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Retired Vista City Manager **Rita Geldert** (1997-2011), and her husband **Dale Geldert**, retired Director of the State Department of Forestry and Fire Protection. Following her retirement Rita served for a time as the Executive Director of the California City Management Foundation (CCMF: 2013-2014). Prior to his State appointment, Dale served as the Oceanside Fire Chief for 10-years and also served as Deputy City Manager. He previously served as Vacaville Fire Chief and Merced County Fire Chief. Trackdown appreciates their continued support.

City Executive Professionals in Merced County

There are six (6) incorporated cities in the Merced County. They include: Atwater, Dos Palos, Gustine, Livingston, Los Banos, and the county seat, Merced. This issue acknowledges some of the executives currently serving in these Merced County cities.

Merced County cities are in the Central Valley Division of the League of California Cities. Merced City Manager **Stephanie Dietz** is the 2020-2021 First Vice President of the Division, and Gustine Mayor **Pat Nagy** is the Past President. League Regional Public Affairs Manager **Stephen Qualls** provides division staff assistance.

This issue does not claim to be comprehensive. It highlights some of the cities' professional executives in Merced County. We apologize up front to those we may have overlooked. Some career profiles and public staff members do not post their information for access.



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Atwater is a city on State Route 99 in Merced County. The railroad reached Atwater in the 1870s and a town grew up because of the railroads impact. The first post office in Atwater opened in 1880, and the city incorporated in August 1922. The city is named for **Marshall D. Atwater**, a wheat farmer whose land was used by the railroad for its local station. The Castle Air Force Base, the former World War Merced Army Airfield, was developed north of Atwater. The 2019 estimated population is 29,559. **Lori Waterman** is the Atwater City Manager, and **Lucy Armstrong** is the City Clerk. **Mark Borba** is the elected Atwater City Treasurer.

Lori Waterman was appointed Atwater City Manager in August 2018 after serving as Interim City Manager. She originally joined the city in 2006 and worked as the city's Grants Manager. She was working as the Interim Director of Development Services before being elevated to Deputy City Manager in March 2018 and then Interim City Manager in April. The Atwater City Manager recruitment had been ongoing since the last City Manager, **Frank Pietro**, retired in December 2016. A number of Interim City Managers have served since, including former Merced City Manager **John Bramble**, who was the Atwater Interim City Manager for about 6-months in 2017. Lori became the sixth City Manager in Atwater in two-years period.

Kellie Jacobs-Hunter is the Finance Director for the City of Atwater. Kellie served as the Administrative Services Director in the City of Turlock prior to joining the Atwater city staff. She worked in Turlock from March 2015 to September 2019.

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Human Resources Director **Jeanna Del Real** has worked for the City of Atwater for more than 33-years. She joined the city in May 1988.

Vernice Haddix served as the Atwater Public Works Director from June 2019 until October 2020. Prior to that he was a Maintenance Manager in the City of Yreka (2010-2011), and he worked for the County of Calaveras before that as Deputy Director in Public Works (2007-2009). Vernice is the Chief Executive Officer of his consulting firm; Haddix Consulting. He earned a BS, Master of Aeronautical Science at Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University. He also earned a Ph.D. from Walden University.

Sandy Rahn is an Atwater Recreation Supervisor, and **Margarita Saavedra** in an Executive Assistant.



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Herman R. "Bob" Fast

(September 25, 1927 – June 5, 2021)



West Covina City Manager **David Carmany** shared this note from the step son of the late **Herman R. "Bob" Fast**:

My step Dad,
Herman R. "Bob" Fast, was a City Manager in West Covina for 14 years. He passed away on June 5, 2021 at 93 years of age. Bob was my step Dad for the last

26 years. He was proud of West Covina and the years of service he gave to the community. I heard about everything West Covina daily. His obituary will be posted on Lakeview Funeral Home in Fairmont, Minnesota.

Jon Janzen

Between 1955 and 1965 **Herman R. "Bob" Fast** served as a Program Manager for Aerojet General Corp. in California. In 1965 he was hired to be the Public Service Director in West Covina, and in 1967 he was appointed Assistant City Manager. Bob left West Covina in 1972 when he was selected to serve as the City Manager in Chino. He returned to West Covina as the City Manager in 1976 and served there until he retired in 1990. Bob earned a BS from the University of Minnesota and an MS from California State University. He received a 25- year ICMA Service Award in 1990. After retirement he moved to Fairmont, Minnesota.



Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department personnel, including **Paul Strohman** and **Gil Scholten** meet with City Managers in the 1970s. The City Managers in the picture are **Peter B. Feenstra** and **Jack Simpson**.



"It all comes down to taking care of people and never failing to be there for them."

--**Pete Carroll**

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Dos Palos gets its name
from Spanish Explorer
Gabriel Moraga, who
used two pole-like
trees as Los Dos Palos
and used the trees as a boundary marker. In
1891 a small town was developed nearby. It was
called *Dos Palos Colony*. The first post office was
briefly named "Dospalos" but was renamed Dos
Palos. The city incorporated in May 1935. The
2019 estimated population is 5,527. **Darrell
Fonseca** is the City Manager and City Clerk.

Darrell Fonseca is listed as the City of Dos Palos
City Manager and City Clerk.

Dos Palos Director of Finance & Personnel
Manuela Sousa previously worked on the Dos
Palos Elementary School Site Council, and as a
4-H Leader. She earned a business certificate
from Merced College. Manuela is the President
of the Class of 2019 Parent Club. She remains
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Gordon Bonds is the Dos Palos Public Works and Parks Maintenance Manager. Gordon is the third generation of a four generation Dos Palos family. He is a graduate of Dos Palos High School and holds certificates from Merced College. Gordon is a former Police Reserve officer. He has worked for the city for more than 15-years. In 2018 he was elected to serve on the Dos Palos Oro Loma Joint Unified School District Board of Trustees.

Lori L. Lima is the Dos Palos City Treasurer, and **Craig Hackett** is the Director of Utilities – Water and Wastewater.

Howard Lee Chambers

(December 1944 – June 2021)



Howard died peacefully in his sleep on the morning of Wednesday, June 9 2021, having fought cancer like a warrior for over 6 years. Howard was 76. He was surrounded by family at his Brea home. He kept his sharp wit, hearty appetite and keen sense of diplomacy until the very end. Condolences to Mary and his family and friends.

Howard Chambers: After working as a Recreation Leader in the City of Lakewood, Howard L. Chambers, was selected to serve as a Lakewood Administrative Aide in 1968. In 1969, the year American Astronaut Neil Armstrong became the first person to set foot on the Moon and proclaim, "That's one small step for man, one giant leap for mankind," Howard took an Administrative Assistant position in Rosemead. He was appointed to the Rosemead Assistant City Manager post in 1972. Howard rejoined the staff in the City of Lakewood in 1973 as an Executive Assistant to the City Administrator. He was appointed City Administrator in 1976; the year Russian gymnast Nadia Comaneci scored the first ever perfect score while she won 3 gold medals at the Montreal Olympics with 7-perfect "10" scores. The Lakewood chief executive position was changed in 1980 and Howard became the Lakewood City Manager. In 2011 Howard tried to retire, but was urged to re-think that decision, so after serving in an "interim" capacity for a few months he was reappointed Lakewood City Manager in 2012. Howard earned a BS from Long Beach State University (California State University, Long Beach); and an MA from Pepperdine University. He also earned an MPA from the University of Southern California (**USC**). Howard completed a Program for Senior Executives in Public Administration at the Kennedy School of Government at Harvard University in 1988. In 2001 Howard was the recipient of an ICMA Management Innovation Award in Arts/Cultural. He served on the ICMA Committee on International Activities from 1994 to 1997, and he is a former participant in the ICMA Japan Fellowship Exchange and the Exchange Program to New Zealand. Howard and his wife Mary, married in 1976, reside in Brea. Howard, 68, is known as a friendly and tenacious competitor in golf and tennis and many other games and sporting activities. Ask him about shuffleboard! Howard is the recipient of a very rare 45-year ICMA Service Award. In 2013 Howard received a very rare 45-year ICMA Service Award. He was awarded an ICMA Management Innovation Award-Arts/Cultural in 2001. He participated in ICMA Exchange Programs to Japan and New Zealand.



