



Cerritos City Manager **Art Gallucci** has worked for the city for 51-years. He has been City Manager since 1991. Art announced his retirement effective June 30, 2023. Art joined Cerritos in 1971 as a Recreation Superintendent and was later promoted to Assistant Director of Human Affairs before he became the Assistant City Manager. He was appointed "Interim" in March 1991 after the end of City Manager **Gaylord Knapp**'s tenure, and Art became the Cerritos City Manager in April 1991.

Marin County Cities Alphabetically Starting With Ross

There are eleven incorporated cities in Marin County. They include Belvedere, Corte Madera, Fairfax, Larkspur, Mill Valley, Novato, Ross, San Anselmo, San Rafael, Sausalito and Tiburon.

This issue of the City Manager Newsletter by Trackdown acknowledges the Marin County Cities starting alphabetically with the Town of Ross. The Town and City Managers include: **Christa Johnson**, **David P. Donery**, **Jim Schutz**, **Chris Zapata** and **Greg Chanis**.

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In 1857, **James Ross** (1812-1862) opened a trading post he called "Ross Landing." The Town of Ross is named for James. He was a Scot who came to San Francisco from Australia in 1848. He made his living in the wholesale liquor business. The first Ross post office opened in 1887. Ross incorporated in August 1908. The 2020 population is 2,338. **Christa Johnson** is the current Town Manager and **Linda Lopez** and **Cyndie Martel** are listed as Administrative Managers and Town Clerk. **Raffaello Pata** is the Chief of Police, and **Rebecca Markwick** is the Director of Planning & Building. The Ross Public Works Director is **Richard Simonitch**. **Gretchen Castets** is the Recreation Manager.



Retired City Manager **Jack Simpson** and Pismo Beach City Manager **Jim Lewis**. Jim stopped by to visit in Rancho Mirage during his family vacation. Jack served as a City Manager for 25-years in three different cities. Jim has been the Pismo Beach City Manager since February 2013. He was previously the Assistant City Manager in Atascadero for more than 8-years where he worked with **Wade McKinney**.

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Christa Johnson began her career in the hospitality industry working for the Pebble Beach Resorts. She worked for the Yosemite National Institute (1995-1996) as an Administrative Assistant and joined the Alameda County Public

Works Agency staff (1996-1997) before she was appointed Assistant to the City Manager in the City of Alameda, where she worked for more than 8-years (1997-2006). In January 2006 Christa began serving as the Assistant Town Manager in Windsor (2006-2011). She served as the Assistant City Manager in the City of Laguna Beach between September 2011 and February 2020. Christa worked as the City Manager in Del Mar (2020-2021) and Interim Deputy City Manager in Fullerton in 2021 before she was hired to be the Town Manager for the Town of Ross in November 2021. Christa earned a BS from the University of California, Santa Barbara and an MPA from San Francisco State University.



Retired Wasco City Manager **Larry Pennell** and his wife **Denise Pennell** getting ready for the Christmas Holiday. Larry retired in 2007 and since retirement has served in "Interim" assignments including McFarland, Fillmore and St. Helena.



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Gretchen Castets has been the Town of Ross Recreation Manager since August 2020. She worked as the Ross Recreation Administrative Assistant Bookkeeper from November 2016 to August 2020. She was previously a Head Teacher at the San Anselmo Preschool. Gretchen earned a BA in environmental studies from the University of California, Santa Cruz and an MBA from Dominican University of California. Among her other academic pursuits, Gretchen spent two semester backpacking in North & South America to study regional botany and improve an understanding of sustainable living practices and agriculture with the Sierra Institute Outdoor Education.



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The name San Anselmo came into use about 1883, and the San Anselmo post office opened in 1892. The town was a silent film capital in the early 1900s. San Anselmo incorporated in April 1907. The 2020 population is set as 12,830. **David Donery** is the Town Manager and **Serge Avila** is the Town Clerk. **Jeffery Zuba** is the Finance & Administrative Services Director. **Dannielle Mauk** is the Director of Community Services.



San Anselmo Town Manager **David P. Donery** worked in the private sector until he joined the San Rafael city staff in March 1989, where he worked for the next 20-years. David was the Supervisor of Pickleweed Park Community Center & Library when he took the Director of Community Services and Assistant Town Manager position in San Anselmo in April 2009. David became Town Manager in March 2017. He earned a BA in recreation administration from San Francisco State University. David is not a member of ICMA.



