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California "Linda" City Managers



Trackdown's **Jack and Susan Simpson** celebrated their 31st wedding anniversary on May 29, 2013... and some said it wouldn't last! By day Susan works with the *In-N-Out Burger* corporate office in Irvine, and she serves as a Trackdown partner and controller in her spare time. We hope our readers continue to enjoy the Trackdown efforts of "Providing thread to help stitch together the fabric of the California City Management Community."

## California "Linda" City Managers

Trackdown recently released newsletter issues with lists of California city managers with the first names of "Frank" and "Kevin." A reader, who admittedly found those lists interesting and entertaining, playfully chided that the lists were a tad "sexist" since there are no women in California city management named "Frank" or "Kevin." After all, the **Johnny Cash** song was "Boy Named Sue" not Boy Named "Kevin" or "Frank." Instead of "Sue" we have tried to craft a list of professional California public managers named: "Linda." We hope you enjoy our effort.

"A mistake made with good in your heart is still a mistake, but it is one for which you must forgive yourself."

— Linda Sue Park, "When My Name Was Keoko"


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**California "Linda" City Managers**

It is a wonderful and well-earned tribute to those who, through perseverance and hard work, broke through the glass ceiling, and made it possible to craft a list of women professionals of a given name. We do not claim that this is a comprehensive list of "Lindas" in city government, but it is a try to acknowledge some of the "Lindas" who have earned their place at the top of executive teams. We apologize up front to those we may have missed.

We are starting with recent award winning City Manager, **Linda Benedetti-Leal**. She has worked for the City of Paramount for more than 25-years. The City of Paramount employs 113 full time and a varying number of part-time employees. Morale is good and the city has been able to maintain all of its' programs during the economic downturn that has affected local governments statewide and beyond. Linda talks with pride of the Paramount city staff, and indicates that the city hires happy people who work hard and Paramount has **no unions**. (Paramount and La Mirada are said to be the only cities in Southern California that have no unions.) Linda came to the city manager position following service as the City's Assistant City Manager working with City Manager **Pat West**, who is currently the Long Beach City Manager. Linda has many years of city government experience, and she earned a law degree from Yale University. Linda is a 2013 recipient of the prestigious El Gran Matador Award presented by the California Contract Cities Association.



This is a picture of Pomona City Manager **Linda C. Lowry** and Paramount City Manager **Linda Benedetti-Leal**. The two ladies got together last year at former Norwalk City Manager **Ernie Garcia**'s retirement get-together.

## California "Linda" City Managers



Pomona City Manager **Linda C. Lowry** began her public service career on the staff of Josephine County, Oregon. Once she returned to California, Linda became the Bellflower Assistant Finance Director in May, 1987. She was promoted first to Finance Director and then Assistant City Administrator, and in April, 1993 she was selected to serve as Acting City Administrator. Linda was appointed Bellflower's Chief Administrative Officer in August, 1993. She left Bellflower in June, 1997 and took on a number of special assignments, including work with the Gateway Cities COG and the City of South Gate with then-City Manager **Andy Pasmant**. In November, 2001 Linda was recruited to serve as the Diamond Bar City Manager where she served for nearly five-years before she was selected to be the Pomona Assistant City Manager working with then-City Manager **Doug Dunlap**. When Doug retired Linda served for a time as the Interim City Manager and was appointed City Manager in 2008. She has a BA from the University of California and a BS from California State University. While working in Bellflower she earned her CPA. In 2012 Linda was the recipient of a 25-year ICMA Service Award.