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Gustine was founded in the 1900s as a station for the Southern Pacific Railroad. It was named for **Sara Miller**, whose nickname was "Gussie." She was the daughter of California cattleman and agricultural pioneer **Henry Miller**. The first Gustine post office opened in 1907. Located in the heart of the Central Valley, Gustine incorporated in November 1915. The 2019 estimated population is 5,882. **Douglas Dunford** is the City Manager and **Melanie Correa** is the Deputy City Clerk and Human Resources Director.



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Former Chief of Police **Douglas Dunford** has served as the Gustine City Manager since May 2017. Doug worked as the Chief from 2011 to 2017. Prior to that he served as the Chief of Police in Livingston (2010-2011) and Escalon (2002-2010). Doug began his law enforcement career as a Deputy Sheriff with the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department (1978-1989). He then worked as a Police Office with the City of Turlock (1989-1993) and then served as a Captain of the San Bernardino Office of the BNSF Railroad Police (1993-2002). Doug earned a BAS from Azusa Pacific University and an MA in leadership from Bellevue University.

Gustine Deputy City Clerk **Melanie Correa** began her working career as an Executive Assistant in a private sector position in Oakdale. She joined the Gustine city staff in September 2009 as an Account Analyst and HR Analyst (2009-2011). Melanie was promoted to Deputy City Clerk/HR Analyst in January 2011. She was made Deputy City Clerk and Human Resources Manager in January 2014. After more than 5-years, Melanie was promoted the Deputy City Clerk/HR Director in July 2019. She earned a BA in organizational leadership from Southern New Hampshire University.

Jami M. Westervelt held multiple job with the Gustine city staff including Economic and Community Development Director and Finance Director.

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Livingston is uphill from where the Southern Pacific Railroad tracks cross the Merced River. Highway 99 follows the tracks through the town. The first Livingston post office opened in 1873, closed in 1882, and re-opened in 1883. The town was named for **Dr. David Livingstone**, an international celebrity as a British explorer of Africa in the late 1800s. An error on the postal application resulted in the difference in his name's spelling and the town's. Livingston incorporated in September 1922. Its 2019 estimated population is 14,896. **Jose Antonio Ramirez** is the City Manager and **Monica Cisneros** is the Deputy City Clerk.

City Manager **Jose Antonio Ramirez** is working his second stint with the City of Livingston starting in November 2017. He worked in the private sector from 1997 and 2003 before he was appointed City Administrator in Orange Cove (2000-2003). Jose then became the City Manager in the City of Firebaugh (2003-2011), and then moved to the City Manager position in Livingston in 2011. Jose left the post in 2015, and then was re-hired as City Manager. In 2020 Jose received a 20-year ICMA Service Award.



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Livingston Finance Director **Vanessa Portillo** began her public service career as an Accounting Technician for California State University, Stanislaus in October 2004. In July 2007 she took a Budget Analyst for Stanislaus County. In June 2012 she became the Fiscal Manager for Alliance Worknet Stanislaus County. Vanessa joined the city staff in Lathrop in January 2014 as an Accounting Manager (2014-2017); and Deputy Finance Director (2017-2020). She came to work in Livingston in January 2020 as the Finance Director. Vanessa earned a BBA and an MBA from California State University, Stanislaus.

Other members of the Livingston city staff include: **Danna Rasmussen**, Human Resources Coordinator; **Randy Hatch**, Planning Director; **Anthony Chavarria**, Director of Public Works; **Jacqueline Benoit**, Recreation Superintendent; and **Deanna Soria**, Administrative Services Manager for the Livingston Police Department.



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Retired City Manager **Doug LaBelle** and his grandson **Matthew DeCrona** after a first round CIF playoff game. Corona Del Mar won 4-3 over Northview (Covina). Matthew got the save striking out 5 batters in the last 2-innings.

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Retired Baldwin Park CEO **Shannon Yauchzee** says that this is one of his favorite pictures of his daughter **Sarah Yauchzee** taken on an off-road desert trip.

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Los Banos was originally settled several miles from the current town. It was a trading post and was named by the Post Office with its designation when it opened its first post office in 1873. When the railroad arrived the town's location moved to its current site. Los Banos has a long history of Portuguese and Spanish immigrants, as do many of the towns on the west side of the San Joaquin Valley. Los Banos incorporated in May 1907. The city's 2019 estimate population is 41,036. **Gary Brizzee** is the Interim City Manager and **Lucy Mallonee** is the elected City Clerk and Human Resources Director.

