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On March 25, 2021, Azure Development was helped by Members of the Bellflower City Council with their groundbreaking ceremony for a new commercial development: "Belle Fleur Centre," at Cedar Avenue and Bellflower Boulevard. Assistant to the City Manager **Randi Stover** accompanied Mayor **Dan Koops** and the City Council. Randi joined the city staff in August 2011. She earned an AA from Cerritos Community College, and a BA and MPA from California State University, Long Beach.

Executives Serving Sacramento County Cities

This Special April 2021 issue of the Newsletter focuses on city management executives that serve in cities in Sacramento County. It took 52 issue to address the women executives in California cities. You may access those issues on the Trackdown Management web page.

This issue does not claim to be comprehensive, but highlights some of the leadership in the cities of Sacramento County. Please recognize that not all career profiles are posted for access.



"I don't want any of this. My family is terrified. I feel so helpless. This is not okay. You are protesting me. You don't have a beef with my family or with my neighbors."

—Howard Chan, Sacramento City Manager

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Citrus Heights is a city in Sacramento County. The city incorporated in January 1997. The city is primarily served by the San Juan Unified School District. The city is a little more than 14-miles from Sacramento. The 2019 population estimate is 87,373. **Christopher W. Boyd** is the City Manager, and **Amy Van** is the City Clerk. **Tammy Nossardi** is the Finance Manager, and **Monica Alejandre** is the Human Resources Manager, as well as, the Assistant to the City Manager.



Christopher Boyd served as the Chief of Police for the City of Menlo Park from March 2002 until January 2006. He became the Citrus Heights Chief of Police in January 2006. He served as the President of the California Police Chiefs Association from February 2014 to February 2015. After serving as the Chief of Police for nearly 11-years, Christopher was appointed Citrus Heights City Manager in October 2016. He earned a BS in criminal justice and sociology from the University of Idaho, and an MPA from the College of Notre Dame. Chris graduated from the FBI National Academy in 1999.



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Jason Behrmann began his public service career as a Finance Intern for the City of Bloomington, Indiana in May 1998. In January 1999, Jason began a Management Internship in San Luis Obispo, and in July 1999 he was hired as an Administrative Analyst in the City of Dublin, California. During his nearly 7-years in Dublin he rose to Senior Administrative Analyst. Jason was appointed Assistant City Manager in Galt in March 2006. He became the Galt City Manager in November 2009. Jason moved to the City of Elk Grove in August 2015 as the Assistant City Manager. He was elevated to Interim City Manager in May 2018 and was made City Manager starting in January 2019. Jason earned BA in political science from Brigham Young University, and an MPA from the School of Public and Environmental Affairs at Indiana University. In 2019 Jason received a 20-years ICMA Service Award.

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Kara J. Reddig, Deputy City Manager, joined the Elk Grove city staff in 2002 as a Management Analyst. In 2002 she was promoted to Assistant to the City Manager. In 2016 Kara received a 10-year ICMA Service Award. She served as a Board Member for the Municipal Management Association of Northern California (MMANC) in 2009. Kara earned an MPA from Arizona State University.



Elk Grove Public Affairs Manager **Kristyn Laurence** began her public service career as a Constituent Affairs Intern in the office of former California Attorney General **Dan Lungren** in 1994. The next four years she worked for Governor

Pete Wilson as a Constituent Affairs and Program Officer in the Office of Child Development and Education. In 1998 Kristyn went to work for the Elk Grove Community Services District as a Public Information Officer (1998-2004). In 2005-2006 Kristyn worked as the Placer County Strawberry Festival Assistant Director, and as a Learning Center Coordinator for the Sacramento Natural Food Co-Op. In January 2008 she started work as a Recreation Supervisor for Special Events for the Cosumnes Community Services District. Kristyn joined the city staff in Elk Grove in May 2013 as a Community Events & Projects Coordinator. She was promoted to her current post in April 2015. Kristyn earned a BA in political science and public service from the University of California, Davis.