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and 1992 and returned to public service as a Redevelopment Intern for Contra Costa County. In June 1993. In June 1994 he started as the Redevelopment Project Manager in Pinole. Jim joined the San Jose Downtown Management Division in May 1998 as Manager of Planning and Development. In May 2004 Jim returned to the City of Pinole as the Assistant City Manager. He took the San Rafael Assistant City Manager position in January 2007. Jim was elevated to City Manager in August 2015. He earned a BA in environmental studies and city planning from the University of California, Santa Barbara and a Master's in city and regional planning from California Polytechnic State University, San Luis Obispo. He also completed the Executive Seminar at the Goldman School of Public Policy as the University of California, Berkeley. In 2021 Jim received a 30-year ICMA Service Award.



Cristine (Reid) Alilovich is the Assistant City Manager for the City of San Rafael. After working as a consultant (2000-2002), Cristine worked for the County of Sonoma as an Employee Benefits Manager (2002-2009) and as an

IT Special Projects Manager (2009-2010). She then worked for the County of Marin as Assistant Director of Finance (2011-2015). Cristine was hired for her first city job to be the Assistant City Manager in San Rafael. Cristine earned a BA in psychology from Rutgers University and an MPA from the University of Southern California (**USC**).



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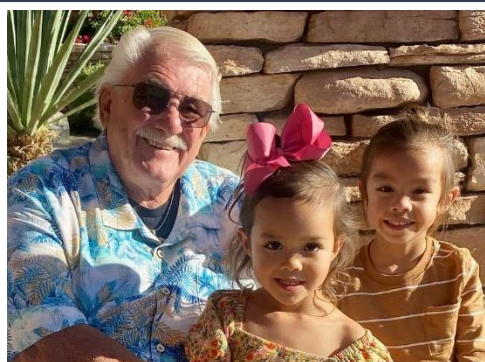


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Retired Arcadia City Manager **Don Penman** and retired Claremont and Indio City Manager **Glenn Southard** at a Southern California "Proof of Life" lunch meeting in La Mirada. Glenn is now a principal at Southard Consulting in San Clemente. Glenn earned a BA from San Diego State University and an MPA from California State University, Fullerton.

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Chris Zapata was the Town Manager in Superior, Arizona in December 1991, and in 1993 he became City Manager in Eloy, Arizona. He went back to Superior in 1995 and then returned to Eloy in 1999. After

serving as the Glendale, Arizona Utilities Director (2000-2002), Chris was appointed Deputy City Manager in Glendale in October 2002. In February 2004, Chris came to California to become the City Manager in National City (2004-January 2012). He became the San Leandro City Manager in January 2012, and in July 2018 he started his tenure as the City Manager in the City of Anaheim. In May 2021, Chris was appointed City Manager in Sausalito. In 2016 Chris received a 25-year ICMA Service Award. He is a past President of the Local Government Hispanic Network (2007-2008). He earned a BA in recreation leadership from Northern Arizona University.



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Sausalito Community & Economic Development Director **Brandon Phipps** worked with the **Kosmont Companies** for a little more than 4-years (2014-2018), and a short time with a realty company before joining the Daly City staff as an Economic Development Specialist in October 2019. Brandon was named to his Sausalito position in October 2022. He earned a BS & BA from the University of Southern California (**USC**) and an MS in local economic development from The London School of Economics and Political Science.

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Tiburon, the name comes from the Spanish word "Tiburón," which means "shark," was first given to the peninsula where the city is located. It is guessed that the name was first given to the peninsula inspired by the population of locally native leopard sharks in the bay waters there. A number of sharks were first spotted in the area when a Spanish ship anchored near there in 1775. The city incorporated in June 1964. The 2020 population is set at 9,146. **Greg Chanis** is the Town Manager and the Town Clerk is **Lea Dilena**. **Suzanne Creekmore** is the Director of Administrative Services, and **Troy Bassett** is the Finance Manager.



After being self employed for a time, Tiburon Town Manager **Greg Chanis** became the Director of Facilities and Operations for Sullivan County, New Hampshire in July 2004. He became Sullivan County Manager in December 2007. Greg came to California in August 2013 to become the Assistant Director of General Services for Santa Barbara County. In January 2016 he began his tenure as the Town Manager in Tiburon. Greg earned a BS in recreation and park management from the University of Maine, and an MBA from Plymouth State University.

Suzanne Creekmore worked as an engineering and public works assistant in Tiburon from 2003 to 2006. After a couple of jobs outside the city, one of which was an HR generalist for a software company, she was hired by Tiburon as a Management Analyst in October 2014 (2014-2019). Suzanne was elevated to be Tiburon's Director of Administrative Services in March 2019. She studied biology at the University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill.



