



"Proof of Life" Lunch on June 23, 2022



These pictures were taken at a "Proof of Life" lunch at the North Woods Inn Restaurant in La Mirada. Former City Managers **Ron Molendyk** and **Kevin Chun** and **Pat West** are among past participants. Please join the group at the June 23, 2022 lunch at the same venue. You may RSVP or inquire about the lunch at jack@trackdownmanagement.net

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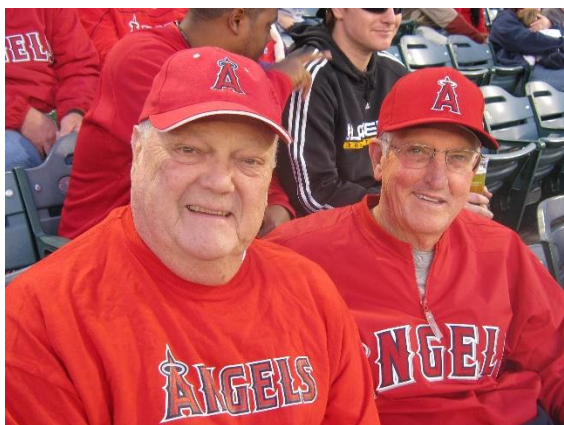
There are nine (9) cities in Los Angeles County, California that have names that begin with the letter "C". These cities include Calabasas, Carson, Cerritos, Claremont, Commerce, Compton, Covina, Cudahy and Culver City. The City Managers include **Kindon Meik**, **Sharon Landers**, **Art Gallucci**, **Adam Pirrie**, **Edgar P. Cisneros**, **Ronerick Simpson**, **Chris Marcarello**, **Alfonso Noyola**, and **John M. Nachbar**.

Condolences to the family and friends of those who we recently lost. Especially former City Managers **Bob Mack** and **Ray Harris**.

Ray Harris (1937 - 2022)

Former City Administrator and professional public administrator **Ray Harris** passed away peacefully surrounded by family on Wednesday morning, May 25, 2022. He worked as Bellflower City Administrator **Peter B. Feenstra**'s Assistant. Ray served with the old RTD with **Sam Olivito**. He served as the City Administrator in the City of Hawaiian Gardens with veteran city managers **Doug Dunlap** and **Paul Philips**. Ray worked as the District Executive for the late California State Assembly Speaker Pro Tem **Frank Vicencia**, and he served as the Transportation Deputy to Los Angeles County Supervisor **Don Knabe**. Ray was a versatile and professional public service manager. Following his retirement Ray served as a volunteer docent at the *Richard Nixon Presidential Library* in Yorba Linda. Ray was always fun to have around. He had jokes and stories that would keep his listeners in stitches. **Ray Harris** is missed by his friends and acquaintances in addition to his family.



Former City Managers **Ray Harris** and **Don Pruyn** were at the Angels' Opening Day, April 5th in Anaheim watching the 2010 Major League Baseball season get underway.



January 2013. **Greg Korduner, Paul Philips, Bill Crowe, Jack Simpson, Ray Harris** and **Bill Holt**.



The late retired City Manager **Bob Williams** chats with former City Manager **Ray Harris**, who at the time was the Transportation Deputy to Supervisor **Don Knabe**.



At a June "Proof of Life" lunch: **Larry Kosmont, Greg Korduner**, and **Ray Harris**.



January 2015. Seated: **Terry Belanger, Anne Haraksin, Tom Robinson, Gary Sloan, Ernie Garcia, John Hammargren**, and **Ray Harris**. Standing: **Gary Chicots, Don Wagner, Jim Barisic, Greg Korduner, Bill Crowe, Steve Harding, John Bolan** and **Sam Olivito**.



Former City Managers **Ray Harris, Jim Barisic** and **Bill Holt**.

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Found in Calabasas is an adobe structure that dates from 1844 and is one of the oldest surviving buildings in greater Los Angeles. Calabasas incorporated in April 1991. It has a 2020 estimated population of 23,241. **Kindon Meik** is the City Manager, and **Maricela Hernandez** is the City Clerk. **John Bingham** is the Administrative Services Manager and **Erica Green** is the Director of Community Services.

