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Retired longtime Lakewood City Manager **Howard L. Chambers** continues his battle with cancer. Howard served as Lakewood City Manager from 1976 until his final retirement in 2017...41-years.

Howard earned a BA from Long Beach State University, an MPA from the University of Southern California (**USC**), and a Master's from Pepperdine University. In 2013 Howard received a 45-year ICMA Service Award. Retired LASD Commander **John Hammargren** says he enjoyed lunch meetings with Howard, and former La Mirada City Manager **Gary Sloan** and **Jason Gonsalves** of **Joe A. Gonsalves & Son** recall playing golf and tennis with Howard.

Women Serving in Cities from Yorba Linda to Yucca Valley

This April 2021 issue of the Newsletter recognizes some of the women who work in California cities alphabetically listed between Yorba Linda and the Town of Yucca Valley. This is the 52nd issue dedicated to women executives in California cities.

Please understand that many profiles are not available. Some city web pages neglect to present complete staffing information and many people do not post their career profiles. We apologize to those we miss. We try hard to acknowledge as many who serve as possible.

There are many highly qualified and dedicated women serving California's cities. The list is impressive. Addressed here is the rhetorical question: Where are the women in city management?

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Women Serving in Cities from Yorba Linda to Yucca Valley

In 1980 the City Manager of Yorba Linda was **Art Simonian**, and Yucca Valley was yet to incorporate. **Dwane Milnes** was the City Manager in Yuba City, and Yucaipa was also yet to incorporate.

Yorba Linda is in the northeastern section of Orange County. It is known for its connections to former U. S. President **Richard Nixon**, 37th President of the United States. Nixon's birthplace is a National Historic Landmark, and his Presidential Library and Museum is located in Yorba Linda. The first Yorba Linda post office was established in 1912. The area that became the Yorba Linda downtown was connected to Los Angeles by the Pacific Electric Railway in 1912. The rail was used extensively by the local citrus industry. **Richard Nixon** was born in Yorba Linda in 1913. Brea (1958), Anaheim (1963) and Placentia (1963) all tried annexation of the Yorba Linda area. The City of Yorba Linda incorporated in November 1967. The 2019 estimated population of the city is 67,644. **Mark Pulone** is the City Manager and **Marcia Brown** is the City Clerk. Laguna Niguel City Manager **Tammy Letourneau** served as the Yorba Linda City Manager from November 2004 until March 2008.



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Lloyd has been involved in sales tax management at HdL since 1987 and developed much of the analytical and audit methodology used by all local governments to monitor and maximize sales and use tax revenues. He was California's first Hispanic City Manager previously serving as City Manager of Monterey Park, Lawndale and Woodlake and as an Assistant in Torrance and San Diego. He is a past President of the San Gabriel Valley City Manager's Association and one of the Founding Directors of the California Redevelopment Association. Lloyd and co-founder **Robert Hinderliter** grew HdL from one small office in Claremont with a handful of employees to the growing, national company it is today. In 2007, Lloyd and Robert sold HdL to the company's employees through an Employee Stock Ownership Plan. When asked why the founders choose this exit strategy, Lloyd said "We wanted to reward those that helped us build the company." He will be missed by both his co-workers and HdL's 500+ municipal clients.

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Allison Estes is the Assistant to the
City Manager in Yorba Linda.
Allison began her public service
career as a Program Coordinator
in the City of La Habra in May
2006. Allison joined the city staff in
Yorba Linda in June 2007 as a
Recreation Coordinator. After nearly 6-years in
that position and she was appointed to a
Management Analyst post in the City
Manager's Office in April 2013. Allison was
named Assistant to the City Manager in July
2017. She earned a BA in social ecology from the
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Pamela Stoker is the Yorba Linda Economic Development Manager. Pam is a former City of Tustin City Clerk. She joined the Yorba Linda city staff in September, 1989, and has worked there in economic development since September 1989. Pam earned a BS in urban planning from Brigham Young University.



