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Anthony D. Gonsalves of the Joe A. Gonsalves & Son professional representation firm in <u>Sacramento</u> with his wife **Evelyn Gonsalves** and eldest grandchild **Taylor Gonsalves** on the occasion of Taylor's 21<sup>st</sup> birthday. Taylor is their son Jason and Tracy's daughter. Jason is also with the "Gonsalvi" firm. Their firm works with and have represented more than 60 California municipalities located throughout the State. Smart and beautiful, Taylor is a graduate of The University of Arizona.

## Women Serving in Cities from Vallejo to Villa Park

This November, 2020 issue of the City Manager Newsletter by Trackdown acknowledges some of the women who work in California cities alphabetically listed between <u>Vallejo</u> and <u>Villa</u> <u>Park</u>. This is the 46th issue dedicated to women in cities. Notice that we have returned to <u>Vallejo</u> as we did not fully cover the women of that city in our last issue.

There are many well qualified and dedicated women serving in California's cities. The list is impressive. We address the rhetorical question: <u>Where are the women in city management?</u>

It is impossible to report profiles that are not there. When individuals fail to post information, it is undiscoverable. We apologize to those we miss. We try hard to acknowledge all those serving in California cities.



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<u>Vallejo</u> is a waterfront community in the County of Solano in the north bay area of San Francisco Bay. The city is named for General Mariano Guadalupe Valley. He was a strong supporter of California's statehood and one of the first embers of the California State Senate. The city twice served as the capital of the state of California; once in 1852 and again in 1853. Vallejo incorporated in March, 1868. The current City Manager is **Greg Nyhoff**, and **Anne Cardwell** is the Assistant City Manager. **Dawn Abrahamson** is the City Clerk.



Anne Cardwell began her public service career as an Executive Secretary in the City of <u>Benicia</u> in 2003. She was promoted to Assistant to the City Manager in 2006, and served as the <u>Benicia</u> Assistant City Manager from January, 2014 to July, 2016. Anne was

appointed Assistant City Manager in the City of <u>Martinez</u> in 2016. She joined the <u>Vallejo</u> city staff in December, 2018 as the Assistant City Manager. Anne earned a BA in psychology from the University of California, Berkeley, and a Master's degree in educational psychology from the University of California, Los Angeles (UCLA).



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### John Russo Receives League of California Cities Lifetime Achievement Award

Members of the League of California Cities Past Presidents Council selected former city manager, city attorney, city council member, and League Board of Directors member **John Russo** as the recipient of the 2020 Past Presidents' Lifetime Achievement Award. He received the honor during the opening General Session of the League's 2020 Annual Conference & Expo.

After graduating from Yale with honors and finishing law school at New York University, John became a legal aid lawyer in St. Louis, Missouri. In 1987, at 28-years old, John moved to <u>Oakland</u> where he knew no one. Seven years later, he was elected to the <u>Oakland</u> City Council in a landslide.

John is the only person in California who has worked as a City Council member, a full-time City Attorney, and a City Manager. His municipal roles have been varied, and so have the cities in which he has served: <u>Oakland</u>, <u>Alameda, Riverside</u>, and <u>Irvine</u>.



John is a past President of the League, and he is also a veteran participant of the City Manager "Proof of Life" lunch program.





**Gillian Hayes** is the Planning & Development Services Director in <u>Vallejo</u>. Gillian worked as an Associate Planner in 2003 for the San Joaquin County Community Development in Stockton. In August, 2005 she took the City

Planner position in the City of <u>Santa Rosa</u>, where she worked for a little more than 7-years. In January, 2013 Gillian became the Director of Planning & Development for the Federated Indians of Graton Rancheria in <u>Rohnert Park</u>. She left that post in 2018 to work for a private engineering firm. Gillian joined the <u>Vallejo</u> staff in October, 2019. She earned a BA in government & criminal justice from California State University, Sacramento.



**Rekha Nayar** is the <u>Vallejo</u> Finance Director. After working in accounts payable for a sales and distribution company from 1997 to 2009, Rekha became an Accounting Consultant for the

Marin Housing Authority for less than a year in <u>San Rafael</u>. Between 2009 and 2016 she was in two additional private sector positions in accounting. Rekha joined the City of <u>Vallejo</u> staff as a Deputy Director of Finance in 2016. She was made Interim Finance Director in January, 2019 and in March the "Interim" label was lifted. She is a California Certified Public Accountant (CPA). Rekha earned a BA from Fergusson College and an MBA in finance from the University of Pune. Rekha also earned a Professional Association of Diving Instructors (PADI) certification as an advanced open water diver.