Kindon Meik was appointed City of Calabasas City Manager in January 2021 and began his tenure in March, taking over for Interim City Manager **Don Penman**. Kin is a former City Manager in Corcoran and in the City of Lindsay. Lin earned a BA and Master's degree from Brigham Young University, and a Ph.D. in history from Florida International University.



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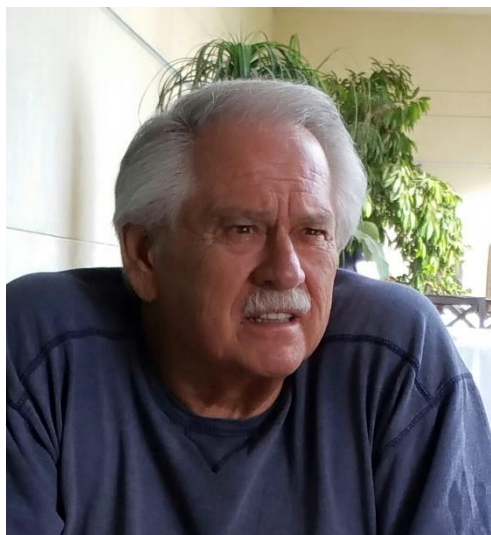
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Carson is the Home of the L A Galaxy Major League Soccer team. Carson was incorporated in February 1968. The 2020 estimated population of Carson is 95,558. **Sharon Landers** is the City Manager and **Khaleah Bradshaw** is the City Clerk.



City Manager **Sharon Landers** began her public service career in transportation with the New State Governor's Office in 1981. She was a Special Advisor on transportation and air quality to the Mayor of New York City in 1989-1991. After working in Albany and Trenton, New Jersey, Sharon came to the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority in 1998. After a time with a consulting firm, she joined the San Jose Redevelopment Agency at Assistant Executive Director (2002-2006). Sharon became the Assistant City Manager in the City of Irvine in 2006. In addition, in 2007 she took the Interim CEO position with the Orange County Great Park, Sharon worked in Irvine for thirteen years, and then did some consulting starting in December 2018. She was appointed City Manager in the City of Carson in May 2019. She earned a BA in psychology and computer science from State University of New York at Stony Brook. She earned a JD from the Union University of Albany Law School. Sharon stepped down from her position with Carson effective March 1, 2022. Sharon is the only female city manager in Carson's 52-year history.

David C. Roberts, Jr. is the new City Manager with Sharon Lander's resignation. He was originally hired in Carson to serve as Assistant City Manager in 2018. He earned a BA from California State University, Long Beach.

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Between 1970 and 1972, Cerritos was the fastest-growing city in California. The city incorporated in April 1956 as "Dairy Valley." The city's name was changed to "Cerritos" in January 1967. The 2020 estimated population is 49,578. **Art Gallucci** is the City Manager and **Vida P. Barone** is the City Clerk. **Torrey Contreras** is the Senior Assistant City Manager. Cerritos has had some highly professional city managers over the years, including **William Stark**, **Gaylord Knapp** and current city manager, **Art Gallucci**.

On August 31, 1986, Aeroméxico Flight 498, on approach to Los Angeles International Airport from Mexico City, was struck by a small Piper aircraft that had strayed into a Terminal Control Area without clearance from Air Traffic Control. The Piper crashed on the grounds of Cerritos Elementary School, luckily unoccupied. The Douglas DC-9 fell inverted (upside-down) and plowed into a dense residential area flattening four homes and damaging others. The resulting fire destroyed eight additional houses before firefighters could bring it under control. Eighty-two (82) people died, including fifteen (15) people on the ground. There is a special sculpture in the Cerritos Sculpture Garden memorializing the incident.



