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Rod Wood reports that recently a "small but hardy crew" gathered for a Northern California "Proof of Life" lunch. (L to R): **Bill Edgar**, **Rod Wood**, **John Shirey**, **Joe Goeden** and **Joe Tanner**. Bill served as Interim Sacramento City Manager just before John was hired for the post. Rod retired from Beverly Hills; **Joe Goeden** from West Sacramento and **Joe Tanner** from Vallejo. The next SoCal POL is Thursday, June 29, 2023.

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San Mateo County is part of the San Francisco Bay Area, among the nine counties that border the San Francisco Bay. The county came together in 1856 as part of San Francisco County, one of California's 18 original counties in 1850. The county was officially organized on April 18, 1857. Redwood City is the county seat. The county's 2020 population estimate is 764,442. Alphabetically starting with "A" the first six cities in the county include the cities of Atherton, Belmont, Brisbane, Burlingame, Colma and Daly City. **Mike Callagy** is the County Executive Officer and Clerk of the Board. Mike earned a JD from Santa Clara University.



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Atherton is known for the wealth of its residents. In 1990 and 2019 Atherton was ranked as having the highest per capita income in the United States in cities with populations between 2,500 and 9,999. The area covered by its zip code is regularly ranked as having the highest cost of living in the U.S. During the 1860s Atherton was recognized as Fair Oaks. In 1923 the name was changed to honor of 19th Century landowner **Faxon Dean Atherton**. The Town of Atherton has a reputation for being a strong supporter of local control and "home rule." The city has been in litigation several times over the years regarding state mandates and regional issues. Atherton's stated land use goal is to "...preserve the Town's character as a scenic, rural, thickly wooded residential area with abundant open space." Town of Atherton incorporated in September 1923. The town's 2020 population is 7,193. **George Rodericks** is the Atherton City Manager and **Anthony W. Suber** is the Deputy City Manager and City Clerk. **Robert Barron III** is the Finance Director, **Sung Kwon** is the Town Planner, and **Robert Ovadia** is the Public Works Director and City Engineer. The Atherton Chief of Police is **Steven McCulley**. **Rachael Londer** is a Management Analyst II in the city manager's office.



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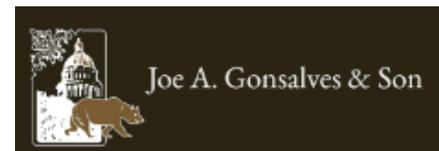
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Karen Herrera and **Michael George**, the Assistant to the City Manager in Carson. Michael previously served in Beverly Hills as a Management Analyst. He earned a BA from Loyola Marymount University and an MPP from **USC**. Karen retired from Duarte after more than 34 years of local government service. Karen began her public service career as an Administrative Assistant in Downey in 1985. She worked as an Administrative Analyst in Duarte (1987-1989), and as a Senior Assistant to the City Manager for the City of Orange (1989-1993). Karen was the Assistant City Manager in Bell Gardens (1993-1995) and Director of Finance and Human Resources in Hawaiian Gardens (1995-1997). She returned to Duarte in 1997 and served as the Assistant to the City Manager. From 2006 until her retirement in 2022, Karen was the Deputy City Manager and Public Information Officer. Karen is a Senior Recruiter for *Bob Hall and Associates* starting in April 2022. She also served as an Adjunct Instructor for California State University, Fullerton (1998-2001). Karen earned a BA in communications from California State University, Fullerton.

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George Rodericks began his public service career as a member of the Army National Guard in June 1987. George took an internship with the City of La Mirada in March 1991. After working as a Code Enforcement Officer in Rancho Palos Verdes (1993-1995), George served as a Management Assistant in La Habra Heights (1995). He returned to La Mirada as Assistant to City Manager **Gary Sloan** (1995-2001). George left La Mirada to take the City Manager position in Villa Park in December 2001. In May 2005 he moved to Northern California to become the City Manager in the City of Belvedere (2005-2012). George was appointed Town Manager in Atherton starting in October 2012. He earned a BA and MPA from California State University, Long Beach. In 2017, George received a 25-year ICMA Service Award.