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**Linda M. Barton** began her public management career as a Management Analyst for the Department of Commerce in Colorado in 1974. In 1975 Linda took an Administrative Assistant position with the City of Lakewood, Colorado and she was promoted to Assistant to the City Manager in 1978. Linda moved in Corvallis, Oregon in 1980 to take the Deputy City Manager post where she served for about 5-years. In 1985 Linda was appointed City Manager in Burnsville, Minnesota. She took a position with the State of Minnesota in 1991 as the Commissioner for the Department of Employee Relations. In 1994 Linda was appointed City Manager in Bedford, Texas, and she served there until 1997 when she took the Deputy City Manager job in Bellevue, Washington. It was 2001 when Linda moved to California to become the City Manager in Livermore. She retired from that position in 2011. Linda earned a BA from Colorado College, and an MPA from the University of Colorado. In 2009 she was the recipient of a 30-years ICMA Service Award. Linda has been active with ICMA and continues to serve as a Legacy Leader, and on the Task Force on Women in the Profession. She is a past President of the City Managers Department of the League of California Cities (2010-2011). Linda currently serves as a Senior Advisor for Management Partners, Inc.



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Former City Manager **Linda Pappas Diaz** began her public service career in 1980 as an Administrative Assistant in Downey. In May, 1985 she began serving as a Personnel Assistant in Costa Mesa. In March, 1987 Linda joined the Cerritos staff in an Administrative Assistant position. In May, 1990 Linda was hired to serve as the Assistant to the City Manager in Buena Park where she served for more than 8-years. In August, 1998 Linda was selected to serve as the City Manager in the Town of Colma. She left Colma in 2002 when she was selected to be the Antioch Assistant City Manager/City Manager in April of that year. In May, 2006 Linda returned to Southern California when she was appointed Assistant City Manager in Thousand Oaks and she worked in that post for 3-years. Between 2010 and 2011 Linda took on consultant/special projects assignments in American Canyon, Stockton and Linda served as a Special Projects Manager and the Interim Deputy Manager-HR Director in Fillmore. In October, 2012 she started her current position as a Retirement Benefits Specialist for the Ventura County Employees Retirement Association. Linda earned a BA from Whittier College. She also completed graduate studies at the Victoria University of Wellington, New Zealand and the University of California, Irvine. Linda was the recipient of a 25-year ICMA Service Award in 2006.

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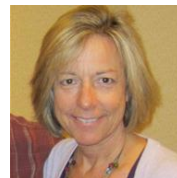
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In 2002-2005 **Linda J. Butson** served as the Capital Project Director for the County of Monterey in Salinas, California.. She began her public management career in 1995 as an Administrative Manager for Pinal County in Florence, Arizona, and in 1997 she took a Project Manager post with the Town of Florence. In 2000 Linda moved to California as the Capital Project Manager in Monterey County, and she was promoted to Director in 2002. Linda returned to Arizona in 2005 as the Scottsdale Capital Project Manager, and in 2008 she was named to her current position as Facilities Management Director in Scottsdale. Linda earned a BS from the University of Phoenix and an MPA from Western International University.

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It is not uncommon to find conflicting information in our searches for biographical data. **Linda Cawthorn**, apparently served as an Administrative Analyst in San Ramon in 2008. In 2009 she is listed as an Administrative Analyst in the San Ramon Parks & Community Services Department. Though the City's web page does not list Linda, we found a 2013 on-line mention that named her as the San Ramon Director of Information Technology. However, the city's web site lists **Rick Maria** as the Information Technology Division Manager, and **Eva Phelps** as the Administrative Services Director for San Ramon. ICMA still lists Linda as a San Ramon Administrative Analyst so we included her here.

An important part of the Palo Alto Executive Team under City Manager **James Keene** is Public Communications Manager **Linda Diane Clerkson**. Prior to joining the Palo Alto staff, Linda worked as a Communications Manager for TIBCO Software Inc. Linda was born in 1960.



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**Linda D. Daniels** has served as the Rancho Cucamonga Assistant City Manager since 1986. In addition to serving as Assistant City Manager on City Manager **John Gillison**'s staff, she most recently served as Deputy City Manager for Community and Economic Development, overseeing Building & Safety, Engineering, Planning, Public Works and the Redevelopment Agency. Linda has also served as the Interim Administrative Services Director on several occasions during her tenure in Rancho Cucamonga. She earned a BA in City and Regional Planning from California Polytechnic University, San Luis Obispo, and an MPA from California State University, Northridge. Linda has more than 30-years of public service experience working in public agencies.



