



Here is **Taylor Gonsalves** and retired La Mirada City Manager **Tom Robinson**. Taylor is the Communications Director for Assembly Member **Freddie Rodriguez** and a student at McGeorge School of Law in Sacramento. Tom is currently Chair of the U.S. Resiliency Council's Legislative Committee. Taylor's father is **Jason Gonsalves** of the **Joe A. Gonsalves & Son** firm. Her grandfather is **Anthony D. Gonsalves** and her late great grandfather is **Joe A. Gonsalves**, a former Mayor and City Council Member in (Dairy Valley) Cerritos, Member of the California State Assembly and founder of **Joe A. Gonsalves & Son**. Taylor works for the firm too.

## City Managers in Sonoma County Cities

Sonoma County is part of California's "Wine Country." The county incorporated in February 1850. The county seat is the City of Santa Rosa. Russian immigrants were the first to establish a permanent settlement in Sonoma County. Fort Ross was established in 1812. The 2020 population was set at 488,863. **M. Christina Rivera** is the Sonoma County Administrator, appointed in January 2023. She has worked for the county for more than 26 years.

Cloverdale begins the alphabetical listing of Sonoma County cities and continues with Cotati, Healdsburg, Petaluma, Rohnert Park, Santa Rosa, Sebastopol, Sonoma and Windsor.

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Cloverdale started as a stagecoach stop. The town was laid out after 1859. Railroad service hit the community in 1872, and by 1878 there were three trains a day service between Cloverdale and the San Francisco Bay Ferry landing. The city was incorporated in February 1872. The 2020 population is set at 8,996. **David Kelley** is the City Manager and City Clerk is **Mike Maloney**.

Cloverdale City Manager **David Kelley** began his public service career as an economic and planning consultant for a private sector company in Chico in April 1995. David went to work for the County of Colusa as the Director of Planning & Building and LAFCO Executive Officer starting in June 1998. After a little more than 3 years as a Senior Project Manager for a private firm in Rocklin, David joined the staff in the Town of Windsor. David left Windsor in 2016 to take the Assistant City Manager and Community Development jobs in Cloverdale. He was appointed City Manager in April 2018. David earned a BA from California State University, Chico and attended graduate classes there. He earned an MBA from Sonoma State University. Outside of work David has served as an Event Volunteer for the *Vineman Ironman Triathlons* starting in 2013.

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In 1870 the San Francisco and North Pacific Railroad completed the first railroad from Petaluma to Santa Rosa. The town of Cotati formed around the wood and water stop called Page's Station. The 1906 San Francisco earthquake damaged many Cotati fireplace chimneys, including the chimney at the Stony Point School. Cotati incorporated in July 1963. Its 2020 population is 7,584. **Damien O'Bid** is the City Manager and **Kevin Patterson** is the Deputy City Clerk. The Administrative Services Director is **Angela Courter**. Cotati's Recreation Manager is **Ashley Wilson**.



City Manager **Damien E. O'Bid** was hired in April 2015. He was the Action City Manager starting in December 2014. He joined the Cotati city staff in 2008 as the Assistant City Manager, Public Works Director and City Engineer.

Following a successful private sector career starting in July 2003, Cotati Administrative Services Director **Angela Courter** joined the city staff as a Senior Accountant in August 2016. Angela was promoted to serve as the Director of Administrative Services in February 2019. She earned an AA from Santa Rosa Junior College and a BA from Sonoma State University. Angela is a Certified Public Accountant.

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Healdsburg was founded by **Harmon Heald** along the Russian River in the late 1850s. Harmon was an Ohio businessman who was a

squatter on the local rancho before he bought part of the rancho. The city was incorporated in February 1867. The 2020 Healdsburg population is 11,254. **Jeff Kay** has served as City Manager since January 2021 and **Raina Allan** is the City Clerk and Public Information Officer. **Andrew Sturmfels** is the Assistant City Manager and **Katie Edgar** is the Finance Director.