Arthur Gallucci was appointed Cerritos City Manager in April 1991. He had been serving as Assistant City Manager to City Manager **Gaylord F. Knapp**. Art joined the Cerritos staff in 1971 as a Recreation Superintendent. He was promoted to Assistant Director of Human Affairs. Previous to Cerritos, Art worked for the now-defunct Norwalk Parks and Recreation District that was taken over by the City of Norwalk.



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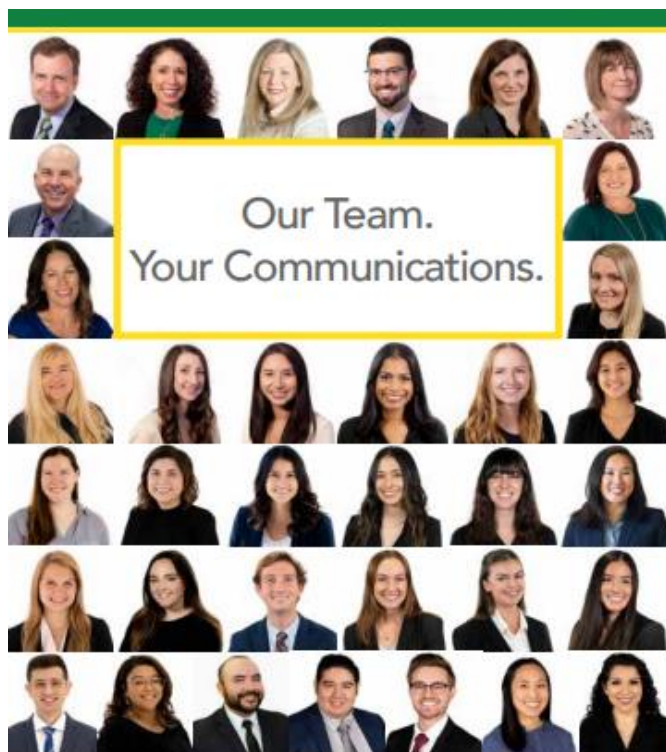
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Claremont was first mapped out by developers following the land boom that came as a result of the transcontinental railroads arriving in Southern California. It is thought that the name "Claremont" came from Claremont, New Hampshire. The city is closely tied to Pomona College, which moved there in 1889. Claremont was incorporated in October 1907. Its 2020 estimated population is 37,266. **Adam Pirrie** is the City Manager and **Shelley Desautels** is the City Clerk. **Nikola Hlady** is the Senior Planner.



City Manager **Adam Pirrie** joined the Claremont city staff in July 2005 as the Accounting Supervisor. He was elevated to Finance Manager in October 2007 and he became Finance Director in January 2011. Adam was appointed full-time City Manager in October 2020 following City Manager **Tara Schultz** into the position. Adam is an alum of the University of California, Los Angeles (**UCLA**).

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Commerce was incorporated in 1960 to prevent neighboring cities such as Vernon and Los Angeles from annexing their industrial land. The current City Manager is **Edgar**

P. Cisneros and **Lena Shumway** is the City Clerk and Director of Administrative Services. **Vilko Domic** is the Assistant City Manager.

City Manager **Edgar P. Cisneros** worked as a policy consultant for the Majority Caucus of the California State Senate in 2006-2007. He then became a Senior Deputy to Los Angeles County Supervisor **Gloria Molina** in December 2007. In 2014 Edgar worked in public affairs for the Public Works Department of Los Angeles County. He was appointed City Manager in Huntington Park in June 2015, and in November 2017 he became the City Manager in the City of Commerce. He served as a member of the Montebello Unified School District Board of Education (December 2013-April 2020). Edgar earned a BA from California State University, Long Beach and an MPA from the University of Southern California, (**USC**).



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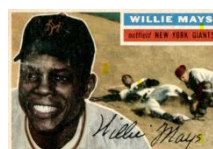
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Retired Walnut City Manager **Rob Wishner** and his wife **Shelly Piccardi Wishner** at the Cliffs of Moher in County Clare, Ireland.