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Former Morgan Hill Mayor, Council Member and City Treasurer (1984-1996) **Linda English** is currently the Grant Coordinator for the City of Monterey. She served as the Executive Director of the Natividad Medical Foundation for 8-years starting in 1993, and in 2002 she became the Grants & Contracts Manager for the Salinas Valley Solid Waste Authority. Linda joined the Monterey staff in May, 2009. She is a Past President (1993-2010) of the Steinbeck Rotary Club. Linda completed Coro Foundation Leadership Training in Public Affairs (1982-1983).

**Linda Fisher Helton** was appointed Community Relations Manager/Public Information Office for Ventura County in 2003. Linda work with Area Housing Authority in the Newbury Park section of the county. Previously Linda served as a Public Relations and Community Outreach Specialist for the City of Ojai starting in 1998. Linda earned a BA in business administration from California Lutheran University, and an MPA from California State University, Northridge.

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**Linda Forsberg** currently serves as the Business & Internal Services Manager in the City of Mountain View. Linda began her public management career as a Management Analyst in Maricopa, Arizona in 1983. In 1985 she took a Management Assistant position with Phoenix, and she served there until moving to California to become a Senior Administrative Analyst in Mountain View in 1989. Linda was appointed Assistant to the City Manager in 1991 and in 1998 she was selected to serve as the Mountain View Deputy City Manager. Linda began her current Mountain View post in 2008. She earned a BA from George Washington University and an MPA from Indiana University. In 2008 Linda was the recipient of a 25-year ICMA Service Award.



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Windsor Town Manager **Linda Kelly** is an ICMA Credentialed Manager. She began her local government career in 1990 as an Intern in Pasadena. In 1991 Linda joined

the Long Beach City Clerk's staff and rose to serve as the Chief Deputy City Clerk there. In 1993 she was appointed City Clerk/Administrative Services Director in La Puente, and she left there in 1995 and was appointed Assistant City Clerk/Treasurer in Whittier. Linda took some consultant assignments during the time 1996-1997 before she returned to the Long Beach staff as an Administrative Analyst II. Later in 1997 she was appointed Chief Deputy City Clerk. Linda left Long Beach in 1999 and was appointed Senior Management Analyst in Sunnyvale. IN 2001 she became the Assistant to the City Manager in Atherton where she worked until 2005. Linda she was recruited to serve as the Fairfax Town Manager 2006 and she became the Sonoma City Manager in 2008. Linda took the Windsor Town Manager post in 2012. She earned a BA from California State University, Long Angeles and an MA from the University of California, Riverside. In 2011 Linda was the recipient of an ICMA Community Partnership Program of Excellence Award, and a of 20-year ICMA Service Award. She was a member of the 2008 ICMA Emerging Leaders Development Program Class.



A group of student dancers rehearse for a performance at the Annual June "Joe A. Gonsalves Day" celebrating the 40th anniversary of Joe A. Gonsalves Elementary School.



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Since 2005 **Linda Lopez** has served as the Administrative Manager & Town Clerk in the Town of Ross, California. She works with Town Manager **Rob Braulik**.

**Linda F. Mann** joined the Carson staff as a Senior Analyst in 2005. She was promoted in 2010 to Principal Administrative Analyst in the Carson Community Development Department.



