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There are ten cities in the County of Ventura including Camarillo, Fillmore, Moorpark, Ojai, Oxnard, Port Hueneme, Santa Paula, Simi Valley, Thousand Oaks and Ventura. We are recognizing these cities in two issues with five cities in each issue. Ventura County was named for the Mission San Buenaventura and established in March 1872. The county seat is the city of Ventura. Ventura County was officially separated from the County of Santa Barbara in January 1873. The Ventura County Chief Executive Officer is **Dr. Sevet Johnson**, and the Assistant County Executive Officer is **Mike Pettit**. **Kaye Mand** is the County Chief Financial Officer and **Shawn Atin** is the Director of Human Resources. The 2020 Ventura County estimated population is 843,843.

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Camarillo where the town that has the family name was established. The community's growth was slow from its founding through World War II. Travel from Camarillo to Los Angeles was difficult at the time. Camarillo incorporated in October 1964. The 2020 population is set at 70,741. Actress **Kaley Cuoco** is a notable Camarillo person. **Greg Ramirez** is the City Manager and **Carmen Nichols** is the Assistant City Manager. **Mark Uribe** is the Camarillo Director of Finance.

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Greg Ramirez is a well-thought-of veteran city manager. He worked as a member of the League of California staff before his municipal career kicked-off. Greg served as the City Manager for the City of Agoura Hills from November 2003 until June 2020 when he moved to Camarillo. Greg earned a BS in economics from California Polytechnic State University, San Luis Obispo, and an MS in economics from California State University, East Bay.

Camarillo Assistant City Manager **Carmen Nichols** began her public service career as a Human Resources Administrator in October 1995 in the City of Port Hueneme. She became the Assistant to the City Manager in Port Hueneme in January 2009 and in February 2014, Deputy City Manager. From August 2017 to December 2018, Carmen worked as the Deputy City Manager in the City of Goleta. She joined the Camarillo city staff in December 2018 as the Director of Administrative Services. Carmen was promoted to Assistant City Manager in March 2020. She earned a BA in organizational leadership, and a BS from the University of La Verne and an MPA and MA in public policy from California Lutheran University. Carmen served as the Chair of the Channel Islands Region for MMASC.



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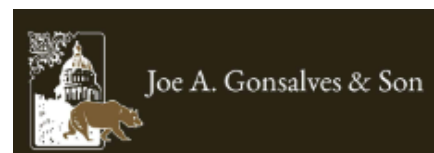
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Current Camarillo City Manager **Greg Ramirez** succeeded City Manager **Dave Norman**, who retired in 2020. **Tully Clifford** served as Interim City Manager when Dave stepped down in April. Greg started his tenure in July. Dave served as City Manager starting in 2016. He joined the Camarillo city staff as the Community Development Director in 2012. Dave previously served as the City Manager for Port Hueneme for nearly 6 years. Dave earned an MPA from California State University, Hayward. His first city staff job was in Lubbock, Texas. During his career Dave worked for 12 different municipal governments.

J. W. "Bill" Little, born in Duncan, Oklahoma, is a former City Manager in the City of Camarillo (1988-2000). He came to Camarillo after serving as City Manager in the cities of Ferndale, Michigan; Wyoming, Michigan; Wauwatosa, Wisconsin; and the City of Orange (January 1984-November 1988). Bill began his public service career in 1959 as an Administrative Analyst in Wichita, Kansas, and as Assistant to the City Manager in Toledo, Ohio. Bill earned a BA and a Masters from Wichita State University. He received a 40-year ICMA Service Award in 1999. After his retirement, Bill served as a Mayor and Council Member in Camarillo. At age 76, he was elected to the City Council starting in 2012.



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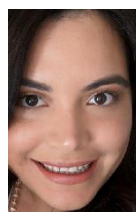
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Fillmore was founded in 1887 when the Southern Pacific Railroad arrived. Previous to that, a community developed in the area originally populated by followers of Franciscan missionary **Juan Crespi**. The City of Fillmore incorporated in July 1914. The 2019 estimated population is 15,598. **David Rowlands** is the City Manager and **Olivia Carrera Lopez** is the City Clerk. **Erika Herrera** is the Assistant City Manager.