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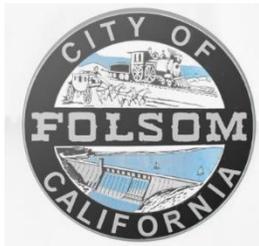
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Joseph was able to bring a railway connection with Sacramento to the town. After Joseph died in 1855, the city was renamed Folsom in his honor and memory. Folsom has come to be commonly connected to the Folsom Prison, especially by the **Johnny Cash** song "Folsom Prison Blues." It is also known now for Folsom Lake; where Folsom residents like **Jason Gonsalves** and his family enjoy wake boarding and water skiing. Folsom was incorporated in April 1946. The 2019 estimated population is 81,328. **Elaine Andersen** is the City Manager, and **Christine Brainerd** is the Communications Director. **Christa Freemantle** is the City Clerk.



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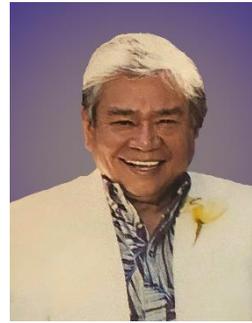
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Manuel L. "Manny" DeDios, a nearly 50-year prominent personality in California redevelopment and public finance died in his hometown, Auburn, California, on March 24, 2021.

Manny always had a smile. His redevelopment consulting firm, Municipal Services, represented numerous redevelopment agencies and was responsible for significant demographic changes in the Cities of Carson and Pomona. Those career activities were later followed by construction management services for cities and school districts. He began investment banking in the late 1980's when employed by Miller & Schroeder, opening a satellite office in his home State of Hawaii. Later, he joined and became a partner with Kinsell Newcomb & DeDios.

Known for his meticulous dress, appearance and affability, Manny may best be remembered for his infectious laugh and willingness to be of service to all. Among many loving family members, Manny is survived by his wife, Lettie, a veteran Finance Director of many cities, including Manteca, Glendora and Oxnard. Trackdown condolences to Manny's family and friends.



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Elaine Andersen is the Folsom City Manager. She was appointed in May 2018. She served as the Folsom Assistant City Manager prior to her appointment. She came to work for the city in 2005 and was appointed Assistant City Manager in

May 2016. Elaine began her public service career working for the State of California. She then worked for a public relations firm for about 9-years that specializes in state capital legislation projects. Elaine worked for the City of Sacramento as a Public Information Officer. She joined the Folsom city staff as a Special Projects Manager in 2005. She became Deputy City Manager in 2013 and then was appointed Assistant City Manager. Elaine earned a BA in political science from the University of California, Berkeley. Elaine is a 30-year resident of the City of Folsom.



Stacey Tamagni was named the Folsom Director of Finance in 2019. She joined the city staff in the Finance Department in 2005 and earned her opportunity for promotion by working 14-years as a senior analyst in the Finance Department and Public Works Department. Stacey earned BA from California State Polytechnic University, San Luis Obispo. She is also a licensed Certified Public Accountant (CPA).



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Galt, Californian is known for the "Galt Market," a well-known Flea Market. Galt is a city in Sacramento County that incorporated in August 1946. The city was named in 1869 for a former city of Galt in Canada, hometown of **John McFarland**. **Lorenzo Hines Jr.** is the Galt City Manager and **Tina Hubert** is the City Clerk and Assistant City Manager.



Galt City Manager **Lorenzo Hines Jr.** served as a Director of Administrative Services for the State of California in 2001-2005. In 2006 he went to work for King County, Washington as Chief Financial Officer. In 2009, Lorenzo became the Finance Director in Edmonds, Washington's Public Works. He joined the Lynwood, Washington city staff in 2011 as Finance Director. In November 2014 he became the Assistant City Manager in the City of Pacifica. Lorenzo was appointed Galt City Manager in August 2020. He earned a BS in accounting from the University of North Carolina, Geensboro, and an MBA from the Michael G. Foster School of Business at the University of Washington. Lorenzo is a Certified Public Accountant (CPA). He is also an ICMA Credentialed Manager, and a member of the ICMA affiliated National Forum for Black Public Administrators.



Claire Tyson is the Finance Director in the City of Galt since October 2018. She previously served as the Assistant Chief Financial Officer for the City of Stockton starting in June 2015. Previous to that she was the Budget Officer in Stockton. Claire worked as the Associate Vice President in Financial Services for California State University, Stanislaus, and also as the Director of Finance for San Jaaquin Delta College.



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Charles Bergson works as a professional civil engineer and owns the Broadway Coffee shop in Sacramento. Charles is also a City Council Member in the City of Williams. He attended classes at the University of California, Berkeley.