Jamie Lai is the Public Works Director and City Engineer for the City of Yorba Linda. Jamie began her civil engineering career with a private engineering company in July 1998. In January 2003 she was hired as a Civil Engineer by the County of Orange, and she worked there until July 2005 when she became an Associate Engineer for the City of Anaheim. Jamie worked her way up in Anaheim to a Principal Engineer (2006-2008); Transit Planning Manager (2008-2015); and Traffic and Transportation Manager (2015-2019). She was appointed Director of Public Works and City Engineer in Yorba Linda starting in August 2019. Jamie earned a BS and an MS in civil engineering from the University of California, Irvine.



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Yountville is a Napa County town in the middle of the California wine country. The town was named for the early pioneer **George Calvert Yount** in 1867. He is considered responsible for establishing the first vineyard in the Napa Valley. Originally the town was called Sebastopol in 1855, but a nearby Sonoma County town already laid claim to that name. Yountville has become a destination for gourmet diners. It has two Michelin-starred restaurants: The French Laundry and Bouchon Bistro. The town incorporated in February, 1965 and has a 2019 estimated population of 2,966 people. The Town Manager is **Steven Rogers** and **Michelle Dahme** has served as the Town Clerk since 2006.



Samantha Holland-Wagner is the Parks and Recreation Director in Yountville. She previously served as Recreation Manager in the City of Arcata starting in September 2006, and then as a Recreation

Supervisor in the City of Napa from November 2007 to June 2010. Samantha joined the Yountville city staff as the Parks and Recreation Director in June 2010. She earned a BS from California State University, Hayward.

Jennifer Carvalho is a Recreation Supervisor in Yountville, joining the city staff in 1989. Jennifer is a lifelong resident of the Yountville community. She has had a hand in about every Parks and Recreation Department activity for the past 30-years.



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Danielle Zoller is the Facility & Event Specialist in the Parks and Recreation Department in Yountville. Danielle was born and raised in the Napa Valley, and attend the Yountville Elementary School. Her first job was as a pool attendant for the Town. Danielle joined the Town staff in October 2019 after serving as the Events Assistant for the Greater Stockton Chamber of Commerce. She is an alumnus of California State University, Chico.



Celia King has been the Yountville Finance Director since January 2020, when she moved up from the Finance Analyst, and Accounting Technician positions. She has worked for the town for more than the past 16-years, working her way upwards in the Finance Department. Celia earned a BS in business administration.

Julie Baldia has served as a Management Analyst in Yountville since September 2005. She serves as the Human Resources Manager for the City. Julie attended Napa Valley College prior to earning a BA in liberal studies from Sonoma State University.



Sandra Liston joined the Yountville town staff as the Planning and Building Director in 2008. After working for a time in private sector development, she joined local government service in 2003. Sandra earned a BA from the University of California and a J.D. from the University of San Francisco School of Law.



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Erica Teagarden is a Management Analyst in Yountville. Erica served as a Permit Technician in the City of Napa for more than 14-years (September 2002 – September 2016). After leaving Napa Erica worked in three different private sector positions, as an Entitlement Coordinator, a Project Coordinator and as an Assistant Project Manager. In January 2020 Erica rejoined the public sector when she joined the Yountville town staff. Erica earned a BA from California State University, Bakersfield. She has a Building Plans Examiner and Permit Technician credentials from the International Code Council.

Lisa Tyler is the Yountville Community Facilities Manager. She joined the town staff in April 2002. She manages the Yountville Community Center, and in the summer also is responsible for the community pool at the Veteran Home grounds. Lisa took sports medicine classes at California State University, Long Beach and at Sonoma State University.



Veteran's Memorial Stadium in Long Beach. The stadium opened in 1950 and was owned by the City of Long Beach for nearly four decades. In 1987 Long Beach City College acquired the stadium from the city. Currently Veterans Stadium is the home venue to the Long Beach Poly High School Jackrabbits, and the Los Alamitos High School Griffins. Of course, the stadium is also the home field for the Long Beach City College Vikings. **Thomas B. Modica** is the Long Beach City Manager.