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Former City Manager **Linda L. Holmes** began her municipal career as a clerk-typist in West Covina as an 18-year old. She was promoted to the position of Administrative Aide in West Covina in 1978. In 1981 she was promoted to Administrative Analyst, and later that year she joined the Buena Park staff in a similar position. In April, 1985 Linda was appointed Assistant City Manager in Walnut by then-City Manager **Robert Dickey**, and in September of that year she was made City Manager. Linda announced her retirement from Walnut in July 1995. Following retirement Linda served as the Interim City Manager in Lawndale, and then she served as Interim City Manager in South Pasadena in 1996. [Sierra Madre City Administrator **Sean Joyce** took the South Pasadena reigns from Linda. Sean is currently the Irvine City Manager.] Linda also served as the Interim Director of Finance in Baldwin Park; a position she left in 1998. Linda earned a BS from California Polytechnic University, and she is the recipient of a 10-year ICMA Service Award.

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Fort Bragg City Manager **Linda Ruffing** served as the city's Community Development Director for 6-years prior to her appointment to the top spot in January, 2006. Prior to joining the Fort Bragg staff in 1990 Linda served as the Supervising Planner in Mendocino County's coast planning officer. She worked for a number of Bay Area consulting firms prior to that.



Rohnert Park Economic Development Manager **Linda Babonis** began her working career with Union Bank, where she work from 1980 to 1993, leaving as a Senior Operations Officer. In February, 1999 Linda took a Senior Management Analyst position with the City of Novato. After nearly 7-years Linda left Novato to join the Rohnert Park staff as a Management Analyst in December, 2005. In September, 2008 Linda was appointed to the Rohnert Park Housing & Redevelopment Manager. She was selected for her current post in September, 2011. Linda has attended classes at Santa Rosa Junior College, and she earned a BS from Sonoma State University. Linda also earned a Leadership Certificate from Dominican University of California in "leadership studies." She also earned an MBA from Dominican University of California.



Trackdown grandson Tyler stands by his grandpa's 1969 Dodge Charger while it is parked at Sunrise Senior Living in the City of La Palma where **Ellen Volmert** serves as City Manager. Ellen is a former Assistant City Manager in Corvallis, Oregon. She also previously worked in Baldwin Park and West Covina.



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Again, we apologize for all the Lindas out there that we missed with this list. Here are a few we identified but could not find information on them: **Linda D. Nguyen**, a San Jose State University student; **Linda K. Olivieri**, Commerce City Clerk and former Interim City Administrator; **Linda Rahn**, Director of Recreation, Coronado; **Linda Reed**, Administrative Services Officer, Santa Rosa; **Linda Rodecap** of Sonoma County; **Linda Rybicki**, Port of San Diego; **Linda Simons** of Roseville; **Linda Smith**, a graduate intern in Colton; **Linda L. Bower** of Tracy; Santee City Clerk **Linda Troyan**; Roseville Library Cataloger **Linda Simons**; Congress Member **Linda Sanchez**; **Linda L. Addison** is the Partner-in-Charge in the New York office of **Fulbright & Jaworski**; **Linda Budge** of Rancho Cordova; **Linda H. Norris** is the City Manager in Salem, Oregon; Thousand Oaks City Clerk **Linda D. Lawrence**; Project Manager **Linda A. Harris**, Richmond; former **Willdan** majority stockholder **Linda Heil**; **Linda Ajello**, Hayward Associate Planner; Coronado City Clerk **Linda Hascup**; **Linda Garcia** and **Linda Hui** of Arcadia; California City City Manager and former Police Chief **Linda Lunsford**; **Linda Abbott** of Chino; and **Linda Rodriguez** of Hanford. Again we apologize to those we missed.

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**Picture from the archives:** Former Rolling Hills City Manager **Craig Nealis** and Trackdown's **Susan Simpson**. A guess is that the picture was taken about 1991 as the ICMA Annual Conference was in Boston that year and Craig is wearing a Cheers Boston sweatshirt.