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Belmont is known for its wooded hills and views of the San Francisco Bay. The city is a quiet residential community. The city was incorporated in October 1926. The 2020 City of

Belmont population estimate is 28,335. The City of Belmont City Manager is **Afshin Oskoui, P.E.** The Belmont Parks & Recreation Director is **Brigitte Shearer** and the Public Works Director is **Peter Brown**. The Acting Finance Director and City Treasurer is **Grace Castaneda**. **Kellie Benz** works in the City Manager's office in Communications and Community Engagement.

City Manager **Afshin Oskoui** began his public service career in the City of San Diego, where he worked for more than 25 years. He left San Diego in July 2011 as the City Engineer and Chief of Design to join the City of Belmont as the Public Works Director. Afshin was the Interim City Manager and Public Works Director in June 2019. He became Belmont City Manager in September 2019. He earned an AA degree in engineering from Sacramento City College, a BS and MS in civil engineering from San Diego State University.

Brigitte Shearer has been the Parks and Recreation Director in Belmont since 2018. Before coming to Belmont, she served as the General Manager of the Highlands Recreation District in San Mateo (2012-2018). Brigitte earned a BSE in chemical engineering from Princeton University and an MBA from Stanford University.

Grace Castaneda has been the Belmont Finance Director since August 2021. She served as Deputy Finance Director (2020-2021). Before joining the Belmont city staff, Grace was the Budget Manager for San Mateo. She earned a BA from **UCLA** and an MBA from Santa Clara University.

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Brisbane is located on the lower slopes of San Bruno Mountain. It is called "The City of Stars" due to a holiday tradition that dates to 1939 when "Star" decorations are placed throughout the city. The city was originally known as Visitacion City and it was laid out in 1908 adjacent to a new Southern Pacific Rail line finished in 1907. In the 1920s Arthur Annis proposed the name change to Brisbane. The city did not incorporate until November 1961. The 2020 population is set at 4,851. **Clay Holstine** is the Brisbane City Manager and **Sheri Spediacci** is the City Clerk. The Chief of Police is **Lisa Macias**, and the Deputy City Manager is **Stuart Schillinger**. **Noreen Leek** is the Brisbane Recreation Manager.

Brisbane City Manager **Clay L. Holstine** began his public service career as an Administrative Trainee with the City of Medford, Oregon starting in September 1980. In September 1981, Clay was hired as a Medford city staff Administrative Analyst; Administrative Assistant in September 1983 and Assistant to the City Manager in 1984. Clay worked as Assistant to the City Manager in Reno, Nevada (1987-1989) and Assistant City Manager (1989-1991). He served as the Reno Acting City Manager in 1991, and he began serving as the Reno City Manager in May 1991. Clay left Reno in 1996 and worked as a local government consultant between 1996 to 1998. Clay became the Brisbane city manager in August 1998. Clay earned an AB in political science from the University of California, Berkeley and an MPA from Portland State University. In 2018 Clay received a 35-year ICMA Service Award. Since 2006, he has been an ICMA California Coach. Clay served as Commission Secretary for the State of Nevada Public Service Commission (June 1996-September 1997).

"You can't make footprints in the sands of time if you're sitting on your butt. And who wants to make buttpoints in the sands of time?" –**Bob Woawad**

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Burlingame, on the San Francisco Peninsula, has a significant shoreline on San Francisco Bay. The city is known for its numerous eucalyptus groves. The city is named for **Anson Burlingame**, a

United State Ambassador to China. Following the 1906 San Francisco earthquake, many people came to Burlingame looking to establish new homes. The city incorporated in June 1908. The 2020 population is 31,386. **Lisa Goldman** is the City Manager and **Jeremy Kirshner** is the Assistant to the City Manager. **Meaghan Hassel-Shearer** is the Burlingame City Clerk and **Helen Yu-Scott** is the Finance Director. **Margaret Glomstad** is the Parks & Recreation Director and **Kevin Gardiner** is the Community Development Director. **Syed Murtuza** is the Director of Public Works and **Mike Matteucci** is the Chief of Police.



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City Manager **Lisa K. Goldman** began her public service career as an Administrative Intern with the City of Palos Verdes Estates (1990-1991). From June 1992 until July 1995, Lisa was a Legislative Assistant for Congressman **Henry A. Waxman**. She worked as a researcher (1997-1998) and a Campaign Coordinator for Americans for Nonsmokers Rights (1998-1999). In June 1999 Lisa went to work as the Intergovernmental Relations Manager for the City of Fremont. In February 2007, she went to work for the City of Alameda as Deputy City Manager (2007-2010). Lisa served as the Alameda Acting City Manager from December 2010 to June 2011, and she was Assistant City Manager from June 2011 to December 2012. Lisa started her tenure as the Burlingame City Manager in December 2012. She earned an AB in American history from Harvard University and an MPP from the University of California, Berkeley. In 2018 Lisa received a 20-year ICMA Service Award.