An archive picture of the <u>Lakewood</u> city staff acknowledging Cancer Awareness Month. If you look closely, you can see former longtime <u>Lakewood</u> City Manager **Howard Chambers** in the middle.



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Heather Ruiz is the <u>Vallejo</u> Human Resources Director. In 2001 Heather became a Human Resources Management Analyst for the County of San Mateo. In 2004 she took the Director of Human Resources post at the

San Mateo Medical Center. Heather was hired by the City of <u>San Jose</u> in June,2008 as a Deputy Director of Human Resources. After 2 and a half years in that post, she became the Deputy Director of Human Resources for Napa County starting in October, 2010. She became Assistant Director in December, 2013, and she was appointed Director of Human Resources in January, 2016. Heather left Napa County in June, 2018 in order to become the City of <u>Vallejo</u> Director of Human Resources in July, 2018. Heather earned a BA in psychology and business from the University of California, Los Angeles (**UCLA**), and an MPA from California State University, Hayward.



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Vallejo's Human Resources Program Manager for recruitment, classification & compensation is Stephanie Sifuentes. Stephanie worked for the County of Riverside as a Human Resources Analyst II from 2009 to August, 2013. She was promoted to Senior Human Resources Analyst in September, 2013. Stephanie joined the city staff in the City of Napa in February, 2015, and she moved to the County of Napa in May, 2016 as a Human Resources Analyst. In November, 2018, Stephanie joined the Vallejo city staff as a Senior Personnel Analyst, and in February, 2019 she was promoted to Human Resources Program Manager in charge of recruitment & selection, classification and compensation. Stephanie earned a BA in sociology from California State University, San Bernardino, and an MPA from California Baptist University.

Judy Shepard-Hall is the <u>Vallejo</u> Housing & Community Development Program Manager. She previously worked with a variety of nonprofit and for-profit housing organizations, including Mercy Housing coordinating with the



City and County of <u>San Francisco</u> and the San Francisco Housing Authority. Judy earned a BS in finance from California State University, Long Beach.



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incorporated in April, 1866. The 2019 estimated population is 109,106. The City Manager is **Alex McIntyre**, and the **Antoinette M. Mann** is the City Clerk.



Elizabeth Foushee, <u>Ventura</u> Human Resources Director, began her public service career as a Human Resources Analyst in May, 1995 with the City of <u>Simi Valley</u>. In July, 2000 Elizabeth was promoted to Senior Human Resources

Analyst, and she became the <u>Simi Valley</u> Human Resources Director in November, 2011. After nearly 21-years with <u>Simi Valley</u>, Elizabeth joined the <u>Ventura</u> city staff in March, 2016 as Human Resources Director. She earned a BBA in business administration and a MPP in public policy and administration from California Lutheran University.



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Nancy O'Connor was selected to serve as the <u>Ventura</u> Director of Parks, Recreation and Community Partnerships (PRCP) in December, 2016. She previously worked as a <u>Ventura</u> Parks Manager starting in 2011. Before joining the <u>Ventura</u> city staff, Nancy worked as the Manager of Park Services in North Las Vegas, Nevada. She also served as the Superintendent of Cultural and Leisure Services for 11-years in Myrtle Beach, South Carolina. Nancy earned a BS in physical education and health from St. Cloud State University, Minnesota, and an MA in organizational management from the University of Phoenix.



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### The Mayor Married Who?

A Look at the Lighter Side of a 40-Year Career in City Management by Tim Casey

Tim retired in November, 2019 after 22-years as the City Manager in <u>Laguna</u> <u>Niguel</u>. He previously served as the <u>Redondo</u> <u>Beach</u> City Manager (1981-1990). Published July 29, 2020

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**Estelle Bussa**, Economic Development Manager for <u>Ventura</u>, is a fourth generation <u>Ventura</u> native. Estelle worked in planner and forecasting positions in the private sector prior to joining the <u>Ventura</u> city staff in May, 2017. She earned an AA from Ventura

College, and a BA in social sciences from San Diego State University, and an MBA from the University of Portland. She also earned a paralegal certificate in law from the University of San Diego. Estelle is an alumnus of Ventura High School and Ventura College, where she was a member of back-to-back State Woman's Basketball Champion teams.