Healdsburg City Manager **Jeff Kay** worked with **Willdan** as a Project Manager from October 2005 until May 2009. He joined the City of San Leandro city staff in May 2009 as a Business Development Analyst. He worked his way up in the organization to Business Development Manager (2013-2016) and Assistant City Manager (2016-2018). Jeff served as the San Leandro City Manager for nearly 12-years starting in January 2018. He took the Healdsburg City Manager post in January 2021, Jeff earned a BA from Vassar College and an MA in planning from the University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill.



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Petaluma City Manager **Peggy Flynn** served in communications, government affair and as a Special Projects Manager for the City of San Jose Redevelopment Agency (1998-2004). In 2006 she became the Executive Director of the Downtown Bloomington Association in Illinois. Peggy became the Community and Government Relations Manager for the Sonoma County Agricultural Preservation and Open Space District in 2009. In 2012 Peggy was appointed Assistant to the City Manager in Novato and she became Assistant City Manager in 2017. Peggy was recruited to serve as the Petaluma City Manager in 2019. She earned a BS and attained the Dean's Scholar designation from San Jose State University.



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Rohnert Park is named for the Rohnert family who owned the Rohnert Seed Farm, which started in 1929 and was a major horticultural success. The city was planned and built in 1956 and 1957. The city of Rohnert Park was incorporated in 1962 and has a 2020 population of 44,390. **Marcela Piedra** is the City Manager and **Sylvia Lopez Cuevas** is the City Clerk. **Don Schwartz** is the Assistant City Manager and **Cindy Bagley** is the Director of Community Services.

Rohnert Park City Manager **Marcela Piedra** earned an MBA from the University of Phoenix. She was appointed city manager to take the place of retired City Manager Darrin Jenkins in 2022. She took office in January 2023. Marcela previously served as city manager for the City of El Centro for five years. Prior to becoming city manager Marcela worked as the El Centro Deputy City Manager, Community Services Director, Director of Economic Development, and Redevelopment Manager. She is bi-lingual fluent in English and Spanish.



After working for a private sports academy for a couple years (2007-2009), **Cindy (Toms) Bagley** worked as a Recreation Programs Supervisor for the Town of Windsor (2009-2016). In November 2016, Cindy joined the Rohnert Park city staff as the Community Services Manager. She was promoted to Deputy Director of Community Services in February 2019 and she became Community Services Director in June 2021. Cindy earned an MA in school counseling from Concordia University, Chicago. Cindy served as Captain of her university soccer team and she was named All-Conference. She also played Women's Basketball.



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Santa Rosa is the county seat of Sonoma County. Santa Rosa was founded in 1833 and named by colonists from Mexico. By the 1850s a Wells Fargo post and general store were established in downtown Santa Rosa. The city was incorporated in March 1868. Its 2020 population is set at 178,127. The city manager is **Maraskeshia Smith** and **Elizabeth Licursi** is the Administrative Support Supervisor. **Alan Alton** is the Chief Financial Officer.

From April 2009 and June 2018, Santa Rosa City Manager **Maraskeshia Smith** worked for the City of Cincinnati; first as a Deputy Director of Public Works and then Director of Public Services (2015-2018). In July 2018 she went to work as the Assistant City Administrator in the City of Oakland and in May 2020 she became a Deputy City Manager in Stockton. Maraskeshia was appointed City Manager in Santa Rosa in January 2022. She earned a BS from the University of Kentucky and an MBA from Eastern Kentucky University.

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Sebastopol post office and a small commercial center for the farmers in the surrounding area was established in the 1850s. The California Gold Rush brought many settlers into the area in 1848-1855. Sebastopol became known as the "Gravenstein Apple Capital of the World." The town was incorporated in June 1902. The 2021 population is estimated at 7,448. **Larry McLaughlin** is the City Manager and City Attorney and **Mary Gourley** is the City Clerk and Assistant City Manager.

**Larry McLaughlin** of the law firm McLaughlin & Hendrickson serves as the City Attorney and City Manager for the City of Sebastopol. Larry was appointed City Manager in 2013 after having served as City Attorney since 1987. Larry has announced plans to retire from his joint role as City Manager and City Attorney and return to his private law practice that he founded in 1987. He earned his law degree as a member of the first class of Empire College of Law.