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With most of the land dedicated to cemeteries, Colma is a town that was founded as a necropolis in 1924. The population of the dead in town is speculated to be somewhere near 1.5 million. Before 1872, Colma was called "Station" or "School House Station," the name of the first post office in 1869. Colma became the cemetery town after San Francisco outlawed new interments within its city limits in 1900 and then evicted all existing cemeteries in 1912. The town was first incorporated as the Town of Lawndale in 1924. As Lawndale already existed in Los Angeles County, the post office continued using Colma. The town name was officially changed back to Colma in 1941. Many notable people have been buried in Colma, among the leaders and politicians are many from other walks of life like **Wyatt Earp**, **Joe DiMaggio**, and **Willie McCovey**. **Brian Dossey** has been the Colma City Manager and **Caitlin Corley** is City Clerk. **Angelika Abellana** is the Recreation Manager, and **John Munsey** is Chief of Police.



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Eric Beebe of the California State University, Long Beach volleyball program, and his mother **Jacki Beebe** on a recent visit to the facilities at the Huntington Library in San Marino.

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Colma City Manager **Brian Dossey**, who will retire in August, has worked with the city staff since November 2003, and he has been city manager since December 2017. Brian came to Colma from the City of San Bruno, where he served as a Recreation Services Supervisor. He came to Colma to be the Director of Recreation Services. He became Administrative Services Director in July 2016. Brian earned a BS in parks, recreation and leisure studies from California State University, Chico and an MBA from Saint Mary's College of California. Brian has been an ICMA member since 2006.

Pak Lin is the Administrative Services Director for the Town of Colma. After working for a couple private sector auditing firms, Pak was hired in the City of San Bruno in March 2008 as the Financial Services Manager. She joined the staff for the Town of Los Altos Hills in July 2014 as the Finance Manager. Pak was promoted to Administrative Services Director starting in July 2015. She began his tenure as the Town of Colma Administrative Services Director in April 2018. Pak earned a BS in managerial economics from the University of California, Davis.



Recently **Mike Sakamoto** and his wife Annie visited Café Fina at Monterey Fisherman's Wharf. Mike is a former City Manager in Adelanto and Hercules. He was an Assistant City Manager in the City of Bellflower.



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Jill Vinsonhaler Meyer on an early 2023 Summer fishing trip. Jill previously worked for the **Joe A. Gonsalves & Son** professional representation firm in Sacramento.

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Gioia Perez in the Human Resources Analyst for the Town of Colma. She joined the Colma staff in June 2021. Gioia was a Senior Human Resources Analyst in the City of San Mateo in 2018 and she moved to a similar position in the City of Pacifica (2018-2021). Gioia earned a BA from California State University, Chico.

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Large Spanish ranchos covered the area that is now Daly City and Colma. Daly City is a coastal community found at the northern boundary of San Mateo County, sharing a border with the City and

County of San Francisco. Following the 1906 San Francisco earthquake many refugees established homes in the area. Daly City incorporated in March 1911. The 2020 population is set at 104,901. **Thomas Piccolotti** is the City Manager and **Annette K. Hipona** is the City Clerk. **Leilani Ramos** is the Assistant to the City Manager. **Tatum Mothershead** is the Daly City Director of Economic and Community Development and **Tim Nevin** is the Director of Finance and Administrative Services. The Director of Human Resources is **Natalie Sakkal**. The Director of Public Works is **Richard Chiu Jr.** and **Joshua Cosgrove** is the Director of Water and Wastewater Resources. The Fire Chief is **Ron Myers** and the Acting Chief of Police is **Cameron Christensen**.



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Fran is a member of the Board of Trustees of the California City Management Foundation (CCMF).

Fran was elected as a University of California Alumni Regent in 2016.