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Compton was the 8th city to incorporate in Los Angeles County in May 1888. The 2020 estimated population is 95,740. The City Manager is **Thomas Thomas** and **Alita Godwin** is the City Clerk. **Triphenia Simmons** and **Michael Antwin** are Assistant City Managers.

Fire Chief **Ronerick DeKeith Simpson** was appointed Compton's Interim City Manager in July 2021. He follows a number of City Managers including: **Johnny Ford**, **Harold Duffey**, **Jerry Groomes**, **Bryan Batiste**, **Cecil Rhambo** and **Craig Cornwell**. Ronerick studied at Columbia Southern University.

Thomas Thomas has been appointed Compton's new full-time City Manager. He previously served as City Manager in Lake City, Florida and as Interim City Manager in Charlotte, Michigan. Thomas earned a BA in political science from Valdosta State University and an MPA from Georgia State University.



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Covina was founded in 1882 by **Joseph Swift Phillips**. It appears that the city was named by a young engineer, **Frederick Eaton**, who was hired to survey the area.

At the time orange and grapefruit orchards covered the city. In 1909 the city was the third largest orange producer in the world. Covina was incorporated in August 1901. Its' 2020 estimated population is 51,268. **Chris Marcarello** is the Covina City Manager and **Mary Lou Walczak** is the elected City Clerk.



Chris Marcarello was a Project Manager in Claremont starting in April 2001. Chris became an Administrative Analyst in Newport Beach in 2005. In September 2007

Chris was hired to serve as the Director of Public Works in Rosemead. He went to San Fernando in 2014 to be Deputy City Manager and Public Works Director. He worked in Glendale from April 2017 to June 2018 as the Assistant Director of Public Works, and in June 2018 he was named City Manager in Covina. Chris earned a BS from California State Polytechnic University, Pomona and an MBA from the University of Massachusetts.



Cruising with Cruz. Here is Santa Fe Spring City Manager **Ray Cruz** celebrating Public Works Week with his city crew, which included a taco cart lunch at Little Lake Park.



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Cudahy is the second smallest city in Los Angeles County after Hawaiian Gardens but with one of the highest population densities. Cudahy is named for its founder, meat-packing leader **Michael Cudahy**. Cudahy incorporated in November 1960. Its 2020 estimated population is 22,811. Following WW II Cudahy residents worked for plants operated by General Motors, Chrysler, Firestone and Bethlehem Steel. **Alfonso Noyola** is the City Manager.



The late **Ray Harris** and **Greg Korduner** met for lunch at Wood Ranch in the Cerritos Town Center on Wednesday, December 17, 2014. Ray began his city services in Bellflower and Greg began in the Cities of Norwalk and Artesia. Greg retired as the Huntington Park City Manager. These two liked playing golf.



City Manager **Alfonso Noyola** is a retired Air Force Major. He was a Medical Service Corps Officer. He served the Air Force from 1979 to 1999. After working in the mortgage industry starting in 1999, Alfonso joined the city staff in North Las Vegas. He worked as the Assistant Director of Police Services (2003-2010) and the Director of Administrative Services (2010-2014). He then served three years as the City Manager in Arvin (2015-2018) and then Boulder City (2018-2020). Alfonso was appointed City Manager in Cudahy in July 2021.

Brenda Rodriguez is the Cudahy Administrative Services Director. She joined the Cudahy staff in September 2014 as a Section Leader in the Cudahy Beautification Project following her service as a local soccer coach (2007-2015). Brenda was a Recreation Coordinator Inter in 2015 and worked as an Account Clerk (2016-2019) and Administrative Analyst from January 2019 to January 2022 with she was appointed Director. Brenda earned a BBA from California State University, Long Beach and Master's degree in public policy from the University of Southern California (**USC**). Brenda is a Notary Public.



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Culver City has been a center for the film and television productions industry. The city was named for its founder, **Harry Culver**. **John M. Nachbar** is the City Manager, and **Onyx Jones** is the Assistant City Manager. **H. Dale Jones** was appointed the city's Chief Administrative Officer in 1969. **Jody Hall-Esser** was the CAO in 1996.