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Shella Rhetta Hogan is the Yreka Administrative Services Director and Finance Director. She came to work for the City of Yreka in December 2004 after working in Investment Accounting and Financial Reporting for a savings institution (1989-1994). Rhetta earned a BS in agricultural economics from the University of California, Davis and an MBA from California State University, Chico.

Others include: **Holly Persing**; **Willow Martindale**, and **Cynthia Lynch**.



Mark Twain gives his story on the naming of Yreka: – when in its first days the community much needed a name, and it came through an accident. There was a bakeshop with a canvas sign which had not yet been put up but had been painted and stretched to dry in such a way that the word BAKERY, all but the B, showed through and was reversed. A stranger read it wrong end first, YREKA, and supposed that that was the name of the camp. The campers were satisfied with it and adopted it! This according to **Mark Twain**.

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Yuba City is the hometown of former **Joe A. Gonsalves & Son** staff member **Jill Vinsonhaler Meyer**. In 1852 Yuba City was a steamboat landing and had a post office and a population of about 150. The city became the county seat for Sutter County in 1854. The city's first major increase in population came following World War II when orchards were developed as residential areas for people moving to Yuba City. Yuba City incorporated in January 1908. In 1955 a series of major storms in the area caused local rivers to overflow and flood the area. Thirty-eight people were lost to the floods. The 2019 estimated population is 67,010. The City Manager is **Dave Vaughn**, and the elected City Clerk is **Jackie Stillman**. **Ciara Wakefield** is the City Clerk Administrator.



Diana Langley is the Yuba City Public Works Director. Diana joined the Yuba City staff in November 2013 as the Public Works Director. In February 2019 she began serving as the Interim City Manager (February 2019 – August 2019). She returned to her Director of Public Works duties in August 2019. Again, Diana was appointed Interim City Manager in February 2020. She returned exclusively to her Public Works Director responsibilities in February 2021. Diana has been with Yuba City going on 8-years. She earned a BS in engineering from California State University, Chico, and she earned a Certificate in Construction Management from the University of California, Davis Continuing and Professional Education program. Diana also serves as the Secretary of the Board of Directors for the Sierra Central Credit Union (November 2019 – present).



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Natalie Springer is the Human Resources Director for the City of Yuba City. Natalie earned a BS in biology from the University of Iowa, and an MPA from Drake University.



Robin Bertagna is a former Finance Director for Yuba City. Robin worked as a CPA for a private firm beginning in June 1987 and after more than 6-years there joined the city staff in the City of Gridley as the

Finance Director. Robin came to the city staff in Yuba City in October 1998. She retired from her Yuba City position after 21-years as Finance Director. Robin earned a BA from California State University, Chico. Robin was deeply involved with the California Society of Municipal Finance Officers (CSMFO) through annual conferences, committee work, and her long tenure as the Sacramento Valley Chapter Chair. Robin earned a reputation as an exceptional professional.

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Yucaipa is a San Bernardino County city. The land of the Yucaipa Valley was occupied by the Serrano Indians for as much as 1,000 years. The Serrano name for the area was *Yucaipat* which means "green valley." Yucaipa incorporated in November 1989. The 2019 estimated population of Yucaipa is 53,921. The City Manager is **Raymond Casey** and the Assistant City Manager and City Clerk is **Jennifer Crawford**.



Katrina Jaimes is an Assistant Engineer for the City of Yucaipa. Katrina went to work for Yucaipa the first time in January 2008 as an Engineering Intern, and she left to work for a private engineering firm in May 2009. After nearly 9-years with the private firm, Katrina returned to Yucaipa as the Assistant City Engineer in May 2018. She earned an AS degree majoring as an engineering technician from Riverside City College and an BS in geology and environment from California State University, San Bernardino.



Madeline Jordan is a Yucaipa Assistant Planner. Madeline studied abroad in Stockholm, Sweden with the University of California, Davis Global Affairs program (June-August 2018). She worked in a number of **UCLA** youth and environment positions before joining the City of Redlands as a Planning Intern. She left Redlands and went to work for a private firm as an Associate Planner and then joined the City of Yucaipa as an Assistant Planner in September, 2020. Madeline earned a BA in geography from the University of California, Los Angeles (**UCLA**).