<u>Vernon</u> is primarily an industrial city in Los Angeles County. It is the historic site where the Battle of La Mesa occurred. The city incorporated in September, 1905 supported by ranchers **James J.** and **Thomas J. Furlong**, and **John B. Leonis**. The 2019 estimated population is 110. **Carlos R. Fandino Jr.**, a former U. S. Marine, has served as the City Administrator since 2016. Lisa Pope is the City Clerk.



Jessica Balandran, Utilities Compliance Analyst for the City of <u>Vernon</u> Public Utilities, began her working career as an Assistant to the Executive Director of the International Hispanic Network starting in May, 2007 in San Antonio, Texas. In January, 2009

Jessica took a job as a Legal Assistant for a law firm in <u>Pasadena</u>. After working a marketing position (2010-2012); then as a Senior Analyst for **Tripepi Smith & Associates** (2012); she joined the city staff in <u>Cudahy</u> as a Senior Administrative Analyst in September, 2012. In September, 2016 she moved to her current position with the City of <u>Vernon</u> Public Utilities. After attending classes at Eastern Michigan University, Jessica earned a BA and MPA from St. Mary's University.



**Diana Figueroa** is an Administrative Analyst in the <u>Vernon</u> City Administrator's Office. In 1999, Diana went to work for an insurance company in the Orange County area, and in 2001 she was a co-owner and office

manager of a private business. In 2012, Diana joined the city staff in <u>Vernon</u> in her current position. Diana earned an AA degree from Fullerton College, and a BA in social psychology from California State University, Fullerton.



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Sophie (Escobar) Smith is one of two <u>Victorville</u> Deputy City Manager. The other is **Jenele Davidson**. Sophie joined the <u>Victorville</u> city staff in August, 2000 as an Assistant Director of Economic Development, a position she held for more than

a dozen years. In August, 2012 she became the Economic Development Administrator. Sophie was appointed Director of Economic Development in April, 2016, and she was elevated to a <u>Victorville</u> Deputy City Manager in January, 2018. Sophie earned a BA in law and society from the University of California, Santa Barbara, and an MBA from California State University, San Bernardino.



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<u>Villa Park</u> is a city in Orange County. The city was known as "Mountain View" in the 1860s. The U.S. Post Office refused to allow

the name because there was already a "Mountain View" Post Office, and the area became known as <u>Villa Park</u>. At the time, it was an agricultural area. The Serrano Water District was established to serve the area, and still provides the city water. <u>Villa Park</u> was incorporated in January, 1962. The City's 2019 estimated population is 5,790. **Steve Franks** is the City Manager and City Clerk.

Kim Chaudhry works as a Senior Management Analyst at <u>Villa Park</u> City Hall.

**Alyssa Manassero** is a Management Analyst for the City of <u>Villa Park</u>.

**Carolyn Veregge** became the City Manager of <u>Villa Park</u> in 1985. She worked as the City Clerk with **Arthur Simonian**, when he worked as a parttime consultant City Manager for the City. Tennessee-reared, Carolyn began working for <u>Villa Park</u> as a part-time secretary and moved up to Deputy City Clerk, and then City Clerk in 1978. She credited <u>Yorba Linda</u> City Manager **Art Simonian** for her understanding of the City Manager position.



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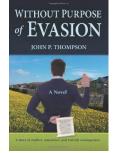


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PickingUpthePieces:ChicoAssistantCityManagerChrisConstantinwill leave his post at theend of the year to become the newCityManager in the City of SanDimas.Chris started in Chico in 2013,serving as FinanceDirector, HumanResourcesDirector and InformationTechnologyDirector, before

becoming the Assistant City Manager in December, 2018. Chris began his public services career in 2001 as an auditor for the City of San Jose. In 2010, Chris took an Assistant City Auditor position with the City of San Diego. In April, 2013 he joined the Chico city staff. Chris earned a BS from San Jose State University, and an MPA from the Maxwell School at Syracuse University. Chris is a Certified Economic Crime Forensic Examiner. Assistant City Manager Brad McKinney has been serving as Acting City Manager in San Dimas. Dan Paranick, District Manager for the Rancho Simi Recreation & Park District is a former Assistant City Manager in Ventura. Dan began his public service career as a Management and Budget Analyst for Maricopa County, Arizona in 1997. After rising in the organization to Budget Coordinator in 2000, Dan joined the City of Simi Valley staff in 2001 at the Assistant to the City Manager. In 2004 Dan was appointed Deputy City Manager, and after serving as Acting Director of Administrative Services in 2005, he was appointead Assistant City Manager in 2006. In 2011 Dan took the Assistant City Manager position in the City of Camarillo (2011-2014), and he joined the Ventura city staff as Assistant City Manager in 2014. Dan earned a BA and MPA from the University of California, Los Angeles (UCLA). In 2017 Dan received a 20-year ICMA Service Award.