City Manager **John M. Nachbar** served as an Administrative Assistant in Zanesville, Ohio in 1979-1980. He then became and Administrative Assistant in Wichita Falls, Texas in 1980. In 1982 he became the Assistant to the City Manager in Overland Park, Kansas and he was promoted to Assistant City Manager in 1985. He came to California in 1987 to be the City Manager in the City of Patterson and he moved to be the City Administrator of Albany in 1991. In 1994 John took a Deputy City Manager post in Tucson, Arizona. In January 2000 he returned to Overland Park as the City Manager. In August 2010 John was selected for the City Manager position in Culver City. He earned a BGS and an MPA from The University of Kansas. John received a rare 40-year ICMA Service Award in 2019.

Joseph Robert Mack

(June 10, 1939 - March 20, 2022)

Arroyo Grande, California - **Bob Mack**'s professional career included positions as Assistant City Manager in Englewood Colorado and City Manager of Grants Pass and Lincoln City Oregon, Turlock, Arroyo Grande, and Desert Hot Springs in California. He also served as Executive Dean at San Francisco State University. While serving as City Manager in Arroyo Grande, Bob also served on the Board of the Arroyo Grande Community Hospital. A special "Thank You" to retired City Manager **Jim Marshall** for giving us the news.

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Picking Up the Pieces: Fillmore City Manager **David Rowlands** has earned a 3% compensation increase in July. He is receiving a non-California Public Employees' Retirement System pension fund retention bonus of \$5,000. Dave began working in Fillmore in August

2013. He served as City Manager in Clayton from January 2001 to August 2013. Prior to that assignment David served as the Deputy City Manager in the City of Novato starting in May 1998. He earned a BA from California Lutheran University and an MPA from California State University, Stanislaus. **Ray Harris** passed away on Wednesday morning, May 25, 2022. He was hospitalized on Friday for pneumonia and just could not kick it. It is reported that he went peacefully surrounded by family. Ray worked for the City of Bellflower as City Administrator Pete Feenstra's "best ever" assistant. He also served later as the City Administrator in Hawaiian Gardens with veteran City Managers **Doug Dunlap** and **Paul Philips**. Ray also worked as the Field Executive for California Assembly Speaker Pro Tem **Frank Vicencia** and as the Transportation Deputy to Los Angeles County Supervisor **Don Knabe**. He also worked for the old RTD with good friend **Sam Olivito**. Ray was a BIG Indy 500 fan and attended many races at the iconic Indiana track with a group of friends. Ray was a close friend to **Paul Strohm** and **Glenn "Hutch" Hutchinson** of the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department. **Fred Diaz**, the 1987 recipient of the *John H. Nail Memorial Award*, served as the City Manager in Indio (1990-1994), Tracy (1994-2004) and Fremont (2004-2018). Fred earned a BA and MPA from California State University, Fullerton. Fred served as the sixth Fremont city manager. City Manager **Melissa Steavenson-Diaz** of Redwood City married Fred. A criminal complaint and investigation are subjects in the City of Anaheim surrounding the Angels Stadium property and its potential development. City Manager **Jim Vanderpool** has met with FBI officials and city leaders regarding the issues. Former President and CEO of the Anaheim Chamber of Commerce **Todd Ament** is the subject of a criminal complaint. The Anaheim Mayor resigned.



Former CCMF President, and retired Indian Wells and Atascadero City Manager **Wade McKinney**.



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Chief Executive Officer **Jonathan Shull**, and La Cañada Flintridge City Manager **Mark R. Alexander** at the recent California Contract Cities Association Municipal Seminar.



This is the family 1957 Thunderbird of Pismo Beach City Manager **Jim Lewis**. Jim recently cruised through the Paso Robles Wine Country in this car with his son **Troy Lewis**.



Ryder Smith and his father-in-law **Frank G. Tripepi**; two of the best at what they do.