Gary Brizzee is the Los Banos Chief of Police who was tapped to take the Interim City Manager post following the end to City Manager **Alex C. Terrazas'** tenure. Alex served as Los Banos City Manager from June 2016 until March 2021. Gary previously served as Interim City Manager twice; between November 2012 to April 2013, and again from January 2016 to June 2016. After serving as an Intern with former Congressman **Vic Fazio**, Alex held an administrative post in Mountain View; then a position with the League of California Cities; and before joining Los Banos he worked as the Assistant Town Manager in Truckee. Gary is a life-long resident of Los Banos. He earned a BS and a Master's in criminal justice. He is also a graduate of the 2009 FBI National Academy.



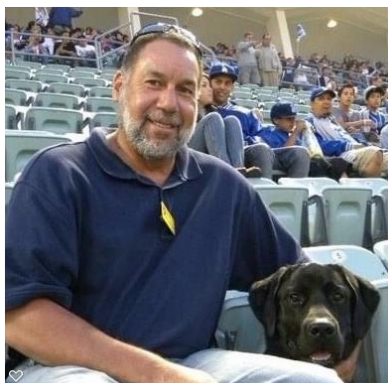
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Joe Heim is the Parks and Recreation Operations Manager in Los Banos. Joe worked as a Park Technician with the Tualatin Hills Park & Recreation District in Beaverton, Oregon (2013-2016). From August 2016 to July 2017 Joe worked as the Director of Operations for Arizona State University Women's Gymnastics. He joined the City of Surprise, Arizona Recreation Department in February 2015 and worked there until September 2018. Joe was appointed to his current post with the City of Los Banos in September 2018. He earned a BA in history from Oregon State University and an MPA from Arizona State University.

Merced is the county seat of the County of Merced. The city is known as the "Gateway to Yosemite." The first Merced post office opened in 1870. The city incorporated in April 1889. In 2005, Merced became the site of the 10th University of California campus. The University of California, Merced is the first research university built in the United States in the 21st century. The 2019 estimated population in Merced is 83,676. Merced has a history of minor league baseball including the California League Merced Bears and the Atwater Angels in nearby Atwater. The Alfred Hitchcock "Psycho" film's famous actress **Janet Leigh** was born **Jeanette Helen Morrison** in Merced. **Stephanie Dietz** is the City Manager.



Former City Manager **Browning Allen** at a Dodger game with guide dog **Basha**. He retired from his Transportation Manager post in Santa Barbara in 2015.



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Stephanie Dietz was named Merced City Manager and City Clerk in November 2020. She worked 4-years as Assistant City Manager and serve as Interim City Manager following the City Manager **Steve Carrigan**. Before coming to the City of Merced, Stephanie worked for Merced County for 10-years, interrupted for 3-years of work for UC Merced. Stephanie served as the co-chair of the Northern San Joaquin Valley Regions Rise program, which is part of the State's Economic Development Initiative. Stephanie graduated with an AA from Merced College and earned a BA from Fresno State University, and a Masters in English from National University. She is also a graduate of the California State Association of Counties Senior Executive credential program.



Retired Irvine City Manager **John Russo**, a past President of the League of California Cities, and his wife **Melissa Russo** dressed for a community event. Melissa is the Director of the San Bernardino County Museum. She earned a BA from the University of California, Los Angeles (UCLA), and an MA in art history from the University of Illinois, Chicago.

After serving as the Merced Interim Director of Parks and Recreation, **Joey Chavez** was appointed Director in October 2018. Joey joined the department staff in 2008. He began his parks and recreation career in the City of Patterson, managing special events, senior programs and aquatics. He is a certified Aquatics Facility Operator. Joey earned a BA in Recreation and Leisure Studies from San Jose State, after graduating with an AA from Merced College. Joey played baseball while in college and was inducted into the San Jose State University Baseball Hall of Fame. ***