"When your enemy's making mistakes, don't interrupt him." -**Billy Beane** 



More Pieces Picked Up: Kathleen Salguero Trepa is the new City Manager in the City of <u>Winters</u>. After a national recruitment conducted by executive recruiers of Peckham &

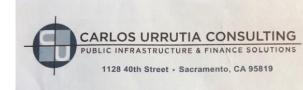
McKenney, Kathleen was selected from 112 applicants from more than 20-States. Kathleen is replacing City Manager John Donlevy, who served in Winters for nearly 19-years, and resighned to accept the City Manager position in the City of Auburn. Kathleen most recently served as the Assistant City Manager with the City of Concord, and previously served in positions with the cities of Goleta, Claremont, San Marcos, and San Juan Capistrano. Retired San Bernardino City Manager Charles E. McNeely, served as the Seaside City Manager for ten-years (1983-1993), and as City Manager in Reno, Nevada (1996-2009). Charles began his public service career in 1972 as an Administrative Intern in San Diego. Charles earned a BA and MPA from the University of Kansas. In 2011, Charles was awarded a 35-year ICMA Service Award. Palmdale City Manager John "J.J." Murphy has been named by the Internation City/County Management Association (ICMA) as a recipient of its annual Veterans Recognition Award. This award acknowledges highperformance veterans working in local government. J.J. served in the U.S. Air Force Reserves for 20-years, leaving the service as a Major. In 2016 he was named the New Mexico City Manager of the Year during the time he served as City Manager in Hobbs, New Mexico (2012-2017). Tyler Salcido is the new City Manager in the City of Brawley. Tyler joined the Brawley city staff as the Interim Finance Director in March, 2019. He was appointed Finance Director starting May, 2019, and he was tag to serve as the Interim City Manager along with his Finance Director responsibilites in September, 2020. He was appointed City Manager in November, 2020. Tyler earned a BS in accounting from California State Polytechnic University, Pomona. Retired Newport Beach City Manager David Kiff will serve as the Sonoma Interim City Manager starting in January, 2021 following City Manager Cathy Capriola's retirement at the end of December. Dave is currently serving as sthe Healdsburg Interim City Manager. Prior to Healdsburg he served as the Interim City Manager in the City of Huntington Beach. David grew up in Headsburg. He attended Santa Rosa Junior College, and he earned a BA from California State University, Sacramento, and a Master's in government administration from the University of Pennsylvania.



Again, due to another surge in cases of COVID-19, the December "Proof of Life" lunch is postponed. This is an archive picture of retired Long Beach City Manager Pat West, Long Beach City Manager Tom Modica; and former Long Beach executive and retired Sacramento City Manager John Shirey shown here at the September, 2019 "Proof of Life" lunch

Moorpark City Manager Troy Brown is the new 2020-2021 President-elect of the International City/County Managers Association (ICMA). Troy will serve in this leadership role for a one year term and then will assume the office of ICMA President at the 2021 Annual Conference in Portland, Oregon. Troy has been active with ICMA since 2004. Troy worked in assisgnments with the cities of Santa Clarita, Riverside, Elk Grove and Livermore before becoming the City Manager in Tracy (2014-2017). Troy was appointed Moorpark City Manager in March, 2018. Fredric William Maley passed away on September 27, 2015 at the age of 79 in Newport Beach. Fred served as City Manager in Villa Park and as Interim City Manager in South Gate and Twentynine Palms. Fred grew up in Cleveland, Ohio and served in the United States Marine Corps. He was discharged from the Marines as a Captain in 1966. He earned a BA from Penn State University and a Master's degree from California State University, Long Beach. He served in city management posts in Pennsylvanis and Florida before coming to Villa Park in July, 1987. With Sausalito City Manager Adam Politzer retiring at the end of the year, the city has launched an executive search for a new City Manager. An Interim City Manager appointment is expected before November 11. The recruitment process may take four to nine months. Adam became Sausalito City Manager in 2007.