More Pieces Picked Up: Dr. Scott

Andrews, Ed.D. is the newest Assistant City Manager in Bakersfield. He most recently worked as the City Manager in Covington, Georgia. After serving in various positions in Temple, Florida from

2003 to 2014, Scott was the Economic Development Director in Sugar Hill, Georgia, and then Assistant City Administrator for Smyrna, Georgia. Scott earned a BBA from the University of South Florida/University of Phoenix; an MPA from Strayer University, and a Doctorate in organizational management from Argosy University. He received a 10-year ICMA Service Award in 2017. The inaugural **California JPIA** Risk Managers Committee met in May. San Dimas Assistant City Manager **Brad McKinney** is the Committee Chair, and La Cañada Flintridge Division Manager **Arabo Parseghian** is the Vice Chair. **Ursula Luna-Reynosa** was appointed to the Huntington Beach Community Development Director position in June 2018 replacing the retired **Scott Hess**. Ursula previously worked in Dana Point, Vallejo, Tracy and Pittsburg. She earned a BA in economics from the University of California, Riverside. **Ayalneh "Albert" Merid** is an Administrative Services Manager II for the City of Oakland. He joined the Oakland staff in September 2019. Albert attended business administration and supply chain management courses at San Jose State University. He earned a certificate in data science for business from the Harvard Business School online. Goleta City Manager **Michelle Green** who has a planned retirement has decided that she will stay in the City Manager position until September 1. Her original plan was to retire June 30. Michelle has worked for Goleta for 18-years; the last 8-years as City Manager. During the late 1960s when **M. D. "Mac" McKeown** was Paramount City Manager, City of Industry City Manager **Bob Rope** had a commemorative "Happy Birthday" "rock" delivered to Mac's home in Long Beach. After being in Long Beach for about a year, Mac had the rock relocated to the entrance area of Paramount City Hall. Mac's career began in 1956 when he became the City Manager in Dairy Valley (now Cerritos). He served as the Artesia City Manager from 1972 until he retired from Artesia in 1984. A family of city planners has retired from public service. **Brian James** has retired from his position as the Director of Planning and Building in Fountain Valley. He previously served as the Planning and Community Development Director in Hawthorne. Brian's wife **Jane James** retired from her Planning position with the City of Huntington Beach. Brian is a graduate of California Polytechnic University, San Luis Obispo in city and regional planning.



This painting was started on location at Little Corona Beach. The artist is retired City Attorney **David McEwen**. He calls it: "Kids, Water & Water." Dave is an old friend of retired city manager **Lee McDougal**.



Southern Californians **George and Cherry Franco** visiting the Golden Gate and the City by the Bay.



All former city managers: **Tom Robinson**, **James "Jim" Purtee**, **Jim Barisic** and **Lloyd de Llamas**. Jim is the founder of **Brandywine Homes** and Lloyd is a founder of the **HdL Companies**.

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SHORTS: *Retired City Manager **Bruce Williams** is an alumnus of California State University, Chico. *Former Rio Vista Human Resources Analyst and Deputy City


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Clerk (2010-2020) **Marni Rittburg** has served as the Calistoga City Clerk since December 2020. ***MuniEnvironmental, LLC** President and CEO **Jeff Duhamel** says that his greatest joy in his professional life was developing and building the Downey Area Recycling & Transfer (DART) center. ***Mark Scott** served as a City Manager in Beverly Hill (1990-2003), Spartanburg, South Carolina (2003-2009), Culver City (2009-2010), Fresno (2010-2013), Burbank (2013-2016), San Bernardino (2016-2017), Indio (2017-2021) and Interim City Manager in Lincoln (2021-2022). ***Buellton** City Manager **Scott Wolfe** is working with a local group to provide a future home for a community garden. ***Lee Whittenberg**, retired Seal Beach Director of Community Development, who also had a long tenure with Bellflower, has relocated to South Carolina to be close to his grandchildren.


Trackdown's

Jack and Susan Simpson with their five-year old grandson

Koa Ha at his pre-school graduation in Buena Park.