**Picking Up the Pieces:** **Helen S. Kawagoe**, the Carson City Clerk for more than 37-years, has retired.

Trackdown congratulations to Helen and best wishes for a long and enjoyable retirement. Atascadero City Manager **Wade McKinney**, California City Management Foundation Board President, has been appointed to serve as the next City Manager in the City of Indian Wells in Riverside County's Coachella Valley. Wade took the Atascadero City Manager position in August, 1997. Prior to that he served 11-years as the Shafter City Manager. Wade began his career on the La Puente and Taft city staffs. Wade has earned a reputation as a highly professional and ethical public manager. New Moreno Valley City Manager **Michelle Dawson** appointed former Administrative Services Director **Tom DeSantis**, 50, to the Moreno Valley Assistant City Manager position as one of her first actions as City Manager. Tom previously worked for the City of Riverside and he held positions with the Counties of Riverside and San Bernardino prior to that. Michelle worked with Rancho Cucamonga and Chino prior to joining the Moreno Valley staff in 2007. She was elevated following the resignation of veteran City Manager **Henry Garcia**. MMASC past President **Clay Curtin** of the Manhattan Beach staff has been appointed Assistant to the City Manager in Menlo Park. Clay earned a BA from Washburn University and an MPA from the University of Syracuse Maxwell School of Citizenship and Public Affairs. Clay has been working with Manhattan Beach City Manager **Dave Carmany's** executive team. San Marcos City Manager **Jack Griffin** previously served as the City Manager in Sebastopol in Sonoma County, and before that he was the Director of Public Works and the Director of General Services in Chula Vista.

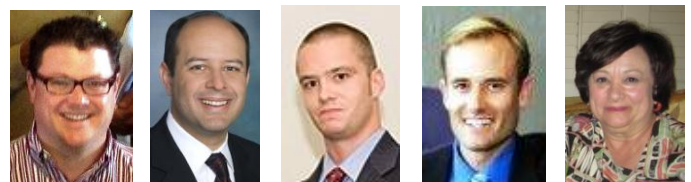
Jack has a BA from Shippensburg University of Pennsylvania. Farmersville City Manager **Rene Miller** will retire at the end of this month. She originally joined the Farmersville staff at the Finance Director and was appointed City Manager in 2006. Farmersville Chief of Police **Mario Krstic** will serve as Interim City Manager. Rene earned a BA from California State University, Stanislaus. Prior to her appointment as City Manager she worked for a private CPA firm. Ripon City Administrator **Leon Compton** retired in April after more than 25-years on the job. **Kevin Werner** was the Ripon Deputy City Administrator and is now the new City Administrator. Leon had worked for the City of Ripon for some 27-years. A community ice cream social was held in April at Stouffer Hall in Mavis Stouffer Park to commemorate Leon's retirement.

### Kevin Chun

We apologize to La Cañada Flintridge Director of Administrative Services **Kevin Chun** for omitting him from the "Kevin" list included in the May, 2013 issue of the City Manager Newsletter by Trackdown. We saw Kevin briefly at the 54th Annual Municipal Seminar of the California Contract Cities Association. Kevin's work history includes stints with the City of Irvine, a Management Analyst position in Culver City and the Deputy City Manager post in Bellflower. He also served as a California Assembly Consultant and spent a year as a White House intern. Kevin earned a BA from the University of California, Irvine and an MPA from the University of Southern California (**USC**). He has served as the Director of Administrative Services in La Cañada Flintridge since April, 2007.