### A Point to Ponder:



A bully is a person who harasses, abuses, intimidates, or coerces people, especially those with less power than they have or considered weaker or vulnerable in some way. Boils down to a person who hurts, persecutes, or intimidates weaker people. There is no room for a bully on an effective executive team.



There are cloudy days in the desert just like every place else.

This is in the Coachella Valley in March 2023.

**A Special Congratulations to Anthony & Evelyn Gonsalves on their 50th Wedding Anniversary.**

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Sonoma is one of the principal communities in California's Wine Country. Mission San Francisco Solano is the direct predecessor to the founding of Sonoma. In 1834, **George C. Yount** worked on the Mission construction. After

a time of military control a town council was established in 1844. The city was incorporated in September 1883. Its 2020 estimated population is 11,024. **Mark Linder** has served as the Interim City Manager since January 2023. **Sue Casey** had served as Acting City Manager starting in February 2022. **Rebekah Barr** is the Sonoma City Clerk starting in August 2016. **Cathy Capriola** was City Manager from January 2017 to December 2020. **Carol Giovanatto** is a retired Sonoma City Manager (December 2012 – January 2017).

Interim City Manager **Mark R. Linder** is a former Assistant City Manager for the City of San Jose (2002-2006) and Deputy City Manager (2006-2008). Mark served as the City Manager for the City of Campbell from February 2013 to December 2016. He earned a BA from Macalester College and an MPA from San Jose State University.



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Windsor's first European settlers arrived in 1851. A post office was established in 1855. **Hiram Lewis** was the first postmaster and named the town Windsor for England's Windsor Castle. Northwestern Pacific Railroad came to Windsor in 1872, providing a convenient connection to the Bay Area. During WW II a U.S. Army Air Forces training air base was built. The airport is now the Charles M. Schulz – Sonoma County Airport. The town survived as an unincorporated community until July 1992 when Windsor incorporated. The 2019 estimated population is 27,128. **Jon Davis** is the Town Manager and **Irene Camacho-Werby** is the City Clerk.





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Windsor Town Manager **Jon Davis** was appointed in August 2022. He previously served as Director of the Windsor Parks and Recreation Department. He succeeded Town Manager **Ken MacNab**, who retired in December 2021, and took over from Interim Town Manager **Mark Linder**. Jon first came to work for the town in 2003 starting as a Recreation Program Coordinator. Jon was promoted to Parks and Recreation Department Director. Jon began his public service career working for the cities of Irvine and Santa Barbara.

Windsor Parks and Recreation Director **Olivia Lemen** joined the town staff in December 2014 as a Management Analyst in the Parks and Recreation Department. She previously worked as Recreation Manager in the City of Calistoga (2009-2014). Olivia earned a BS in applied mathematics from Humboldt State University.



This picture was taken at the Thursday, March 30, 2023 "Proof of Life" lunch in La Mirada. L to R: Jack Simpson, **Bill Crowe**, **Jeff Collier** and **Wade McKinney**. The next "Proof of Life" lunch is set for Thursday, June 29, 2023 at the North Woods Inn Restaurant in La Mirada. Please save the date and let your interest be known.

