



**Nadean Dickey** and her husband **Bob Dickey** at the prehistoric monument, Stonehenge in Wiltshire, England. Stonehenge could have been a burial ground from its earliest beginnings. Bob is a former City Manager for the City of Walnut, and he retired from public service in 2010 as the Director of Public Works for the City of South Gate. Bob also served as a Regional Manager for the Southern California Edison Company (1994-2004). He previously worked as the Assistant City Manager in Signal Hill and for the City of Rosemead.

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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 the third group of cities includes Portola Valley, Redwood City, San Bruno, San Carlos, San Mateo, South San Francisco and Woodside. **Mike Callagy** is the County Executive Officer and Clerk of the Board. Mike earned a JD from Santa Clara University.

## Mary Linda Strenn

(October 30, 1944 – July 6, 2023)

Mary was an International City/County Management Association (ICMA) Credentialed City Manager, and, after retirement, she served as a Senior Advisor for ICMA/League of California Cities. In addition, Mary held leadership roles in the city management craft at the local, state, and national levels.

Mary began her public service career as a planner in the city of Peoria, Illinois starting in July 1977. Mary served as an Urban Planner (July 1977 – June 1980); Community development Planner (June 1980 – August 1981); Assistant to the City Manager (August 1981 – August 1983); and Assistant City Manager in Peoria (August 1983 – February 1985). In February 1985 she came to California from Illinois and took the Deputy City Manager position in Bakersfield, and in July 1987 she became the Bakersfield Assistant City Manager. In June 1990 Mary became the City Administrator for the City of San Fernando and in January 1998 she took an Interim City Manager assignment in the City of Ceres. Mary was selected to serve as the El Segundo City Manager in September 1998, and following retirement from El Segundo in July 2005 she took "Interim" assignments in South Gate (2007), San Fernando Redevelopment Agency (2009-2010) and as the Huntington Park Interim City Manager in 2012. Since September 2015, Mary has served as a Senior Advisor with ICMA and the League of California Cities. In 2003 Mary received a 25-Year ICMA Service Award. Mary earned a BS in Urban Planning and an MS in Environmental Studies/Administrative Services.

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Portola Valley is located on the San Francisco Peninsula and is named for explorer **Gaspar de Portola**, who led the first party of Europeans to explore the San Francisco Peninsula in 1769. The town was not incorporated until July 1964. The 2020 estimated population is put at 4,456. **Jeremy Dennis** left the Town Manager position in March 2023 after serving in the position for seven years.

After serving as the Town Manager for the Town of Portola Valley (March 2016-March 2023), **Jeremy Dennis** became a self-employed management consultant, *Jeremy Dennis Consulting* of Redwood City. Public Works Director **Howard Young** is the Interim Town Manager and has agreed to serve in that position until an appointment is made. Howard has worked for the town for about 20-years.

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Redwood City is the county seat for San Mateo County. It was the first city to incorporate in the county when it incorporated in May 1867. The townsite had been part of a Mexican land grant. In 1907, the Enomoto brothers grew what many think was the first commercially grown chrysanthemums and the city for a time was proclaimed "Chrysanthemum Center of the World." Redwood City had a 2020 population of 84,292...the 100<sup>th</sup> California city in population. **Melissa Stevenson Diaz** is the City Manager and **Michelle Flaherty** and **Alex Khojikian** are the Assistant City Managers. **Jennifer Yamaguma** is the Deputy City Manager. Alex is the new San Mateo City Manager.



City Manager **Melissa A. Stevenson Diaz** began her public service career as a Management Intern in Morgan Hill starting in June 1991. She became a Management Analyst (December 1991-June 1999); Acting Human Resources Manager (June 1999-February 2001) and Assistant to the City Manager (February 2001 – June

2006). In June 2006, Melissa became the Assistant City Manager for the City of Fremont, and in September 2010 she took the Assistant City Manager position in the City of Mountain View. Melessa was appointed City Manager in Redwood City starting in October 2015. She is an ICMA Credentialed Manager. In 2021 she received a 30-year ICMA Service Award. Melissa earned a BA in European history from Mills College and an MA in public administration from San Jose State University.

Redwood City Assistant City Manager **Michelle Poche Flaherty** earned a BA from the University of California, Santa Barbara and an MPA from Penn State University.

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San Bruno is located adjacent to the San Francisco International Airport. The city began known as *Clark's Station*, which was a stop on the old Butterfield Overland Mail stagecoach route. The first U. S. Post Office was established in San Bruno in 1875. San Bruno incorporated in December 1914. Its 2020 population is set at 43,908. **Alex McIntyre** is the new San Bruno city manager starting as Interim City Manager in April 2023, and **Lupita Huerta** is the City Clerk. **Darcy Smith** is the Assistant City Manager and **Jennifer Dianos** is the Assistant to the City Manager. **Peter Gilli** is the Community Development Director; **Damian Sandholm** is the Acting Community Services Director; **Esther Garibay-Fernandes** is the Financial Services Manager; **Matthew Lee** is the Public Works Director; **Ari Delay** is the Fire Chief, and the Chief of Police is **Ryan Johansen**.