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Megan Wolfe is the Yucaipa Director of Community Services. Megan began her public service career as a Community Services Coordinator in the City of Fontana. She moved to Yucaipa as a Supervisor in July 2013. Megan was promoted to Director of Community Services in July 2018.



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Yucca Valley is a town in San Bernardino County 27 miles north of Palm Springs. The town is bordered on the south by the Joshua Tree National Park. In the 1950s realtor **Norman J.**

Essig was involved with working toward establishing Yucca Valley as a place for entertainment celebrities to live in privacy. Composer **Jimmy Van Heusen** built his house atop a hill in the center of town. The town incorporated in November 1991. Its 2019 estimated population is 21,777. **Curtis Yakimow** is the Town Manager and **Lesley Copeland** is the Town Clerk

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Sharon Cisneros is the Yucca Valley Town Finance Manager. She joined the town staff in 2012 as the Senior Accountant.



Jordan Gumbish is the Yucca Valley town Finance and Accounting Supervisor. Jordan was a self-employed Freelance Accountant starting in September 2014, and did some part-time tax and accounting specialist work for a financial group. Jordan joined the Yucca Valley town staff in September 2018. She earned an AA degree from the College of the Desert, a BBA from California State University, San Bernardino, and a Master's degree in accounting from Southern New Hampshire University.

Sue Earnest is the Community Services Manager for the town. She was a former Mayor and Member of the City Council, and has been working for the town since 2008.

Debra Breidenbach-Sterling is the Town of Yucca Valley Human Resources and Risk Manager. Debra was hired by the town in December 2011.



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Pam Newcomb
President



Pam entered the public sector with the County of San Bernardino, where she served as Housing Finance Officer and Deputy Director of the Department of Economic and Community Development. She began her investment banking career in 1984. She specializes in redevelopment and municipal facility financings while also developing and administering innovative programs in Mobile Home Park Non-Profit financing, as well as, multi- and single-family affordable housing transactions. **Pam Newcomb** is a FINRA Principal, holds a BA in Economics and Urban Geography from California State University, San Bernardino, and attended graduate school at the University of California, Santa Barbara. Pam graduated from Palm Springs High School in Palm Springs, California.

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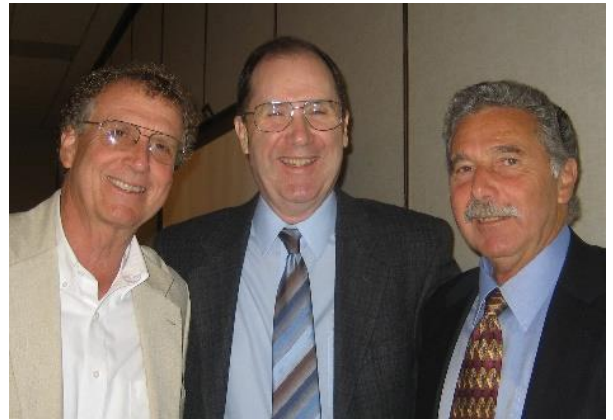
Janees began working in the banking industry with Union Bank of California. She has successfully structured and marketed more than \$2.5 billion of new money and refunding's. Janees has structured financings for cities, redevelopment/successor agencies, school and special districts. A significant portion of these transactions involved unrated and challenging credits, which has allowed her to develop the ability to meet her clients' financing goals. **Janees Williams** is a Financial Industry Regulatory Authority (FINRA) general securities representative and holds a BA in business administration with a concentration in marketing from California State University, San Bernardino.

William D'Allaird
Senior Trader

Bill is a valued member of the Newcomb Williams team. Bill has been in the securities business for more than 40-years, specializing in the sales, trading and underwriting of municipal bonds. He holds both FINRA General Securities Representative and Principal licenses. Bill graduated from the University of Illinois with a BS in Marketing.