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Picking Up the Pieces: Tracy City Manager **Jenny Haruyama** will be the first City Manager in Beaverton, Oregon under a new Charter approved by local voters. Previous to Tracy, Jenny served as the City Manager in Scotts Valley. She

worked as the Assistant City Manager in Livermore before that. Jenny earned a BS from San Jose State University and an MPA from California State University, East Bay. She also completed the California Local Governance Summer Institute at Stanford University. South Gate Administrative Services Director **Jackie Acosta** has accepted the appointment to the Finance Director position for the City of Union City. Jackie has worked with South Gate since January 2015. She previously worked for the City of Carson first as Director of Finance (1995-2000) and then as Director of Administrative Services (2000-2014). Jackie served as the Acting City Manager in Carson from June 2013 to May 2014. She earned a BS in accounting from Loyola Marymount University and an MBA from California State University, Long Beach. Jackie said, "I've lived in SoCal my entire life, so this is a big move, but one I am looking forward to with great anticipation." Jackie, a rabid Los Angeles Dodgers fan, said there is no chance she will change



her allegiance to the San Francisco Giants. **Leslie Caviglia** is the first woman City Manager in the City of Visalia. Leslie joined the city staff more than 20-years ago in administration. She is the first woman to be selected to the Visalia

City Manager position in the City's nearly 100-years history. Since 2013 Leslie has worked as the Assistant City Manager. Historically, Leslie has worked along side five of the City's 11-City Managers. She earned a BS in journalism from California Polytechnic State University, San Luis Obispo. Fairfax Town Manager **Garret Toy** will be the new Sonoma City Manager starting July 20. Garret has served as the Fairfax Town Manager since 2013. He completed previously work assignments in Marin County, City of Morgan Hill, and Stockton. He earned a BA and MPP from the University of California, Berkeley. Garret will take over from Interim Sonoma City Manager **Dave Kiff**. Former South Gate City Manager **Michael Flad** is the new Assistant City Manager in the City of Jurupa Valley. City Manager **Rod Butler** brought Michael on board as the first Assistant City Manager in the City. Michael began his public service career with the City of Burbank in 1988. He served as the Burbank City Manager between 2008 and 2012. He was appointed South Gate City Manager in 2012 and served there until October 2020.

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Retired City Manager **Lauren Wasserman** is a Member of the Board of the Ukulele Society of America (USA); a non-profit club in Southern California which meets at the Oceanside Broiler on Thursdays. There is always good ukulele music and some Hula lessons too. Lauren is a Lifetime Member of ICMA. He served as City Administrator in Montclair (1970-1978), and City Manager in Rancho Cucamonga (1978-1989) and Encinitas (1994-1999).

Maggie Le-Nguyen is the Deputy City Manager in the City of Fountain Valley. Maggie joined the Fountain Valley city staff in December 2015 as the Assistant to the City Manager. She began her public service career in November 2005 as a Management Analyst in Brea (2005-2010); Management Analyst in Buena Park and then in a similar post in Placentia (2010-2015). After serving a short time in Chino as an Economic Development Manager, she came to Fountain Valley. Maggie earned a BA from California State Polytechnic University, Pomona, and an MPA from California State University, Fullerton. **David Wilson** was unanimously approved as the next West Hollywood City Manager succeeding City Manager **Paul Arevalo** upon his retirement. David is the currently Assistant City Manager in the city. Previous to that he worked as the Director of Finance. He earned a BA from the University of California, Berkeley and and a Masters degree in Planning from the School of Policy, Planning and Development at the University of Southern California (USC). **Amanda Lee** has been promoted the Assistant City Manager in the City of Vista. Amanda joined the Vista city staff in 2013 as an Assistant City Clerk. She then worked in Redevelopment and Housing as a Management Analyst. In 2016 Amanda was named Housing Programs Manager, and she was promoted to Assistant to the City Manager in 2019. She will now fill the position left vacant when **Aly Zimmermann** left the city to take the City Manager position in the City of Rocklin. Amanda earned a BA and MPA from San Diego State University.