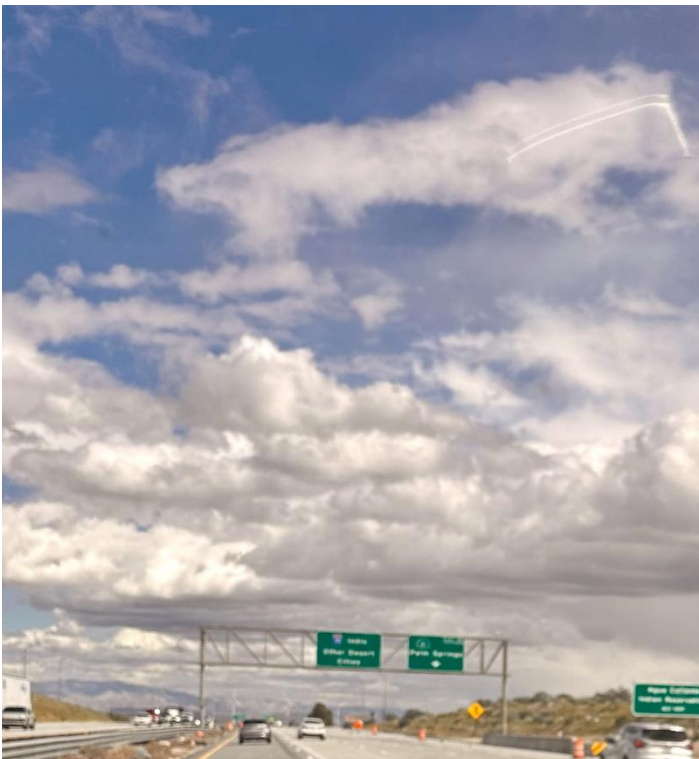


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## “Proof of Life”

Eighteen (18) veteran public managers gathered on Thursday, March 30 for a “Proof of Life” lunch at the North Woods Inn Restaurant in La Mirada. They included:

**Jeff Collier**, retired Whittier City Manager who recently completed an interim City Manager assignment in Fullerton.

**Greg Korduner**, retired Huntington Park City Manager. Greg works with the lunch venue to establish future meetings; an important “Proof of Life” meeting function.

**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 Monterey Park, Lawndale and Woodside, and a founder 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 (CCMF).

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

**Mike Egan**, a retired Norwalk City Manager and longtime Bellflower City Manager. Mike recently served as the Interim City Manager in Artesia.

**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. 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, and with Lynwood.

**Don Vestal**, former City Manager for the City of Westminster. Don worked for Westminster for nearly 27 years. He was City Manager from April 1997 to December 2003. He is a U. S. Navy veteran. He worked with **HdL Companies** from March 2007 to June 2018.

**David Carmany**, West Covina City Manager. Dave previously served as city manager in the cities of La Puente, Manhattan Beach, Seal Beach, Pacificia, Malibu and Agoura Hills. He worked with **PARS** from 2003 to 2007.

**Wade G. McKinney**, retired Indian Wells city manager who previously served as city manager in Atascadero, and Shafter. Wade is a past President of the California City Management Foundation (CCMF). He started his public service career as a planner in La Puente.

**Larry Kosmont** is the Chair and CEO at **Kosmont Companies**. The company is a nationally recognized real estate and economic development advisory firm. Larry served as City Manager in Bell Gardens and as Interim City Administrator in Montebello. He earned an MPA from the University of Southern California (**USC**).

**Bill Crowe** retired as the Assistant City Manager in El Segundo. He previously served as the Rosemead City Manager and early in his career he was Interim City Manager in Paramount before working as a Deputy to County Supervisor **Peter Schabarum**.

**Shannon Yauchzee**, retired Baldwin Park City Manager. He served as Interim City Manager in Fontana (2021-2022). He served as the West Covina Director of Public Works for 18-years (1996-2014) and he worked with **Willdan** (1989-1996); and

**Jack A. Simpson**, who held positions in Paramount, Artesia, Cerritos, Hawaiian Gardens and Bellflower. Also, served as an Interim department head in La Puente. Former member of the CCMF Board of Trustees. Also, worked with **Willdan**.



**Wade McKinney** with **Jack Simpson** at the March 30 “Proof of Life” lunch in La Mirada.

The next lunch is planned for Thursday, June 29, 2023.





Retired California Contract Cities Association Executive Director **Sam Olivito** and his wife **Sharon Olivito** at a recent event in Indian Wells. Sam is a past participant in the "Proof of Life" program. **Marcel Rodarte** is the current CCCA Executive Director.