Michelangelo “Mike” Graziano (1932 – 1995)

Michelangelo “Mike” Graziano, who graduated with the Burbank High School Class of 1950, died February 27, 1995 at the age of 62 after a battle with cancer. City Manager **Bob Dunek**, who took the Los Alamitos City Manager reigns after Mike's 26-year tenure in 1989, said that Mike left the city of Los Alamitos a better community than how he found it. Mike was born May 28, 1932 in Bari, Italy and came to Chicago with his parents as a toddler. The moved to Southern California in 1945, where his parents established an Italian delicatessen in Glendale. Mike earned a BA from the University of Redlands and an MPA from the University of Michigan. He was a Fulbright Scholar in Bologna, Italy. He began his public management career as an Administrative Assistant in the City of Indio, and he was appointed Assistant City Administrator in Montclair before becoming the Montclair City Administrator in 1965. Mike worked a private sector job after leaving Montclair in 1970, and was appointed Los Alamitos City Manager in 1973. Mike was a Dodger and White Sox baseball fan.



This is a reprinted picture, but one worth another look. **Howard L. Chambers** was the Lakewood City Administrator/Manager from 1976 to 2017...a tenure of 41-years. Howard is shown here with long-time Downey City Manager **Gerald M. Caton**, now retired; and longtime celebrated Cerritos City Manager **Art Gallucci**.

Rosa predecessor was City Manager **Kathy Millison**. Sean will be taking the Escondido position behind the retirement of City Manager **Jeffrey Epp**. Coachella City Manager **William “Bill” B. Pattison, Jr.** had planned to retire last December 30 after 10-years with the City. Bill joined the city staff in August 2010 as the Finance Director and was appointed City Manager in January 2017. Though wishing to retire in December, Bill has remained on the job until a new City Manager is located. Bill earned a BBA and MBA from California State University, San Bernardino. He was a CPA when he joined the Coachella city staff. Bill is the fifth City Manager in the Coachella Valley to retire during the pandemic joining City Managers in Palm Desert, Palm Springs, Desert Hot Springs and Indio. Sacramento City Manager **Howard Chan** has had protesters demonstrating outside his home claiming the protest was about the City Manager “failing to hold Police accountable.” About 20 demonstrators gathered at a park and marched to the City Manager's home with a heavy police presence in the area. An organizing flyer showed Howard's photo with his name written in dripping red letters. Coronado City Manager **Blair King** has accepted the position of City Manager for the City of Bainbridge Island, Washington. Prior to his Coronado service, Blair worked as City Manager in Soledad (1991-1994), Imperial Beach (1994-1996), Half Moon Bay (1997-2001) and Lodi (2005-2010). He also held executive positions in Eureka, Coalinga and Milpitas. In 2020 Blair received a rare 40-year ICMA Service Award. Blair earned a BA and an MPA from California State University, Fresno.



Picking Up the Pieces:

City Manager **Rene Mendez** of the City of Gonzales is working to build a microgrid so that his city does not have to rely on PG&E. There are extreme local concerns about the potential rolling blackouts that shut the city down. Gonzales is an

agriculture industry city, and relies heavily on electricity to keep the engines running at the big packing plants in the city. Power was lost during rolling blackouts over the past two years. “Businesses need to shut down immediately and there was a lot of economic loss,” said Rene. Santa Rosa City Manager **Sean McGlynn**, 54, is the new City Manager in the San Diego County City of Escondido. His last day in Santa Rosa will be May 29. Prior to his tenure in Santa Rosa, Sean was the Deputy City Manager in El Paso, Texas. Last year Sean was named City Manager of the Year by the California City Management Foundation (CCMF). Sean's Santa



Still More Pieces Picked Up:

Angela S. Crespi is the new Deputy City Manager for the City of Hermosa Beach. Angela was previously the Administrative Manager for the

Newport Beach Fire Department (2014-2019), and Finance and Administrative Manager for the Public Works Department in Newport Beach.

Hermosa Beach City Manager **Suja Lowenthal** said that the Deputy City Manager position was approved in June, 2019. Angela earned a BA and an MPA from Southern Illinois University, Carbondale.