City Manager **Thomas J. Piccolotti** of Daly City served 28 years on the Board for the North Coast Water District. He served as an Assistant Superintendent for the City of Pacifica from March 1990 to December 2000. Tom joined the Daly City staff as Manager of the Operation, Maintenance and Capital programs group in December 2000. He was promoted to Director of Water and Wastewater Resources for Daly City in October 2017. Tom was appointed City Manager for Daly City at a Council meeting on January 23, 2023 after serving for a time in 2022 as Interim City Manager. Tom took classes at the College of San Mateo and earned an AA degree from Skyline College, and a BS from the National Graduate School. He is a lifelong resident of Pacifica. Tom is not an ICMA member.



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Tim Nevin is the Daly City Director of Finance and Administrative Services. Tim came to the city in August 2020 from the County of San Mateo after serving as the Principal Management Analyst in the County Manager's Budget and Performance Unit. Before the county and operating as a consultant, Tim worked for Daly City as the Senior Management Analyst (2003-2014). Tim earned a BA in economics from Saint Mary's College of California, MA in economics from the University of San Francisco, and a Ph.D. from the University of California, Davis.



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Picking Up the Pieces: Registration is now open for the *2023 Annual Conference and Expo of the League of California Cities* in Sacramento, September 20-22, 2023 at the SAFE Credit Union Convention Center. The 2023 conference will mark the 125-year milestone anniversary of the annual event. www.calcities.org/ac

Mountain View's new Chief of Police is police Captain **Mike Canfield**. Mike has been with the Mountain View Police Department for more than twenty years starting in 1999. He will succeed former Chief of Police **Chris Hsiung**, who left the city to become the Undersheriff in San Mateo County. Mountain View City Manager **Kimbra McCarthy** said that the new chief will start on June 26. Former Chief **Max Bosel** has been serving as Interim Chief. The new Chief earned a BS from Columbia Southern University. Jackson City Manager **Yvonne Kimball** is the new City Manager in the City of Morro Bay. Yvonne came to Jackson as City Manager in August 2017. She previously served as Town Manager of Dewey-Humboldt, Arizona (2012-2017) and as City Manager in Bowling Green, Florida (2008-2011). Yvonne earned an MPA from the University of Central Florida. She has served as Vice Chair of the Board of Directors for the Amador County Senior Center since March 2020, and as a Committee Member for the Sutter Amador Hospital Community Advisory Committee since October 2017. San Leandro City Manager **Fran Robustelli** hired **Jessica Lobedan**, the former Community Services Manager for the City of Hayward, to serve as the first Human Services Director for San Leandro. Jessica joined the Hayward city staff in May 2018 as a Management Analyst, and she became the Community Services Manager in August 2022. Jessica earned a BA in sociology from the University of California, Davis and an MPP from Mills College, Oakland. Municipal Management Association of Northern California (MMANC) President **John Stefanski** is the Assistant to the City Manager in the City of Dublin. John was an ICMA Local Government Management Fellow with the City of Hayward starting in July 2014. He was hired in Hayward as a Management Analyst I in February 2015. John was promoted to Management Analyst II in July 2017. In October 2019, John started as the Assistant to the City Manager in the City of Dublin. John earned a BA in public administration from Miami University and an MPA from the Maxwell School at Syracuse University.



State Senator **Marie Alvarado-Gil** and Jackson City Manager **Yvonne Kimball**. Senator Alvarado-Gil is a Jackson resident. She was elected in 2022 and represents the counties of Placer, El Dorado, Amador, Alpine, Calaveras, Tuolumne, Mariposa, Stanislaus, Madera, Merced, Mono, Nevada and Inyo.

Pasadena City Manager **Miguel Márquez** announced the appointment of **Tim McDonald** to the new Director of Libraries & Information Services. Tim joined the city staff in 2016 and has served as Acting Director since February 2022. Before coming to Pasadena, Tim worked for the Las Vegas-Clark County Library District. He previously served as a public-school teacher in Chicago. Tim earned a BA from Swarthmore College, a Master's degree in teaching and learning from DePaul University, and a Master's Degree in information science from the University of North Texas. **Rachel Tolber**, a career officer with the City of Redlands Police Department, is the new Redlands Chief of Police. Rachel began her law enforcement career as a student intern with the Redlands Police Department in 1997. Redlands City Manager **Charles Duggan** describes Rachel as dedicated to the city and he praises her leadership qualities and notes that she is an excellent decision maker with excellent communication skills. Rachel succeeds Chief **Chris Catren**, who retired due to a disability as a result of a work-related back injury. Ojai City Manager **James Vega** will be the next City Manager for the City of Port Hueneme. He is scheduled to start his new position on July 24. James joined the Ojai city staff in 2017 as Assistant City Manager. He became Interim City Manager and served in that position for two months prior to being named City Manager in 2019. Before coming to Ojai, Jim served as a Management Analyst for the City of Oxnard, and before that he worked as an Associate Attorney with a civil litigation firm. He earned a BA from California State University, Channel Islands and a JD from the Santa Barbara and Ventura Colleges of Law. He has been a member of the California State Bar since January 2013.