David W. Rowland began serving as the Deputy City Manager in the City of Novato in May 1998. He left that position in January 2001 when he was hired to be the City Manager in the City of Clayton, Ohio. David returned to California in August 2013 to begin serving as the Fillmore City Manager. David earned a BA in political science from California Lutheran University and an MPA from California State University, Stanislaus. David is a past President of the Ohio City and County Management Association.



Erika Herrera-Terriquez has been the Fillmore Assistant City Manager since August 2021. After working for the Santa Barbara Unified School District, Erika joined the City of Fillmore staff in September 2019 as Deputy City Clerk and Human Resources Director. In short order she demonstrated her abilities and August 2021 she was made Assistant City Manager. Erika earned a BA and MPA from California Baptist University.

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--**Bob Moawad**, Edge Learning Institute

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Moorpark is likely named for the Moorpark apricot which grew in the area. A map showing the townsite was prepared in 1900. A Moorpark post office application was submitted in June 1900 and

approved by August 1900. Moorpark was on the main route of the Southern Pacific Railroad's Coast Line. Moorpark was one of the first cities that operated off commercial nuclear power in the entire world and second to Arco, Idaho. The city was incorporated in July 1983 though founded in 1887. The 2019 estimated population is 36,375. **Troy Brown** is the City Manager and **Ky Spangler** is the City Clerk. **PJ Gagajena** is the Assistant City Manager and **Brian Chong** is the Assistant to the City Manager. **Jeremy Laurentowski** is the Director of Parks and Recreation. **Daniel Kim** is the City Engineer and Public Works Director and **Carlene Saxton** is the Director of Community Development. **Kevin Ennis**, of **Richards Watson & Gershon** (RWG), is the City Attorney.

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City Manager **Troy S. Brown** began his public service career as a Recreation Leader for Santa Clarita in July 1994. Troy moved up in the Santa Clarita city staff to Recreation Coordinator (1997-1998); Information Technology Specialist (1998-2000); and Management Analyst (August 2000-February 2003). Troy became the Assistant to the City Manager in Riverside in February 2003. He started a similar position in Elk Grove in November 2004. After working as a Budget Manager for about a year, Troy left Elk Grove and took the Assistant City Manager post in Livermore (2009-2014). He was selected to serve as the City Manager in the City of Tracy starting in September 2014. He left Tracy in September 2017. Troy was recruited to be the Moorpark City Manager starting in March 2018. He earned a BA from California State University, Northridge and an MPA from California State University, San Bernardino. Troy received a 25-year ICMA Service Award in 2020. He served as the ICMA Executive Board President in 2021-2022.

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Steven A. Kueny led Moorpark city Hall as City Manager for more than 30 years. He retired after serving as city manager starting in 1984, making him the longest serving city manager in Ventura County. Steve began his public service career in March 1975 as an Administrative Aide in the City of Commerce. In May 1976, Steve took an Administrative Assistant post in the City of Walnut. Steve became the Assistant to the City Manager in June 1978 and in July 1980 he started his tenure as the Walnut Assistant City Manager. He started as the City Administrator in Tehachapi in June 1981. He began as the Moorpark City Manager in July 1984. Steve retired in March 2018. He received a rare 40-year ICMA Service Award in 2015. He earned a BA and Masters from California State University.