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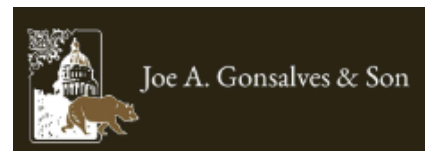
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With more than two decades of experience in the Solid Waste industry, **Jeff Duhamel** has consulted to numerous public agencies.

Under contract for the **City of Los Angeles**, **Jeff Duhamel** conducted site feasibility studies for three potential Solid Waste facility locations, preparing preliminary site plans, traffic diagrams, preliminary environmental programming and project recommendations. Additionally, Mr. Duhamel has provided local municipalities with Solid Waste consulting and auditing services that have recovered millions of dollars of unpaid fees. In 2015 Mr. Duhamel founded **MuniEnvironmental, LLC**, a professional environmental consulting firm specializing in Solid Waste, Recycling and Stormwater compliance.

Stephen Howe: Senior Consultant



Stephen Howe joined the firm January 2020. With 27-years in the solid waste and recycling industry, Stephen brings expert knowledge to the firm.

Trieu Le: Project Manager/Consultant



Trieu Le joined the company in October 2014. He plays an active role in helping clients both achieve and maintain compliance with State requirements by maintaining and implementing recycling and permit programs at the local level. He also conducts internal and external audits for RFPs and compliance.

Trieu earned a B.A. in accounting from California State University, Long Beach.

MuniEnvironmental has the expertise required to help cities meet waste disposal and recycling issues professionally.



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Retired City Manager **Gregory Korduner** at a Hall of Fame Exhibit at the Fullerton Museum. Greg served as City Manager in South El Monte, El Monte and Huntington Park. He worked in various executive positions in the City of Artesia and he began his public service career with the City of Norwalk. Following his retirement in 2011 he served in consultant assignments and as Interim City Manager in Los Alamitos. Greg earned a BA from California State University and an MPA from California State University, Long Beach.



Picking Up the Pieces: Laguna Beach Assistant City Manager **Ken Domer** has been selected to serve as the next City Manager for the City of La Verne. Ken began his public service career in January 1991 with the California Environmental Protection Agency with Governor Pet Wilson's office. In September 1996 he started a nearly 9-year tenure with the County of Orange in various positions. In May 2005 he became the City Manager in Villa Park where he worked until December 2008 when he became the Assistant City Administrator in Placentia. In October 2013 he became the Assistant City Manager in Huntington Beach. Ken was selected to be the City Manager in Fullerton beginning in July 2017. He left there in April and became the Assistant City Manager in Laguna Beach in June 2021. After graduating from Villa Park High School, Ken earned a BA and MPA from the University of Southern California (**USC**). Interim Assistant City Manager **Kiely Nosé** will take the position without the "Interim" on Palo Alto City Manager **Ed Shikada**'s staff this month. Kiely has served as the city's Chief Financial Officer for the past 4-years. She became the Interim Assistant City Manager when **Monique LeConge Ziesenhenn** retired. Prior to joining the Palo Alto city staff Kiely worked for the City of San Jose. She earned a BS from Santa Clara University.



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Laguna Beach Director of Administrative Services **Gavin Curran** is the next Assistant City Manager and Chief Finance Officer as **Ken Domer** leaves the city to become the City Manager in La Verne. Gavin became the Laguna Beach Finance Officer in 2004. In 2017 he became the Director of Administrative Services. Before coming to Laguna Beach, Gavin served as the Assistant Director of Finance in the City of El Segundo. Gavin earned a BDA and a BS in accounting and finance from Loyola Marymount University. Yountville Town Manager **Steven Rogers** announced his retirement in early 2023. He served 15-years as Yountville Town Manager. Steve became Town Manager in October 2007 after working as the General Manager and CEO for the North Tahoe Public Utility District. Before that he was Assistant City Manager in the City of San Bruno (1996-2004). Go **Blue!** Steve earned a BA from the University of Michigan and an MPA from The University of Kansas. Since May of this year the City of Alameda has been without a City Manager following City Manager **Eric Leavitt**'s resignation to become the Fullerton City Manager. Effective December 6 **Jennifer Ott** will be the new Alameda City Manager. Jennifer has served as the Hayward Assistant City Manager and Development Services Director since 2018. She previously worked for Alameda between 2005 and 2018 in various executive positions. Jennifer earned a BA from the University of California, Davis and an MPP degree from the University of California, Berkeley. She is fluent in English and Spanish. Congratulations to **Jeffrey Prang**, former Mayor of West Hollywood (2000-2001; 2003-2004; 2008-2009; and 2012-2013) and Assistant City Manager in Pico Rivera (February 2008-June 2011), for his re-election to the office of Los Angeles County Assessor. He served on the West Hollywood City Council between 1997 and 2014. Jeff has served as the County Assessor since 2014. Jeff was born in Detroit, Michigan and earned a BA from Michigan State University. *Trackdown congratulations to Jeff and best wishes for continued success.*