Administrative Assistant **Diana O'Brien** is the Isleton Website Administrator. Diana joined the Isleton city staff in August 2016. She attended classes as San Joaquin Delta College. Diana began her working career in the private sector in August 1983 in commercial entertainment in Swetzingen, West Germany.



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Rancho Cordova was first named Mayhew's Crossing and Hangtown Crossing during the California Gold Rush era. The city was named for the Cordova Vineyard. A Rancho Cordova post office was established in 1955. Rancho Cordova incorporated in July, 2003. **Cyrus Abhar** is the City Manager and **Kelli Carr** is the City Clerk. **Kim Juran Karageorgiou** is the Administrative Services Director.

Cyrus Abhar was appointed City Manager in Rancho Cordova starting in July 2015. Cyrus previously served as the Rancho Cordova Public Works Director and Chief Building Official (2003-2015). He began his career in 1991 with the Sacramento County Department of Transportation (1991-2001). He worked as a partner in a private engineering firm from 2001 to 2003. Cy earned a BS in civil engineering from the University of Texas, Austin. In 2018 he received a 25-year ICMA Service Award.

Sacramento is the Capitol of the State of California. It is said that Sacramento may be the fastest-growing major city in the State. It was in 1808 when the Spanish explorer **Gabriel Moraga** named the Sacramento Valley and the Sacramento River. **John Sutter Sr.** arrived in the area in 1839 and established Sutter's Fort near the confluence of the American and Sacramento Rivers. In 1948, when gold was discovered by **James W. Marshall** at Sutter's Mill many gold-seekers crowded to the area to make it rich. Sacramento incorporated in February 1850. Its 2019 estimated population is 513,624. **Howard Chan** is the City Manager and **Leyne Milstein**, **Chris Conlin**, and **Michael Jasso** are Assistant City Managers. The City Clerk is **Mindy Cuppy**, while **Dawn Bullwinkel** and **Stephanie Mizuno** are Assistant City Clerks. **Dawn Holm** is the Finance Director.



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2013. He was selected to serve as Interim City Manager in November 2016 and he was appointed City Manager starting in February 2017. Howard earned a BA from California State University. In 2019 Howard received a 10-year ICMA Award.

Leyne Milstein became the City of Sacramento Finance Director in February 2005. She was appointed Assistant City Manager in 2017. Previous to her city service, she worked for the State as Director of the Information Technology and Support Management Division for the California Commission on Teacher Credentialing. Leyne also worked as an analyst with the State Department of Finance and as staff to the State Public Works Board. She earned a BA in political science from the University of California, Davis, and an MPA from California State University, Hayward.

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Anthony D. Gonsalves joined **Joe A. Gonsalves & Son** in January, 1977. Anthony previously served as a member of the California State Senate staff for a year and a half. The political process in the State Capitol is exceedingly complex, with more than three decades of experience, Anthony

has had the opportunity to master such complexities. Anthony is widely recognized as one of Sacramento's most successful lobbyist with the longest tenure. He is a member of the CCMF Board of Trustees.

In December, 1998, **Jason A. Gonsalves**, joined Joe A. Gonsalves & Son. This gave Joe A. Gonsalves & Son the proud distinction of being the first California lobbying firm to have three generations of legislative advocates in one firm at the same time. This distinction continued until Joe passed away in July, 2000. Jason has successfully represented many clients before the Legislature and with various state department and agencies in the areas of local government finance, utilities and commerce, public employees' retirement, workers' compensation, telecommunications, and conflict of interest issues.

In October, 2004, **Paul A. Gonsalves**, joined **Joe A. Gonsalves & Son**. Previously, Paul served as a Legislative Aide to Assembly Member Rudy Bermudez. Paul earned a BA in Political Science with a minor in Public Administration from San Diego State University.

Joe A. Gonsalves & Son represents more cities than any other California contract lobbying firm. With 50 plus client cities spread throughout California, a growing number of Legislators were prior members of the "Gonsalves Family of Cities".

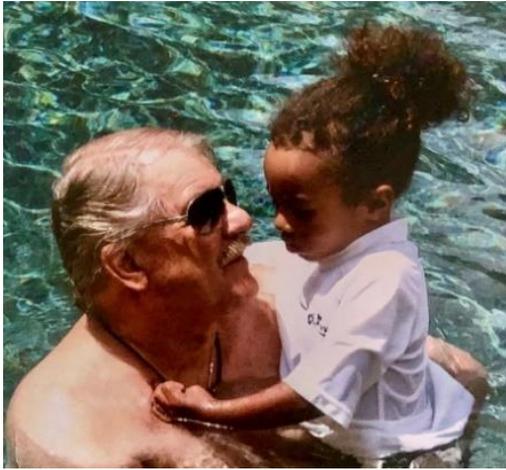
Joe A. Gonsalves & Son continues the proud tradition of being one of the more prominent and successful firms in Sacramento.