"Life shrinks or expands in proportion to one's courage." --**Anais Nin**



More Pieces Picked Up: Multi-lingual **Carolina Camarena** has served as the San Jose Director of Communications since January 2021. She started working in the City of San Jose in March 1997 as a Communications Coordinator in the Office of the Mayor. She

subsequently worked as a Community Coordinator (1999-2002), Public Outreach Representative (January 2003-June 2003), Public Information & Events Coordinator (2003-2006), Public Information Representative with the Environmental Services Department (2006-2015), and Senior Public Information Representative (2015-2017), and Public Information Manager with the Department of Parks, Recreation & Neighborhood Services (2017-present). She is also serving as the Emergency Public Information Officer while she is Director of Communications. Carolina earned a BA from the University of California, Santa Cruz. **Stacey Dains**, Director of Animal Care Services for the City of Long Beach, has been appointed by Los Angeles Mayor **Karen Bass** to serve as the next General Manager of the Los Angeles Animal Services Department. The Mayor's appointment requires confirmation by the City Council. Stacey joined the Long Beach department in 2019, and she worked for the San Jose Animal Care and Services Department for 10 years prior. The Los Angeles department has been without a permanent general manager since February 2022 when then-General Manager **Dana Brown** left the position. **Annette Ramirez** has served as the Interim General Manager. Tracy City Manager **Michael Rogers** resigned and will drop a proposed wrongful termination and racial discrimination suit against the city. Michael will receive \$265,000 severance. He began his City of Tracy City Manager tenure in December 2021. Assistant City Manager **Midori Lichtwardt** is the Interim City Manager effective immediately. Before coming to Tracy, Michael served as the Deputy City Manager in Glenn Heights, Texas (2020-2021), Director of the Department of Transportation in Dallas, Texas, and Director of the Department of Transportation in the City of Raleigh (2016-2017). He worked as the Peoria, Illinois Public Works Director from 2013 to 2016. Michael earned a BS in construction engineering from the Lawrence Technological University and an MS in civil engineering from Michigan State University. Retired City Manager **Edward P. Everett** authored a piece printed in the June issue of PM Magazine entitled: "Let's Think Differently About What We Expect of Our Residents and Ourselves." Ed says, "We cannot continue to adhere to the outdated status quo modus operandi." Ed served as City Manager of Redwood City (December 1991-November 2007) and the City of Belmont (1984-1991).



This picture of the group KULAYD is especially for former Norwalk Mayor and Council Member and past President of the California Contract Cities Association **Cheri Kelley**. Their performances in a Hospitality Suite at the annual CCA Seminar are legendary. Our favorite performances were when Nashville Star finalist **Casey Simpson** joined them in song.

He received the ICMA Award for Career Excellence in Memory of Mark E. Keane in 2007. Ed was the recipient of a 30-year ICMA Service Award in 2003. South San Francisco City Manager **Sharon Ranals** joined the city staff in 1980 in Parks and Recreation. In August 2019. In January 2022 she added Assistant City Manager to her Parks and Recreation Director title. She served as Acting City Manager from February 1993 to December 1994. Sharon was appointed Interim City Manager in December 2022, and the "Interim" was dropped in March 2023. She earned a BA from Reed College in Portland, Oregon, and an MPA from San Francisco State University. Beverly Hill Director of Community Development **Timothea Tway** is the new Director of Community Development for the City of San Luis Obispo. Timothea joined the city staff in Beverly Hills in 2012 as an Assistant Planner (2012-2014). Tim worked her way up in the city Planning Department as an Associate Planner (2014-2016), Senior Planner (2016-



2020), Principal Planner (2020-2021), City Planner (August 2021 – January 2023). She became the Director of Community Development in January 2023. She is leaving Beverly Hills effective June 19. Timothea earned a BA from the Sol Price School of Public Policy at the University of Southern California (**USC**), a BS in public policy, management and planning, and a Master's degree in city and regional planning from California Polytechnic State University, San Luis Obispo.