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**Picking Up the Pieces:** Pasadena Human Resources Manager **Alex Souto** has been promoted to Deputy City Manager. He came to work for Pasadena in 2015 as a Principal Human Resources Analyst. Alex was elevated to Human Resources Manager in 2016. Before joining the Pasadena city staff, Alex worked as the Human Resources Manager in the City of Bell Gardens (2013-2015), and he was a Human Resources Associate in Glendale (2008-2013). He earned an MPA from California State University, Northridge. Pasadena City Manager **Miguel Márquez** announced that **Jennifer Paige** and **Tiffany Jacobs-Quinn** have been promoted to Directors of their departments. Jennifer has been serving as the Acting Director of Planning & Community Development since last summer. She came to work for the department in 2000 as an Associate Planner and she became the Deputy Director in 2016. Prior to Pasadena, Jennifer held positions with the Cities of Claremont, Lake Forest and Burbank. Tiffany came to work for Pasadena in 2009 as a Management Analyst in employee relations. She was appointed Human Resources Manager in 2014. Needles City Manager **Rick Daniels** appeared before the Needles Chamber of Commerce business breakfast. According to Rick, Needles has led San Bernardino County cities in percentage growth evaluation of real estate buildings and property value for the past five or six years. Rick is a past President/CEO of the Coachella Valley Economic Partnership (2002-2006) and he was Executive Director of the Salton Sea Authority (2006-2007). He was City Manager in Desert Hot Springs (2007-2013) prior to joining the Needles staff as City Manager in September 2013. We got it wrong in the last issue's "SHORTS." **Roy Pederson** began his storied public service career in 1960 working for City Manager **Milt Farrell** in the City of Rosemead (1960-1961) and La Mirada with City Manager **Chapman Bone** (1961-1964). Roy completed professional work assignments in Porterville, Montebello, Scottsdale, Colorado Spring, Fountain Hills, and the counties of Yolo, Maricopa and Nevada. Roy earned a BA in political science from the University of California, Los Angeles (**UCLA**), and MA in government from California State University, Los Angeles, and he was a Coro Foundation Intern. Roy is a past President of ICMA. The Rossmoor Community Services District has a population of approximately 10,500. The district is an unincorporated area located between the cities of Seal Beach and Los Alamitos. General Manager **Joe Mendoza**, a retired City of Cerritos Recreation Services Superintendent, was hired by the District in October 2018. Joe worked as a Deputy Director with the Los Angeles County Community Services Agency following his retirement from Cerritos.



**More Pieces Picked Up:** **Cornelius "Con" Johnson**, Antioch City Manager, has been placed on administrative leave. Con was appointed City Manager last October with a two-year employment agreement. Human Resources Director **Ana Cortez** is the Acting City Manager. There has been talk of a recruitment to replace Con. Former Assistant City Manager

**Rosanna Bayon Moore** left the city in late February to become the City Administrator in the City of Piedmont. Con was hired to replace retired City Manager **Ron Bernal**. Con is a former San Francisco Police Captain, though his retirement records show he retired as a Police Lieutenant. Former Orange County Treasurer **Chriss Street** is the new Chief Executive Officer for the County of Shasta. Chriss is known as one of those involved in the movement to divide the State of California into two States. Chriss has roots in Shasta County. Local media reported that he returned to the area to care for his parents. He has operated his business and government consulting firm, Chriss Street & Company since January 1994. He has served as an Adjunct Professor at California State University, Dominguez Hills since August 2011. He was elected Orange County Treasurer from January 2006 until January 2011. Chriss earned a BS in economics from the University of California, Irvine. Irvine City Manager **Oliver Chi**, a public management veteran, was interviewed by FBI agents as part of an investigation of the city. Oliver has been City Manager since November 2021. He said that the FBI had questions related to an ongoing investigation that they are engaged in related to issues in and around Irvine. Oliver became the sixth Irvine City Manager in December 2021. He previously served as City Manager in Huntington Beach, Monrovia and Rosemead. He held other executive posts in Barstow, Claremont and Arcadia. Oliver earned a BA from the University of California, Los Angeles (**UCLA**) and an MPA from the University of Southern California (**USC**). A vociferous group of residents continue to complain about the appointment of new Yucaipa City Manager **Chris Mann**. A city investigation found no evidence to support claims the group made. Chris is the successor to retired City Manager **Ray Casey**. Chris grew up in the Dallas, Texas area, which has made him a huge Dallas Cowboys fan. Chris is a former Director and President of the Yucaipa Valley Water District (2016-2023) and served as the City Manager for the City of Canyon Lake (2019-2023). He earned a BA in political science, a BS in psychology and an MPPA from California Lutheran University. He is also the Founder of the Inland Empire Taxpayers Association (2006-2019).