Pennsylvania State University graduate **Hugh Riley**, a Vietnam War veteran, served as the Moorpark Assistant City Manager. After Hugh left Moorpark in December 2014 he served as the Executive Director of the Ventura Council of Governments starting in March 2016 succeeding former Simi Valley City Manager **Laura Behjan**. Hugh began his career in January 1974 in Tucumcari, New Mexico. He became the Assistant Manager in January 1978 and Deputy City Manager in 1984. Hugh was hired as the Tucumcari, New Mexico City Manager in March 1985. In June 1988 Hugh came to California to be the Hollister City Manager. In August 1994 Hugh started his tenure as the City Manager of the City of Temple City. Hugh left Temple City in October 1999 and joined the Moorpark city staff as Assistant City Manager in April 2000. He received a 40-year ICMA Service Award in 2014.

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Ojai (pronounced "Oh-Hi") is derived from the native American word for "moon." In 1874 the town was laid out by **R. G. Surdam** and named Nordhoff for the writer **Charles Nordhoff**. The high school in Ojai is Nordhoff High School. The Ventura and Ojai Valley Railroad connected the community to the national rail network in 1898. Ojai has developed into a tourist destination with boutique lodging, recreation opportunities, and a famous farmers' market. The city was incorporated in August 1921. Its 2020 population is set at 7,637. **James Vega** is the City Manager.



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Ojai City Manager **James Vega** worked as an Associate Attorney for Civil Litigation Firm from August 2012 to December 2014. He has been a member of the California

State Bar since January 2013. In December 2014, James took a Management Analyst III position with the City of Oxnard. James joined the Ojai city staff in March 2017 as the Assistant City Manager. He served as Interim City Manager in 2019 between May and June, when he was appointed City Manager. James earned a BA in English language and literature from California State University, Channel Islands and a Juris Doctorate from The Santa Barbara Colleges of Law, Ventura. He has been active with MMASC.

Pam Greer-Phonthongsy is the Ojai Finance Director. In addition to private sector positions, including being the owner of a bakery (2003-2007), she worked as an Accounting Officer for the Ventura County Fire Protection District (2005-2009), Senior Accountant for the City of Ventura (2009-2015), and a Management Accountant and Auditor for the City of Oxnard (2015-2019). Pam was hired as the Ojai Finance Director in December 2019. She earned a BA from the University of California, Santa Barbara and a Masters in accounting and financial management from the Keller Graduate School of Management of DeVry University, Sherman Oaks.



Former Ojai City Manager **Johnny Johnston** also served as Mayor and a member of the City Council. Johnny previously worked for the cities of Artesia, Paramount, and Compton. After retirement Johnny

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Ranching and farming came to the Oxnard area with the mission period when Mission San Buenaventura was established in 1782. Raising cattle and farmers cultivating barley and lima beans took hold California's statehood in 1850. The town is named for sugar beet processor **Henry T. Oxnard**. In 1898 a railroad station was built to service Henry's sugar beet processing plant. Oxnard was incorporated in June 1903. The 2020 population is 202,063. **Alexander Nguyen** is the City Manager and **Rose Chaparro** is the City Clerk. **Ashley Golden** is the Assistant City Manager and **Betsy George** is the Chief Financial Officer. **Steven Naveau** is the Director of Human Resources.



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Alexander Nguyen was appointed to the Oxnard City Manager position in July 2018. He previously worked for the cities of Oakland, Alameda and Riverside. In Oakland, he served as a Chief of Staff for a City Council office and then 11-years as Chief of Staff to the elected City Attorney. In Alameda, Alex served as the Assistant City Manager and went to Riverside for a similar post. He became the Oxnard City Manager effective July 9, 2018.

In November 2001 **Ashley Golden** went to work for the Sacramento Housing and Redevelopment Agency. She joined the Oxnard Planning Department as an Assistant Planner in April 2003. She worked her way up in the Planning Department and was appointed Development Services Director starting in July 2015. Ashley was given the extra responsibilities as Assistant City Manager January 2018, initially as "Interim." She has been with the City of Oxnard for nearly 20 years. Ashley earned a BS from the University of California, Davis.