"Don't be afraid to take advice. There's always something new to learn."
--**Babe Ruth**, MLB Hall of Fame



More Pieces Picked Up: Ben Harvey began his public service career in the City of Bellflower in September 1992. In Bellflower, Ben worked with an executive team that included **Linda Lowry**, and **Mike Egan**, before taking a Management Analyst post in Newport Beach (1997-1999). After a walk on the private side, including time as a Region

Manager for Local Public Affairs for the Southern California Edison Company (2006-2013), Ben served as the Avalon City Manager from September 2013 until November 2015. Ben became the Pacific Grove Interim City Manager in January 2016 and he was elevated to City Manager in April 2016. Ben earned a BA from the University of California, Davis and an MPA from California State University, Long Beach. **Linda Lowry** went on to retire as the Pomona City Manager in December 2019 after 14-years in the City of Pomona, and previously served as City Manager in Diamond Bar and Bellflower. After serving as Bellflower City Manager, Mike retired as the Norwalk City Manager in 2017. Mike recently worked as the Interim City Manager in the City of Artesia while a city manager recruitment was completed. Westlake Village Deputy City Manager **Philippe Eskandar** began his public service career as a Recreation Leader in the City of Newport Beach (2007-2011) and as a Recreation Leader Trainee in Burbank (2005-2013). He joined the Glendale city staff in June 2010 as a Program Specialist and rose to Administrative Officer. Philippe became an Administrative Analyst in Westlake Village in 2017. After serving in progressively responsible positions, he was named Deputy City Manager in July 2019. Philippe earned a BA from the University of California, Irvine and a Master of dispute resolution and a Master of public policy from Pepperdine University. Longtime Cerritos City Manager **Arthur Gallucci** has worked for the City of Cerritos for 51-years. He has been City Manager for 31-years, since 1991. Art announced his intent to retire effective June 30, 2023. He will be most difficult to replace. Art joined Cerritos in 1971 as a Recreation Superintendent and was later promoted to Assistant Director of Human Affairs before he became the Assistant City Manager. He was appointed "Interim" in March 1991 after the end of City Manager **Gaylord Knapp**'s tenure, and Art became the Cerritos City Manager in April 1991. Trackdown best wishes to Art for a long, healthy and enjoyable retirement. Still preaching *servant leadership*. Servant leaders focuss on providing associates with development opportunities. People want an opportunity to be coached and mentored by someone. Since servant leaders put people first, they get to know them on a different level. They help them to develop for future growth and success.



This is a picture of **Susan Simpson** taking a picture of **Jack Simpson, Bruce Barrows, Howard Chambers** and **Art Gallucci** at an event at the Cerritos Centre for the Performing Arts.

Richard Powers, the first Executive Director of the Gateway Cities COG, served in that post for more than 20-years before his retirement in 2017. We were advised by retired Norwalk City Manager **Ernie Garcia** that Dick passed away early this month. He said that **Sandy Groves** gave him the sad news. Richard served as a City Manager in Garden Grove and Norwalk.

SHORTS: ***Jennifer A. Lilley** is the new Director of Community and Economic Development for the City of Riverside. ***Leslie Arroyo** is the new Deputy City Manager in South San Francisco. *Newport Beach City Manager **Grace Leung** appointed Deputy Chief **Joe Cartwright** as the Acting Chief of Police following the retirement of Chief of Police **Jon Lewis** effective December 31. *Retired Irvine City Manager **John Russo** was spotted having lunch with **Sam Olivito**, the retired California Contract Cities Association Executive Director, at J's Deli in Palm Desert. *Former El Segundo (2019-2022) and Thousand Oaks (2005-2016) City Manager **Scott Mitnick** is now a Senior Vice President with **Kosmont Financial Services (KFS)** working with **Dan Massiello** and **Julio Morales**. *The first Joint Powers Authority (JPA) in California was created in 1921 by the City of San Francisco and Alameda County to build a sanitarium for tuberculosis patients. ***Carolyn Steffan** is the City Clerk and City Administrator in the City of Tehama and is the retired Superintendent of the Los Molinos Unified School District. *Sacramento City Manager **Howard Chan** received a raise in pay from \$372,700 to \$400,652 annually; an increase of 7.5%. ***Adriana Nava**, who earned a BA from the University of California, Berkeley and an MPA from San Diego State University, joined the El Centro city staff in January 2014 as an Associate Planner and she was appointed Community Services Director in 2018. *Trackdown Management wishes everyone a very Merry Christmas and a very happy holiday season! ***