**Roger Bradley**, Corona Assistant City Manager (2020-2023), is the new City Manager in the City of Downey. He is replacing the retiring City Manager **Gilbert Livas**, and Interim City Manager **Mark Scott**. Roger previously served as the Director of Community Services for the City of Claremont (2016-2018). He also was the Assistant County Administrative Officer for Kings County (2018-2020). Roger worked as Assistant to the City Manager in the City of Dublin for 10 years (2006-2016). Roger served in the United States Marine Corps from June 1993 to June 1997. He left the service in Twentynine Palms as a Corporal. Roger earned a BA in political science and government and a BS in statistics from Brigham Young University and an MPA from the Sol Price School of Public Policy at the University of Southern California (**USC**). Following a 14-year local government career, **Chuck Robinson** is the Owner & CEO of Building Blocks Therapy 4 Kids, LLC with locations in Riverside and San Dimas. Chuck's wife **Maegan Robinson** created the company to provide an environment of support, love, acceptance, and positive reinforcement that enables children to respond to therapeutic intervention. Chuck was an Administrative Assistant for Laguna Beach (2000-2002), Deputy City Manager in Walnut (2002-2012) and Deputy City Manager in Tustin (2012-2014). Chuck earned an MPA from the University of La Verne.

"A mistake that makes you humble is better than an achievement that makes you arrogant."  
---Islamic Scholar **Sheikh Hamza Yusuf**






**Still More Pieces Picked Up: Stephen Heaney**, retired from the Stifel Municipal Securities Group in 2019, earned a BA from Texas Tech University and an MPA from the Maxwell School of Citizenship and Public Affairs of Syracuse University. Steve is a longtime former member of the California City

Management Foundation (CCMF) Board of Directors. He was also a Scoutmaster with the Boy Scouts of America Los Angeles Council. Steve worked with Stone & Youngberg for nearly 24 years prior to the firm's acquisition by Stifel.

**SHORTS: \*Maraskeshia Smith** took the Santa Rosa City Manager post after City Manager **Sean McGlynn** left to be the Escondido City Manager and former City Manager **Jeff Kolin** served as Interim City Manager. \*More than 20,000 runners and walkers took to the streets of Los Angeles for the 26.2 mile 38<sup>th</sup> annual L.A. Marathon on Sunday, March 19. \*Former Institute of Government CEO **Joanne Speers**, Local Government Ethics Thought Leader, is featured on the cover of the March 2023 issue of PM magazine. \***Ethan N. Elkind**, Director of the Climate Program at the University of California Laws Center, says that COVID, development of remote working and crime have mass transit systems in crisis. \***Paula Cone** of **Hdl Companies** previously worked for the City of Lawndale as Director of Parks and Recreation (July 1970-March 1981) and Assistant City Manager (March 1981-March 1990). \***Dr. Justin Tucker, PhD**, Assistant to the City Manager in the City of Corona is a former Professor at California State University, Fullerton (August 2008-December 2021). \*Los Angeles County District Attorney **George Gascon** has dissolved the Victim Impact Program, which is the county's special victims' unit. \*State Secretary of California Natural Resources **Wade Crowfoot** joined local government officials in the Central Valley to celebrate a \$15 million grant funding support for local water projects in February. \*Congratulations to City Manager **Jim Lewis**, a former Atascadero Assistant City Manager, who celebrated his 10-year anniversary as the Pismo Beach City Manager in February. \***John "Mac" McLaughlin**, the 2003 founding President and CEO of the USS Midway Museum in San Diego, has retired. \***Lisa Pope**, who earned a BS in kinesiology and exercise science from the University of Southern California (**USC**), was the City Clerk and IT Director in the City of Whittier (2017-2019) before becoming the City Clerk for the City of Vernon in October 2019. \*Santa Clarita Director of Recreation and Community Services **Janine Prado** earned an MPA and a BA in child development from California State University, Northridge. \*Applause to Huntington Park retiree **Claude Bilodeau** for the successful 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Los Amigos Kiwanis Car Show.\*\*\*



**Mike Egan & Greg Korduner** on the left and **Jim Barisic** of **Brandywine Homes** and **Wayne Wedin** at the March "Proof of Life" lunch on the right side.


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