Greg Carpenter is the Paso Robles Interim City Manager, effective April 19. Greg retired as the City Manager in El Segundo in 2019. Current Paso Robles

City Manager **Tom Frutchey**'s last day will be April 16, and then retirement. Prior to El Segundo, Greg worked for the City of Long Beach, and served as the Long Beach City Manager from 2002 until 2008. He earned an MPA from California State University, Long Beach.

El Cerrito City Manager **Karen Pinkos** responded to a State Audit report that concludes the City is in grave financial health. According to Mercury News writer

Shomik Mukherjee, the City of El Cerrito ranks as the sixth of the most fiscally troubled cities. Karen issued a 16-page response to the audit, and pushes back on the idea that the City deserves a fiscal "high-risk" designation. Karen is a highly regarded City Manager. She is a past President of the International City/County Management Association (ICMA), and she serves on the Board of the California City Management Foundation (CCMF). A three-member California appellate court ruled that the South Pasadena dismissal of the former President of its Fire Fighters' union was an illegal act of retaliation, and he must be reinstated. The City must pay more than four years of back pay plus 7 percent interest to the dismissed firefighter, Fire Engineer **Owen Cliff Snider**. In a February ruling by Associate Justice **Helen I. Bendix** the decision of the California Public Employment Relation Board (PERB) was upheld finding the timing of the dismissal of the firefighter, who had worked for the City for 12-years, amounted to retaliation. Pacifica has been hit with a class action lawsuit brought by the ACLU Foundation of Northern California, Disability Rights Advocates and the Legal Aid Society of San Mateo County. The suit contends that the ban against "oversized vehicles" parking unduly penalizes those living on the streets simply for being unable to afford housing in the pricey coastal city. City Manager **Kevin Woodhouse** explains that the focus is on health and safety. "The simple truth is that most streets in Pacifica are too narrow to allow parking of oversized vehicles without creating safety



Larry Pennell turns 76 on April 7, 2021. Retire Wasco City Manager **Larry Pennell** has served as the Interim City Manager in St. Helena and McFarland. Happy Birthday Larry!

hazards for pedestrians and bicycle riders," said Kevin. **Shannon Yauchzee** will retire as CEO of the City of Baldwin Park, birth place of the famous In-N-Out Burger, when his replacement is named. Shannon formally retired last December 31 and is serving on an Interim basis while the recruitment for a new CEO proceeds. He worked as the CEO/City Manager for nearly 7-years. Prior to Baldwin Park, Shannon served as the Director of Public Works for the City of West Covina from 1996 until 2014. Previous to that he worked as a Building Official with Willdan Engineering out of their City of Industry office (1989-1996). Ralph Andersen & Associates have been retained the City of Los Altos to conduct a nationwide search for a City Manager. City Manager **Chris Jordan** resigned effective December 5, 2020. He had served as the Los Altos City Manager from April 2016. The \$38 million Los Altos Community Center was built on **Chris Jordan**'s watch. Assistant City Manager **Jon Maginot** served as the Acting City Manager for a time prior to the appointment of retired veteran City Manager **Brad Kilger** as the Interim City Manager.

SHORTS: *Retired legendary LASD undercover Deputy and later the Public Safety Director for Bellflower, **Glenn "Hutch" Hutchinson**, who also served on the Artesia City Council, had a Happy 91st Birthday on the 24th of March. ***Marcie Frost** is the ninth (9th) CalPERS Chief Executive Officer, and previously spent 30-years working for the State of Washington. ***Dr. Bill Mathis**, an industrial and clinical psychologist who serves both public and private sector clients, is a former Mental Health Director at the Napa State Hospital. *Former Simi Valley City Manager **Eric Levitt** is the City Manager in the City of Alameda. ***Mike Futrell** is the City of South San Francisco City Manager, and **Sharon Ranals** is the Assistant City Manager and Chief Sustainability Officer. ***Eric Figueroa**, City Manager in the City of Martinez, and former Assistant City Manager in San Ramon, earned an MBA from the Haas School of Business at the University of California, Berkeley. *La Palma City Manager **Conal McNamara** served as a Policy Deputy to former Los Angeles County Supervisor **Mike Antonovich**.***