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Describing **Joe A. Gonsalves & Son**, the late California State Senator **Ken Maddy** coined the description: "The Gonsalvi." When asked what he meant by the nickname, Senator Maddy responded "It's like alumni, when you guys are working an issue you are everywhere." Members of the Legislature continue to refer to the firm as "The Gonsalvi." When considering retaining a professional legislative representation firm, it is recommended that Legislators be asked about the **Joe A. Gonsalves & Son** firm.

The firm operates on a very personal...family...and professional level, always working hard to accomplish client goals. **Joe Gonsalves** once told a LA Times writer: "**Lobbyist are like parachutes. You don't need them very often, but when you need them, they'd better work.**"



An archive picture of Trackdown's Jack Simpson with his grandson **Tyler Simpson Pouncey**. Tyler is currently a Senior at the Orange County School of the Arts (OCSA) and has been accepted for enrollment at the University of Michigan next year.



Picking Up the Pieces: Hawthorne City Manager **Erick Lee** and longtime City Attorney **Russell Miyahira** have been dismissed. Russell was with the city for 35-years, and was reportedly shocked by the action. Erick replaced City Manager **Arnie Shadbehr** last year after going

through a lengthy hiring process. He joined the city staff as Assistant City Manager in May 2020 and was elevated to the City Manager position in July 2020. He previously worked for the City of Beverly Hills for more than 22-years. He worked in the Police Department and was a Division Commander from 2012 to 2016, when he became Deputy Director of Public Works (2015-2018). Hawthorne's Community Services Manager **Vontray Norris** is the new City Manager. **Vincent Ewing**, a partner at Alvarez-Glasman and Colvin, will be the new City Attorney. Prior to joining the city staff in Coronado in 2016, new Assistant City Manager **Dominique Albrecht** worked in housing and community development for the County of San Diego. Dominique, a State of Maryland native, earned an MPA from DePaul University, and a BA in law from Pennsylvania State University. Dominique is a Certified Federal Contract Manager (CFCM). She is a member of the Board of Directors for the Municipal Management Association of Southern California (MMASC) and is the organization's Director of Programming.

Wayne E. Piercy, former Lakewood Mayor and Long Beach Poly Principal (1932 -2021)

Former Lakewood Mayor and City Council Member **Wayne E. Piercy** passed away on Thursday, April 1, 2021 at the age of 89. Wayne served four-terms as Mayor during his City Council service from 1972-1976 and from 1987 to 2005. Wayne graduated from Long Beach Poly High School in 1949. He earned a BA from the University of California, Santa Barbara and a Master's degree from California State University, Long Beach. He then became an educator with the Long Beach Unified School District. He was Jack Simpson's 8th grade gym teacher at John Marshall Junior High School, where he staffed the gym for the summer recreation programming. He went on to serve as the Vice Principal at Robert A. Millikan High School, and then Principal at Long Beach Poly High School. Wayne served as a LBUSD lobbyist for a time. Wayne made his mark and will be remembered for all the many ways he served the community.

When demonstrators gathered outside the home of Sacramento City Manager **Howard Chan** in political protest, it triggered a large law enforcement response. Civic leaders, business organizations, the California City Management Foundation (CCMF), and civil rights groups condemned the action. It is one thing to protest outside of public office buildings and another to protest at the front steps of someone's home, and terrifying his or her family and neighbors. Retired veteran City Manager **Mark J. Ochenduszko** has been hired by the City of Coronado to serve as the Interim City Manager with City Manager **Blair King's** departure April 29 to become the City Manager in Bainbridge Island, Washington. Since his retirement in February 2010, Mark served as the Interim City Manager in the City of Del Mar starting in June 2011. Mark served as the Coronado City Manager from September 1999 until his retirement. He previously served as the City Manager in Campbell (1992-1996) and Cypress (1996-1999). Mark is also a highly professional photographer who specializes in landscapes and outdoor subjects.