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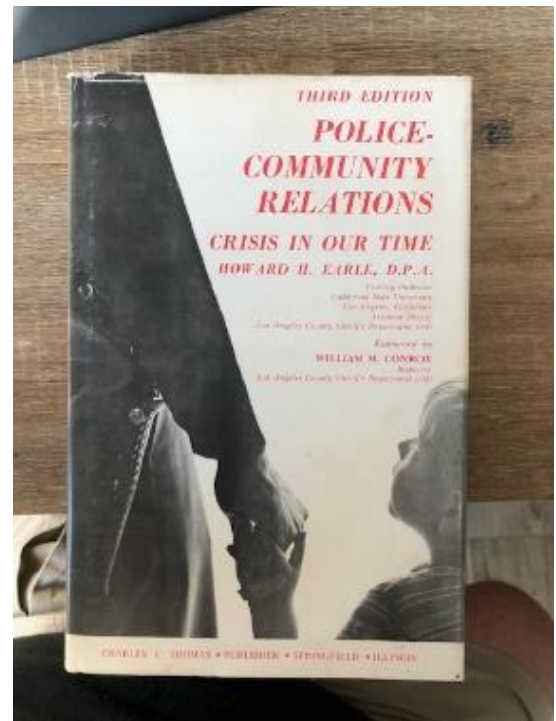
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Anthony D. Gonsalves joined **Joe A. Gonsalves & Son** in January 1977. Anthony previously served as a member of the California State Senate staff for a year and a half. The political process in the State Capitol is exceedingly complex, with more than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

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

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Joe Gonsalves once told a LA Times writer: **"Lobbyist are like parachutes. You don't need them very often, but when you need them, they'd better work."**



Picking Up Pieces: Retired City Manager **Doug Dunford** has been tapped to serve as the Interim City Manager in the Ceres following the departure of City Manager **Alex Terrazas**. Alex left the city without a city explanation. Alex took the position after City Manager **Tom Westbrook** left

the post. Doug is a former City Manager for Gustine (2017-2022) and for a short time California City (2022). Doug began his public service career as a Los Angeles County Deputy Sheriff in 1978. Oakland Mayor **Sheng Thao** announced that **Jestin Johnson** is the next City Administrator for Oakland. Jestin has been serving as a Deputy Chief Operating Officer in Atlanta, Georgia. Jestin has served in a number of positions in Georgia starting in May 2003 when he was a Public Information Intern. In 2007 he worked as a Management Assistant to the City Manager in between April and September, when he returned to Georgia to serve as Interim City Manager in Varnell, Georgia (2007-2008). Jestin served in the U.S. Air Force from June 1996 until June 2000. Long Beach City Manager **Tom Modica** recently revealed that Deputy City Manager **Katy Nomura** is leaving her position to attend to personal matters. Government Affairs Manager **Tyler Bonanno-Curley** will serve as the Acting Deputy City Manager until the position is filled. Katy previously served as Deputy City Manager in the City of Cupertino. Katy earned a BS from the University of California, Berkeley, and MPA from San Jose State University and an MBA from Quantic School of Business and Technology. With Pismo Beach City Manager **James R. Lewis** resigning to become the new Atascadero City Manager, Assistant City Manager **Jorge E. Garcia** has been appointed to serve as Pismo Beach Interim City Manager effective May 27, 2023. Jorge served as a Management Analyst in Villa Park (2008-2011) and Fountain Valley (2011-2014). He took a Senior Management Assistant position with the City of Santa Ana in 2014 and became the Assistant to the City Manager (2017-2018). Jorge joined the Pismo Beach city staff in December 2018 as Management Services Director. He was elevated to Assistant City Manager in June 2021. Jorge earned a BA from Chapman University and an MPA from California State University, Fullerton. Jorge served as President of the Municipal Management Association of Southern California (MMASC) from December 2014 to November 2015. Colfax City Manager **Wes Heathcock** is the next Town Manager for the Town of Loomis. Wes is succeeding Town Manager **Sean Rabé**, who is the new City Manager for the City of Auburn. Wes has been the Colfax City Manager since 2017. Before that he was the Colfax Community Services Director, and the Public Services Supervisor for the City of Lincoln.



