services in October, 1986. She later worked in various positions in **Lodi** and had a short stint in **Tracy** prior to coming to **Orinda** from the Deputy City Manager post in **Lodi**. Janet became City Manager in **Orinda** in August, 2005. Senior Administrative Analyst **Jessica Balandran** of **Cudahy**, formerly with **Tripepi Smith & Associates**, earned a BA in political science and an MPA from St. Mary's University. City Manager **Greg Ramirez**, a former member of the League of California Cities' staff, earned a Masters degree in economics from California State University, Hayward. He also earned a BS from California Polytechnic University, San Luis Obispo. Greg was appointed to the **Agoura Hills** City Manager position in November, 2003, more than 10-years ago. **Michelle Lopez** is an Adjunct Instructor at Long Beach City College, Coastline Community College, Los Angeles Southwest College, and with the North Orange County Community College District School of Continuing Education. An example of how

enterprising young people diversify to make ends meet these days. Michelle is a former servers and bartender at Wood Ranch in the **Cerritos** Town Center. She earned a BA and MA from California State University, Long Beach.



Theresa Battaglia-Gutierrez ran with the 1991 Olympic Torch. At the time, Theresa was with the **Bellflower** City Administrator's Office. She is currently with **Lakewood** City Manager **Howard L. Chamber's** staff. Howard is a **USC** alumnus.