Still More Pieces Picked Up: Carmen Gill is the new City Manager for the City of Gonzales. Carmen previously served as the Gonzales Director of Community Engagement and Strategic Partnership. She held that position for three years. Carmen is a Board Member of the Big Sur Land Trust and Salinas Valley Memorial Hospital Foundation. Carmen

replaces former City Manager **Trevin Barber**, who resigned after four months with the city. Carmen earned a BSW from San Jose State University and an MPA from the University of San Francisco.

SHORTS: *Alameda County Deputy District Attorney **Alexandra Grayner** contends that former Fremont City Manager **Mark Danaj**, who is free without bail facing felony charges, is in Italy and “appears to be living his best life ‘studying’ Italian wines, cheese and capellini.” *Retired Red Bluff City Manager **Richard Crabtree** is being considered for the Interim City Manager position in the City of Corning, following the departure of City Manager **Kristina Miller**. *Retired Seal Beach and Bellflower Planning Director **Lee Whittenberg** is living in South Carolina near his grandchildren. *Lomita City Manager **Ryan Smoot** began his public service career working for the City of Bellflower. *MMANC has about 600 members and provides important opportunities for training and building relationships in local government. *Orange County Power Authority Chief Executive Officer **Brian Probolsky** was dismissed in April and replaced by Director of Communications and External Affairs **Joe Mosca** on an interim basis. *June 2, 2023 was *National Doughnut Day* and **Susan Simpson** made a very rare visit to a Rancho Mirage Krispy Kreme store. *Veteran retired City Manager **Tim Casey** and his book “The Mayor Married Who?” are featured on a recent podcast from **Avenu Insights and Analytics**. *ICMA Director of Member Services and Ethics in Washington, D.C., **Martha Perego** is leaving ICMA at the end of June after 24 years with the association. ***Nicole Niestemski**, our favorite self-proclaimed “Polipino” (Polish and Filipino), is a businessperson formerly of Cerritos, who’s mission is to bring more peace of mind and freedom to everyone. ***Karen Diemer**, Arcata City Manager, who previously work for the City of Eureka in recreation, is an alumnus of Humboldt State University. *University of Northern Iowa alumnus **Marc A. Mitchell**, a former CCMF Corporate Sponsor of the year, who worked nearly 11 years with Cerrell Associates, has been the Principal of Mitchell Public Affairs & Advocacy for the past nearly two years and he continues to serve on the Board of Directors for the South Bay YMCA. *Norwalk Deputy City Manager **Richard Rojas** has received a scholarship from the California Statewide Communities Development Authority (CSCDA) to attend the 2023.



Local Governance Summer Institute at Stanford University. *A new effort to make the City of San Diego community of La Jolla an incorporated city, among efforts that have dated back to the 1940s, appears to have a path to potential success. *Former President of the United States **Jimmy Carter** and her wife **Rosalynn Carter** are 98 and 95 respectively. ***Elisa C. Cox**, Assistant City Manager in Rancho Cucamonga, is the current Cal-ICMA President. ***Susan Meyer Barton** (1946-2023), after a career in public service including positions with the County of Los Angeles, became the Recreation Supervisor for Redondo Beach in 1984. ***Erick Cheung** is the Finance Manager for the City of Pleasant Hill starting in January 2022 and previously served as Director of Finance in the City of San Pablo. *Martinez City Manager **Michael Chandler** is a former United States Navy Supply Corps Officer. ***Mark Alexander** joined the La Cañada Flintridge city staff in 1988 and he was appointed City Manager in 2003. ***David Neil Lund**, who earned a BA and MPA from California State University, Fullerton and began his public service career as an Administrative Assistant with City Manager **M.D. “Mac” McKeown** in Norwalk in 1970, retired in 2008 as the Public Works and Economic Development Director after working 15 years with the City of San Clemente. *City Manager **John R. Longley Jr.** served as the City of Avalon City Manager from January 1984 to 1988 when he became City Manager in the City of Marina. ***Lauren Sugayan** was appointed Assistant City Manager for the City of Martinez in February 2023 after serving as “acting” in the position starting in August 2022.



As the 2023 T-Ball Season came to a close. Susan and Jack Simpson with grandchildren Lei Lei, Koa and Tyler.