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More Pieces Picked Up: Visalia

City Manager **Leslie Caviglia** earned a BS in journalism from California Polytechnic State University, San Luis Obispo. She joined the Visalia city staff as the Community Affairs Coordination in 1986. She moved to the

positions of City Clerk and Deputy City Manager. Leslie became the Visalia City Manager in September 2021. She and her husband own and operate Crystal Cove Farms. Leslie is the first female City Manager for the City of Visalia. She succeeded City Manager **Randy Groom**, who retired. **Danielle Navarro** is the new Oakley Assistant City Manager. City Manager **Josh McMurray** hired Danielle, who has been serving as the Principal Management Analyst and City Clerk for the City of Pleasant Hill. Danielle began her public service career in March 2003 as an Office Specialist in the City of Berkeley. She left Berkeley in July 2014 as a Senior Management Analyst for a similar position in Pleasant Hill plus the duties of Deputy City Clerk. In July 2021 Danielle was promoted to Principal Management Analyst and City Clerk in Pleasant Hill. She started her new position as Assistant City Manager in the City of Oakley in April 2023. Danielle earned a BA from the University of California, Davis and an MPA from California State University, Hayward. Former West Covina Fire Chief **Larry Whithorn** sued the city for wrongful termination and was awarded \$4.1 million. The nearly 30-year veteran of the West Covina Fire Department argued that he was fired in April 2019 due to age discrimination and retaliation for reporting a hostile work environment caused by a City Council Member and Commissioner who harassed him and disparaged his name, verbally assaulting him and urging his dismissal. West Covina City Attorney **Thomas Duarte** indicates that the judicial action may not yet be concluded. Former San Jose City Manager **Ted Tedesco** passed away in May 2022. Ted began his public service career in 1958 as an Administrative Assistant in Park Forest, Illinois. He then worked as City Manager in Elm Grove, Wisconsin (1959-1963) and Enfield, Connecticut (1963-1967). Ted became the City Manager in Boulder, Colorado in 1967. He left Boulder to become the San Jose City Manager in 1973. Ted served in San Jose until 1978. Ted was born in 1931 in Knightsville, Rhode Island. He earned an MPA from the University of Michigan.



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Three highly acclaimed and respected former City Managers (left to right) **Glenn Southard**, the late **Howard Chambers** and **Kevin O'Rourke** at a "Proof of Life" lunch. The next "Proof of Life" lunch will be at the La Mirada North Woods Inn Restaurant on Thursday, June 29, 2023. **Please save the date!**

Stockton City Manager **Harry Black** served as the Cincinnati, Ohio City Manager (September 2014 -April 2018) before coming to California. He served as the Chief Financial Officer for the City of Baltimore, Maryland from 2012 to 2014. Harry started as the Stockton City Manager in February 2020. Harry earned a BS from Virginia State University and an MA from the University of Virginia. Former Santa Ana City Manager **David N. Ream**, a resident of Coto de Caza, passed away on December 26, 2020 at the age of 76, after living with advanced Parkinson's disease for several years. David joined the Santa Ana city staff in 1978 after previously working in Lakewood and Long Beach. He became Santa Ana City Manager in July 1986. David retired in 2011. David was a graduate of Long Beach Poly High School, and he earned a BA from Arizona State University and an MBA from California State University, Long Beach.

"I owe it to my employees to make sure they come home safe every day. If there are things I can do to improve that (security), while ensuring the public has appropriate access, that's what I should do."