"Better three hours too soon than a minute too late." –**William Shakespeare** 





Still More Pieces Picked Up: Palo Alto City Manager Ed Shikada recently promoted Chantal Cotton Gaines to the position of Deputy City Manager. Chantal is a 12-year veteran of local government, working in city management assignments in

California, Maryland and Michigan. She has been the Assistant to the City Manager in Palo Alto for nearly three-years. Prior to comina to the Palo Alto city staff, Chantal worked four years with the City of Oakland. She earned a Bachelor's degree and a Master's in urban planning from the University of Michigan. Huntington Beach City Manager Oliver Chi finds himself being accused of wrong doing by a couple disgruntled city employees. Accusations of cyber spying and sexual harassment have been made. Oliver denies any wrongdoing. Oliver came to Huntington Beach in September, 2019. He previously served as City Manager in Monrovia (2014-2019), Assistant City Manager in Barstow (2011-2014), and Rosemead City Manager (2007-2009). He also held positions in Arcadia and Claremont. Oliver earned a BA and MPA from the University of Southern California (USC). Oliver is a past President of the Municipal Management Association of Southern California (MMASC) in 2004-2005. Pacifica City Manager Kevin Woodhouse has worked in local government for more than 27-years. Kevin previously served as the Assistant General Manager for the Midpeninsula Regional Open Space District, California, and he was previously the Deputy City Manager for the City of Mountain View. He joined the Mountain View city staff in 1996 as an Administrative Analyst. Kevin earned a BA from Stanford University and an MPA from San Francisco State University. Daniel Buffalo is the Director of Finance for the City of Ukiah. Dan is a certified public accountant (CPA). He joined the Ukiah city staff in July, 2019 and previously served as the Finance Director in the City of Lakeport. Dan earned a BA from the University of California, Davis, and an MPA from the University of Southern California (USC). Dan is an Adjunct Faculty Member at Mendocino College.



League of California Cities, Los Angeles County Division Executive Director **Jennifer Quan**  SHORTS: \*Former Fresno Director of Public Utilities, Thomas Esqueda, will be the new Fresno City Manager starting in January. \*Members of the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors - the five Supervisors who oversee a \$36.7 billion budget for 88 cities and millions of residents – are, for the first time, all female. \*Laurel Prevetti, Town Manager in Los Gatos, served as an Adjunct Professor at San Jose State University from 2003 to 2014. \*Lenka Wright became the first Chief Communications Officer; a new city staff position in the City of Mountain View, in September of this year. \*For the first time, the City of El Monte has elected an all-woman City Council to work with City Manager Alma K. Martinez. \*Nicolette Drulias of Placentia reports that the City of Placentia earned the Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting presented by the Government Finance Officers Association (GFOA) for Fiscal Year 2018-2019. \*Judy Shepard-Hall, the Vallejo Housing & Community Development Manager, was born and raised mostly in St. Thomas, U.S. Virgin Islands. \*Rancho Santa Margarita Landscape & Recreation Corporation's Community Executive (September, 2003-present) Officer Candice Fullencamp, is a former Bellflower Parks and Recreation Director, and Director of Parks, Recreation and Beaches for the City of Pacifica. \*Former League of California Cities staff member Teresa Acosta has been elected to the City Council in the City of Carlsbad. \*Sean Ashton of the Downey City Council is the President of the Independent Cities Association.\*Since January, 2020 Rondall "Ron" V. Phillips has served as the City Administrator in the City of Bishop.\*Tina Wehrmeister has served as the Planning Director for the City of Pacifica since November 2018. \*Tehachapi City Manager Greg Garrett is the Champion of the Year Award winner, presented by the Small Business Development Center for the Central California Region. \*Burbank City Manager Justin Hess, CCMF Vice President, received the 2020 Mary Alice O'Connor Vision Award from the Family Service Agency of Burbank. \*Pasadena is seriously considering the establishment of an Eddie Van Halen Memorial that could include renaming a street in his honor. \*Santa Clarita City Manager Ken Striplin, President of the California City Management Foundation (CCMF), has worked for the City of Santa Clarita since February, 1996. \*In 1978 the Vallejo City Manager was Gerald R. Davis. Retired Arcadia City Manager Don Penman is the new Interim City Manager in Calabasas following **Ray Taylor**, who has served in that role since June of last year. This is Don's seventh "interim" assignment since his retirement. \*\*\*