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**More Pieces Picked Up:** Campbell City Manager **Mark Linder** has named **Todd Capurso** to serve as the Campbell Public Works Director. Todd comes from the Town of Los Gatos where he worked as the Public Works Director and Interim Community Development Director. Mark also appointed **Regina Maurantonio** to be the city's new Recreation and Community Services Director. Regina is currently the Mountain View Assistant Director of Community Services. Albany City Manager **Beth Pollard**, 56, will retire in August, 2013. Beth grew up in Massachusetts, with some time spent in Houston. Early in her working career she served as a newspaper reporter covering local government. She earned an MPA from California State University, East Bay. She worked for San Anselmo for 15-years; the last 7-years as City Manager. She was appointed to the Albany City Manager post in 2001. Blaine, Washington City Manager **Gary Tomsic**, who has served in the position since February, 2000, will retire at the end of June. He will be replaced by Mammoth Lakes City Manager **Dave Wilbrecht**. Dave resign from the Mammoth Lakes post in February. Prior to serving there he was the County Administrative Officer in Mono County for 8-years. Former La Mirada Public Works Director **Steve Forster**, 48, who resigned February 1, was taken into custody by the Long Beach Police Department on the evening of May 27 and released on bail. Steve said that he resigned due to "some unfortunate events" that took place in his life. He maintained a good professional reputations regarding his job performance while serving in La Mirada. Hercules City Clerk **Doreen Mathews** will retire at the end of June. Menlo Park City Clerk **Margaret Roberts**, a Past President of the City Clerks Association of California, has been appointed to succeed Doreen. Margaret previously served as City Clerk in Davis and Rio Vista. Doreen has served as the Hercules City Clerk since the late 1990s. Chino Hills City Manager **Mike Fleager**, 57, plans to retire in November. Mike, a former member of the Cerritos staff, will work his last day as Chino Hills City Manager on November 27. Montclair Chief of Police **Keith Jones**, 58, will retired after 32-years with the city. He has served as Chief since 2009, first in an "acting" capacity. Since last year (2012) Keith has served as the Director of Public Safety, in charge of both the police and fire departments in a reorganization instituted by City Manager **Edward Starr**. Owners of the oil field between Pismo Beach and Edna Valley want to add 350 new oil wells and ramp up full-capacity production by almost double - from 5,000 to 9,000 barrels per day.

American Canyon City Manager **Dana Shigley** previously served as City Manager in Anderson (2009-2011), where she work for 11-years as Finance Director, and in economic development, budgeting, and as Assistant City Manager before she was elevated to the top spot. She took over in American Canyon from retiring veteran City Manager **Richard Ramirez**. She earned a BS in Accounting from California State University, San Bernardino and an MA in Public Policy and Administration from California State University, Sacramento. Dana is a Class of 1981 graduate of Ponderosa High School in Shingle Springs. Fountain Valley City Manager **Ray Kromer** has retired after 28-years in that position. A New Jersey native, Ray came to Fountain Valley in 1985. Before coming to Fountain Valley he served as City Manager in Penbrook and Ridley, Pennsylvania, and in West Deptford, New Jersey. It is reported that Ray and his wife plan to visit Yellowstone National Park this fall. Walnut Creek has appointed a consultant firm to evaluate the job performance of City Manager **Ken Nordhoff**, and his handling of a reported city employee's sexual contact with a minor last year. Ken is a former San Rafael City Manager who came to the Walnut Creek post in December, 2010. He earned a BS in Accounting from California Polytechnical University, Pomona.



**Erica Darplee**, formerly with the City of Rancho Cucamonga, has worked in the Energy Contract field with the Southern California Edison Company since July, 2010. Erica earned a BA from California State University, Fullerton, and an MPA from California State University, Long Beach. Chino is her hometown where she graduated from Chino High School. Janesville, Wisconsin is recruiting for a replacement to their City Manager **Eric Levitt**, who has been appointed to the Simi Valley City Manager post. Eric served as the Sedona, Arizona City Manager for 7-years previous to his 2008 appointment in Janesville. Janesville has retained **Karl Nollenberger** of Voorhees Associates to help with the recruitment. Former Portland Trailblazer **Grant Taylor** is the new Community Development Director in Lake Elsinore. Grant previously served as the Director of Development Services for the City of San Juan Capistrano. He is a graduate of the University of California, Irvine. **Nicole Dailey** is a new Management Analyst in the City of Lake Elsinore. She previously worked with the San Bernardino County Employees' Retirement Association. Nicole previously served on the Lake Elsinore Public Safety Advisory Commission. She earned a BA from San Diego State University.