More Pieces Picked Up: Retired veteran City Manager and professional model train collector, **Richard D. Rowe** sold his airplane and hanger, and now has to rent a plane when he gets the itch to fly. Richard is still active as the Treasurer of the Southern California S Gaugers Club, a model trains group. He continues to serve on the

Board of Directors of the Chino Valley YMCA, and as a Board member and past President of the Chino Kiwanis Club. Richard began his long public service career as an Anaheim Police Officer in 1965. He served as City Manager in La Palma (1981-1986); Needles (2000-2008, the first two years as Interim); and Barstow (2008-2011, the first year as Interim). He also served as Interim City Manager in Canyon Lake (2012-2013). Richard was also the Interim Library Director in Ventura (1997-1999) and Interim Community Development Director in Hemet (1999-2000). Before his first City Manager assignment in La Palma he worked in Bakersfield and El Monte in addition to Anaheim. Westminster City Manager **Marwan Youssef** appointed former State Assembly Member **Tyler Diep** as a independent contractor to help the City seek State and Federal grants and to provide advice on legislation that might affect the City. The former Assembly Member regrettably cancelled the agreement with the City. He currently works part-time as a policy advisor to Orange County Supervisor **Lisa Bartlett**, and he holds a seat on the Midway City Sanitary District Board. Retired Newport Beach City Manager **David Kiff**, who has been serving as the Interim City Manager in the City of Sonoma, and he worked as Interim City Manager for Healdsburg from July 2020 to January 2021, is the new Interim Executive Director of the Sonoma County Community Development Commission (CDC). Sonoma County Administrator **Sheryl Bratton** made the appointment. David is a past President of the Orange County City Managers' Association. City of Industry City Manager **Troy Herring** will retire in August 2021. The City has selected City Engineer **Josh Nelson** to be his successor. Troy has served as City Manager for the past 3-years, and he has worked for the city more than 18-years. Troy came to the City in 2003 after working for the City of Signal Hill. Josh previously worked for CNC Engineering, starting with the company in 1999 as an intern. Former Shafter City Manager **Scott Hurlbert** is the new City Manager in Wasco. He joined the Shafter city staff in 2005 and left Shafter in 2019. He became Deputy City Manager in 2014, and then Acting City Manager that year when City Manager **John Guinn** retired.



Anthony Gonsalves with his good friend, the late great **Howard L. Chambers**

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Here are the Stovers and the Chambers with the late Hall of Fame Dodger Manager **Tommy Lasorda**

"I believe managing is like holding a dove in your hand. If you hold it too tightly you kill it, but if you hold it too loosely, you lose it."

—**Tommy Lasorda**



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Koa and Presley say:
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This picture was taken under the Huntington Beach Pier.

SHORTS: Retired Huntington Park City Manager **Gregory Korduner** and his wife Karen were spotted last week visiting the NASCAR Hall of Fame in Charlotte, North Carolina. *Retired City Manager **Greg Larson** is the new Interim City Manager in Cupertino. *Veteran City Manager **Chris Jeffers**, retired from the City of Glendora, is serving as the Interim City Manager in the City of South Gate. *Brigham Young University MPA graduate **Layne Long** has been the City Manager in the City of Marina since April 2013. *Bellflower High School graduate **Lyndsie Buskirk**, who earned a BS from California State University, Long Beach, has been a full-time Administrative Assistant with the California Joint Powers Insurance Authority since July 2019. ***Richard Hibbard** was promoted in March to Chief of the Independent Assurance (IA) – North and Joint Training and Certification Program (JTCP) branch with the California Department of Transportation (DOT) in Sacramento. *Retired Fremont City Manager **Fred Diaz** (2004-2018), previously served as the City Manager in Tracy (1994-2004) and Indio (1990-1994). ***Mary Reeves** serves as the General Manager for the Big Bear City Community Services District. ***Mark Miller** is the Director of Public Services in the City of Lincoln. *Former Sacramento (2011-2016) and Cincinnati (1993-2001) City Manager **John Shirey** is currently a Director for Golden Pacific Bank in Sacramento. ***Linda Troyan** is the City Clerk Services Director for the City of Rancho Cucamonga. *Former Jurupa Valley City Manager **Stephen Harding** is an Instructor at the Osher Lifelong Learning Institute at the University of California, Riverside. *Since January 2012 **Jeff Stewart** has served as the Bellflower City Manager following service as City Manager in Los Alamitos (2009-2012) and the City of El Segundo (2005-2008). ***Jarad Hildenbrand**, Stanton City Manager since March 2019, previously served as City Manager in La Habra Heights (2016-2019) and Villa Park (2012-2016), and earned a BA from California State University, Fullerton, and an MPA from California State University, Long Beach. ***

"You learn nothing from life if you think you're right all the time." –**Robert Downey, Jr.**