—**Ben Harvey**, City Manager, City of Pacific Grove



On the left is a picture of **Anthony D. Gonsalves** of the **Joe A. Gonsalves & Son** firm. On the right is longtime Cerritos City Manager **Art Gallucci**



Still More Pieces Picked Up: Kevin Ennis of Richards, Watson & Gershon (RWG) serves as City Attorney for the City of Moorpark and as General Counsel for the Palos Verdes Library District. Kevin previously served as City Attorney for the City of Artesia for 19 years. He

has also served as City Attorney for the cities of Calimesa, Banning and Laguna Niguel. Additionally, he has served as Assistant City Attorney or Deputy City Attorney for the Cities of Beverly Hills, Palmdale, Rancho Cucamonga, and Rolling Hills. He serves as special land use, municipal law, and conflict of interest counsel to several other cities and districts. Kevin joined **RWG** in 1986. In 1989 **Michael A. Graziano** retired as the Los Alamitos City Manager. Mike began his Los Alamitos city manager tenure in June 1973. Mike had previously worked as the Montclair City Manager (April 1965 – May 1970). Mike started his public service career in October 1961 in the City of Indio. He earned a BA from the University of Redlands and an MPA from the University of Michigan. Mike and his wife Helen love to hike in the San Gabriel Mountains and other places.



SHORTS: *Rolling Hills City Manager **Elaine Jeng**, who previously worked as the Public Works Director in El Monte, is the new City Manager for the City of Palos Verdes Estates. *Interim San Bruno City Manager **Alex McIntyre** was among the

final three candidates for the Portland, Oregon city manager position when **Danielle West** was selected. ***Dwane Milnes** served as the City Manager in the City of Stockton between 1991 and 2001. ***John Nowak**, former Lawndale and San Marino City Manager, was hired in 1997 as the Assistant City Manager for the City of Moorpark. ***Karen Vaughn**, who previously worked as Principal Planner for Redwood City, retired from her Moorpark Community Development position in 2021 to move to Florida to be near her family. ***Diamond Bar** Council Member **Andrew Chou**, who serves as the President of the Los Angeles County Division of the League of California Cities, reminds us that May is *Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month*. *The deadline for applications for the South San Francisco Assistant City Manager position is June 7, and for the San Rafael Assistant City Manager by May 28. *Due to our baseball undercurrent, it is appropriate that we acknowledge with congratulations to retired San Francisco Giants' great **Willie Mays** on his 92nd birthday this month. ***Adorliz Henderson**, who is a Special Education Teacher for the Norwalk-La Mirada Unified School District and was a Cerritos Regional Chamber of Commerce Princess in 2009, worked for the Recreation



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Departments in the cities of Anaheim (2010-2012), Cerritos (2006-2012), Downey (2012-2013), Irvine (2013-2014), Santa Ana (2014-2018), and the County of Orange (2018). *Former longtime member of the Board of Trustees of the California City Management Foundation (CCMF) **Jeff Kolin**, served as City Manager in Santa Rosa (2000-2009) and Beverly Hills (2010-2015). *The State of New York has adopted legislation that bars natural gas appliances in new buildings. *\$628.5 million Vincent Thomas Bridge project proposal will close the roadway for two years starting in 2025. *Former League of California Cities Lobbyist **Kyra Ross** (2007-2013), a University of California, Davis alumnus, is a Lobbyist at Emanuels Jones & Associates. *The Bayshore Consulting Group team includes **Barbara Boswell**, **Marshall Linn**, **Cathy DeFalco**, **Tammie Holladay**, and former city managers **Mark Bozigian**, **Hugh Riley**, **Randy Anstine** and **Bob Adams**. ***Abraham Luna** worked for the City of La Mirada before becoming an Assistant Planner in the City of Downey. *Bellflower City Manager **Jeff Stewart** previously served as the City Manager in El Segundo (2005-2008) and Los Alamitos (2009-2012) before joining the Bellflower city staff in January 2012. *Los Angeles County Division of the League of California Cities Regional Public Affairs Manager **Jeff Kiernan** previously served as a special assistant to former California State Governor **Gray Davis** (1999-2005). ***Joseph W. Painter** is a former City Manager for the City of Cathedral City after serving as City Manager in Kennewick, Washington and Marion, Iowa.



Summer is here! Enjoy your children and grandchildren. Keep them smiling and safe!