<https://www.markochenduszko.com/>

"We are what we repeatedly do. Excellence is not an act, but a habit." –**Aristotle**



More Pieces Picked Up: Manteca Acting City Manager **Lisa Blackmon** is the newest Assistant City Manager in the City of Waco, Texas. City Manager

Bradley Ford appointed Lisa to become one of Waco's three Assistant City Managers. Lisa went to work as a Deputy City Clerk in Napa in 2011, and she joined the Manteca city staff in 2016, where she served as Deputy Director of Emergency Services and Director of Legislative Services. Lisa and her family will relocate to Texas in mid-June, 2021. Former Santa Monica City Manager **Rick Cole** has been named as a Special Housing Advisor to help Pasadena craft its new Housing Element. Rick resigned the Santa Monica City Manager post last April. He will work as a non-paid advisor to the 17-member Pasadena Housing Task Force. Rick served 12-years on the Pasadena City Council, including a term as Mayor, before going on to serve as City Manager in Azusa, Ventura and Santa Monica. **John Kim** is the new Administrative Services Director in the City of Coronado. John is currently the Vice President of Finance and Administration for Oahu Transit Services in Honolulu, Hawaii. He is a CPA. John will replace **Jim Krueger**, who he will serve as the Chief Financial Officer in the City of Pocatello, Idaho. Livermore-Pleasanton Fire Department Chief **Jeff Peters** has retired after 31-years of community service. He is replaced by Deputy Fire Chief **Joe Testa** and **Aaron Lacey**, who will each serve a six-month rotation while the Cities of Livermore and Pleasanton search for the Department's next Fire Chief. Pleasanton City Manager **Nelson Fialho** praises Chief Peters for his professionalism and extraordinary leadership. On Wednesday, April 7, 2021, the Los Angeles County Division of the League of California Cities conducted a "Post-Pandemic Local Economic Recovery" webinar session. Panelist discussed what steps cities can take to prepare for the post-pandemic economic recovery. Division President **Blanca Pacheco**, Downey Mayor Pro Tem introduced **Dr. Robert Kleinhenz** to address the group. A panel discussion was also included with panelists: **Pat West**, retired Long Beach City Manager and founder of **Pat West LLC**; Paramount City Manager **John Moreno**; Santa Clarita Assistant to the City Manager **Jerrid McKenna**; and consultant **John Molina**. **Jennifer Quan** is the Division's Executive Director; **Kristine Guerrero** is the Legislative Director and **Jeff Kiernan** is the Communications Director.

"Things you don't need in your life target you the most." –**Michael Bassey Johnson**



Wardlow Park in Long Beach.

Longtime celebrated West Hollywood City Manager **Paul Arevalo** will retire this coming summer after service 22-years on the job. Raised in Montebello Paul earned BA from California State Polytechnic University, Pomona and a Master's degree from California State University, Long Beach. He worked for the California State Franchise Tax Board, and then as Assistant Finance Manager in Bell Gardens. He joined the West Hollywood city staff in December 1990 as the Director of Finance, and he served in that position until 1999 when he was appointed City Manager. Paul is a member of the Board of Trustees for the California City Management Foundation (CCMF). Alhambra Assistant City Manager **Lucy Garcia** withdrew her application to be the new City of Baldwin Park Chief Executive Officer (CEO) after the city accepted it. Lucy started her public services career in West Covina as an Administrative Analyst. Retiring Baldwin Park CEO **Shannon Yauchzee** said the city is disappointed, but will continue to search for its next CEO (City Manager). Escondido has confirmed the appointment of new City Manager **Sean McGlynn**, who replaces City Manager **Jeffrey Epp**, who is retiring after 35-years with the city. Sean has been the Santa Rosa City Manager for the past half-dozen years. Previous to that assignment, he served as the Deputy City Manager in El Paso, Texas. Jeffrey will now have the opportunity for some quality family time in Wyoming helping to run the family-owned bar, The Outlaw Saloon in Cheyenne.