“Proof of Life” 2022

Twenty-one (21) veteran public managers gathered on Thursday, December 1, 2022 for a “Proof of Life” lunch at the North Woods Inn Restaurant in the City of La Mirada. A successful event that missed 8 participants of the September 29 lunch. The next “Proof of Life” lunch will be **March 30, 2023**.

Greg Korduner, retired Huntington Park City Manager. Served as City Manager in El Monte and South El Monte, and Assistant City Manager in Artesia. Greg works with the “Proof of Life” lunch venue.

Wayne Wedin, who served as the Brea City Manager for 15-years. Wayne also served as a Council Member and Mayor in Brea. He is the President of Wedin Enterprise, Inc., a financial consulting firm.

Ron Molendyk, former Lake Elsinore City Manager and Interim City Manager in Perris, who took delivery of a 2023 Corvette C8 Stingray on September 25, 2022. Ron is a past President of the Orange County Corvette Club.

Lloyd de Llamas, former City Manager in the Cities of Monterey Park, Lawndale and Woodlake, and a founder and former President and Executive Chairman of **HdL Companies**.

Glenn Southard, retired City Manager from Indio and Claremont. Glenn was a founder and longtime member of the Board of Trustees for the California City Management Foundation.

Jim Barisic, a former Artesia City Manager, who worked in Paramount and Cerritos, as well as, serving in Vietnam with the U.S. Army. He is the founder of **Brandywine Homes**.

Don Penman, since retiring as Arcadia City Manager, Don has served in Interim City Manager posts in Azusa, Covina, San Fernando, Temple City, Ventura, and Calabasas.

Jim DeStefano, retired Diamond Bar City Manager. Jim was Community Development Director for Chino Hills when he was appointed Diamond Bar City Manager in July 2006, and he retired in 2017.

Don Wagner, retired Assistant City Manager in Rosemead where he worked with City Manager **Frank G. Tripepi**. Don has served as Interim City Administrator in Maywood since retirement.

Denise Ovrom, retired Assistant City Manager in Beverly Hills and a former City Manager in Temple City. **HdL Companies** Principal for 21-years.

Don Vestal, a former City Manager in Westminster (1997-2003). Worked for Westminster of nearly 27-years. Served in the U.S. Navy (1968-1972).

Jennifer Vasquez is the City Administrator in the City of Maywood. She previously served as City Manager in the Cities of South El Monte and Bradbury.

Julio Fuentes is a retired City Manager who served in Santa Clara, Alhambra and Pomona. Currently with Coldwell Banker.

Don Knabe, a retired longtime member of the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors, and a former Member of the Cerritos City Council.

Vern Lawson, a retired Economic Development Director and former City Manager in Lancaster and Walnut. Avid and highly professional bass fisherman.

Jason Caudle has been the City Manager in the City of Lancaster since December 2018. He was the Tehachapi City Manager in 1998-2007.

Bill Crowe, a retired Assistant City Manager in El Segundo and former City Manager in Rosemead and an Interim City Manager in Paramount.

Jon Shull is the Chief Executive Officer of the California Joint Powers Insurance Authority. Previously worked for the Cities of Cerritos and Signal Hill.

Jim Purtee is a retired City Manager of Palmdale (2015-2019) and also worked for the City of Simi Valley for 27-years. That means Jim knows **Mike Sedell**.

Debra Kurita is a former Alameda City Manager and Assistant City Manager in Santa Ana and worked as the Assistant Executive Director of Orange County LAFCO. Interim Community Development Director in Westminster.

Jack A. Simpson, who held positions in Paramount, Artesia, Cerritos, Hawaiian Gardens, Bellflower and La Puente. Also, served with Willdan.



Jim Purtee, Jason Caudle, Vern Lawson, Bill Crowe, Ron Molendyk and Don Vestal at the North Woods Inn Restaurant on December 1, 2022.