Former City Manager **Michael Sakamoto**, **Jack Simpson**, and **Tyler Simpson Pouncey**. (April 2021)



Still More Pieces Picked Up: Newport Beach City Manager **Grace Leung** previously worked for the Cities of Irvine and Sunnyvale. She was the Director of Finance in Sunnyvale (2010-2016), and moved to Irvine in

2016 where she started as the Director of Administrative Services and became Assistant City Manager in October 2016. Grace started as the Newport Beach City Manager in September 2018. Grace earned a BA in urban studies from Columbia University in the City of New York, and a Masters of Public Policy from the John F. Kennedy School of Government at Harvard University. Former Palos Verdes Estates (2013-2019) and Rolling Hills (2007-2013) City Manager **Anton "Tony" Dahlerbruch** is currently an Executive Recruiter for Peckham & McKenney, Inc. Tony is a past President of the City Manager's Department of the League of California Cities (2013-2014). He served on the ICMA Executive Board as a Regional Vice President in 2002-2005. Tony received a 35-year ICMA Service Award in 2019. It was pointed out recently that Tony worked with past ICMA President **Roy Pederson** when Roy for the City Manager in Scottsdale, Arizona in the late 1980s. Tony earned a BA from the University of California and an MPA from American University. **Theresa M. (Battaglia) Gutierrez Teney** is a retiring Administrative Secretary for the City of Lakewood, California. Theresa went to work for Lakewood in October, 2000. She previously served as a member of the city staff in Bellflower in recreation and in the office of the City Administrator. Theresa is beginning her retirement with a marriage to **Barry Teney** as the two eloped April 7, 2021 in Sedona, Arizona. Theresa has been the driving force behind the successful Bellflower city staff reunions. Trackdown Congratulations to Theresa and Barry and best wishes for a long and happy life together.

SHORTS: ***Greg Kwolek** is the new Public Works Director for the City of Morro Bay working with City Manager **Scott Collins**. *Former Walnut City Manager and retired South Gate Public Works Director **Bob Dickey** is filling an "interim" roll as the City of Manhattan Beach recruits for a new Public Works Director. ***Karen Herrera**, retired Duarte Deputy City Manager serves as Vice President of the Foothill Unity Center Board known throughout the San Gabriel Valley as a place of hope for adults and families in crisis. *Condolences to **Kevin O'Rourke** and his family and friend on the passing of his adult son. *One of the Founders of the California City Management Foundation (CCMF), and retired City Manager of Claremont (1988-2005) and Indio (2005-2010), **Glenn Southard**, a San Clemente resident,

Letters and Notes From Readers:

Concerning the April, 2021 issue of the Newsletter: You are the BOMB! In the midst of relocating, you continued to connect the profession. **Howard Chambers** is one of our best! On a personal note, he has reached out and up lifted me many times when his health circumstances should have held him back. As a young guy and even an old guy, Howard has been one of my "cheerleaders." He is one of my Hall of Fame picks. **Lloyd De Lamas** has been a friend to us all, whether you hired his firm (which I did) or not, he is a gentleman and lends a helping hand and advice to all. He is a true friend of the profession! Your recognition of the ladies in all of these editions is great, some I know, some I wished I would have hired or worked for, especially **Rachelle Rickard**. This mission of love by you and Susan is terrific and it fills my heart that we are friends. Jack, keep up the great work, I for one really appreciate it!

--**Wade McKinney**, retired City Manager and past President of CCMF

Trackdown NOTE: We truly appreciate the support we have received from **Wade McKinney** and others. Notes like this make it all worthwhile. We are pleased to know that we have readers.

earned a BA California State University, San Diego, and an MPA from California State University, Fullerton. *Former public relations executive **Chris Mann** in the City Manager for the City of Canyon Lake. *Tehachapi, where **Greg Garrett** is City Manager, is the latest city in Kern County to have expressed concerns about negative impacts of the State's high-speed rail project. ***Denise Ostrom**, a former City Manager in Temple City and Beverly Hills Assistant City Manager, has retired from her position with **Hdl Companies** after a little more than 19-years. *Stanford University graduate **Phil Ansell** has worked in Human Services for the County of Los Angeles for more than 26-years, and now heads up the Los Angeles County Homeless Initiative. *West Hollywood Mayor **Lindsey P. Horvath** is the current President of the California Contract Cities Association and an entertainment marketing professional. ***Juan Garza**, former Mayor and member of the Bellflower City Council is the founder of Six Heron, LLC, a public affairs company. *City of Lincoln Water Facilities Supervisor **Chuck Poole** has been with the city for more than 25-years. *Former Covina (1993-1999) and Azusa (2005-2011) City Manager **Francis "Fran" Delach**, also formerly with **Hdl Companies**, is an Adjunct Faculty Member and City Manager in Residence at the University of La Verne. ***