**Alex D. McIntyre** began his public service career as a City of Burbank Administrative Intern in 1985. After joining the Burbank city staff as an Analyst (1986-1988) and working as Assistant to the City Manager in Arcadia (1988-1994), Alex took a private sector executive recruitment position (1994-1997). Alex worked as the Town Administrator for Portola Valley (1997-2000) before being hired as the Tiburon Town Manager (2000-2006). From 2006 to 2008, Alex served as the Chief Assistant County Administrator for Marin County. He left California in March 2008 to take the City Manager position in Lake Oswego, Oregon. Alex returned to California in February 2012 to take the Menlo Park City Manager position. He left his Menlo Park position in November 2018 to become the City Manager for the City of Ventura. Alex left Ventura in December 2022 and joined the San Bruno city staff in April 2023. In 2018 Alex received a 30-year ICMA Service Award. He earned a BA from the University of California, Irvine and an MPA from the University of Southern California (**USC**). Alex is an ICMA Coach.



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**Darcy Smith** is the Assistant City Manager and Interim Chief Financial Officer (CFO) for the City of San Bruno. Darcy began her public service career in planning with the City of Campbell in November 1999. She had previously worked as a Planning Research Assistant with Stanford University, and with a private planning firm, where she worked on the South San Francisco and Rohnert Park General Plans. Darcy worked for the City of San Mateo for nearly 16-years, starting in 2003. When she left to join San Bruno as Community & Economic Development Director, she was the San Mateo Principal Planner. After working in Millbrae as the Community Development Director, Darcy became the Assistant San Bruno Assistant City Manager in 2022. City Manager in August 2022. Darcy earned a BS in earth systems from Stanford University and a Master of Urban Planning from San Jose State University.



San Carlos saw the arrival of Spanish explorers in 1769. The current site of San Carlos was deeded as a single rancho to Don **Jose Dario Arguel**, where he raised cattle and crops. His son **Luis Arguello** was the first

California-born Governor of the State. The Peninsula Railroad had a station at San Carlos in 1888. The city incorporated in July 1925. It has a 2020 population of 30,722. **Jeff Maltbie** is the San Carlos City Manager. **Rebecca Mendenhall** is the Administrative Services Director and **Lisa Porras** is the city's Planning Manager. **Janet Beaugh** is the Human Resources Manager.

**Jeff Maltbie** served as a Management Analyst in Daly City starting in September 1996 (1996-2001). In January 2001, Jeff began his city of San Carlos tenure as a Senior Management Analyst. He became Deputy City Manager and Administrative Services Director in March 2005, and he became City Manager in September 2010. Jeff earned a BA from San Jose State University. In 2021 he received a 25-year ICMA Service Award.



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San Mateo was documented by Spanish colonists as part of Rancho del las Pulgas and the Rancho San Mateo. Many mansions were built in the area. **A.P. Giannini**, founder of the Bank of Italy, which became the Bank of America, lived in San Mateo most of his life. San Mateo was incorporated as a city in September 1894. The 2020 population ranks as California's 68th in city size at 105,661. **Alex Khojikian** is the City Manager and **Kathy Kleinbaum** is the Assistant City Manager. City Manager **Drew Corbett** announced his retirement in January 2023.

Redwood City Assistant City Manager **Alex Khojikian** is the new City Manager for the City of San Mateo. Alex will succeed City Manager **Drew Corbett**, who has retired. Alex began his public service career as a Recreation Leader for the City of Piedmont (2002-2005). He worked as a Program Coordinator for the City of Anaheim (2005-2006), before serving as a Management Analyst in the City of Paramount (2007-2012). Alex was appointed Deputy City Manager for Half Moon Bay in 2013 (2012-2016), before joining the Redwood City staff as Assistant City Manager in August 2016. Alex earned a BA from the University of California, Berkeley and an MPA from California State University, Long Beach.



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**Azalea Mitch** is an environmental engineer specializing in public utilities. She served as a Student Trainee III for the San Francisco Public Utilities Commission as a launching pad to her career. She worked for private engineering firms as well as public agencies along the way. In December 2014, Azalea joined the city staff in Menlo Park as a Senior Civil Engineer. In March 2017 she was elevated in the Menlo Park organization to Engineering Services Manager and City Engineer. In September 2018, Azalea joined the City of San Mateo as a Deputy Public Works Director. She was named Acting Public Works Director in December 2020 and she became the San Mateo Public Works Director in April 2021. Azalea earned a BS in civil and environmental engineering from the University



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South San Francisco was founded as the Town of Baden in 1856. The City of South San Francisco was brought together as an industrial suburb primarily supporting the large meat packing plants. The City of South San Francisco incorporated in 1908. A new city hall was completed in November 1920. The 2020 population is set at 66,105. **Sharon Ranals** is the City Manager, and the elected City Clerk is **Govea Acosta**. **Leah Lockhart** is the Human Resources Director and **Christina Fernandez** is the Deputy City Manager and Chief Sustainability Officer. **Karen Chang** is the South San Francisco Finance Director. **Greg Mediati** is the Director of Parks and Recreation.



**Sharon Ranals** has worked for the City of South San Francisco for nearly 44-years. Sharon started her tenure in Parks and Recreation in 1980. She was named Assistant City Manager and Parks and Recreation Director in August 2019. Sharon was named Interim City Manager in December 2022 and the city eliminated the "Interim" in March 2023. She earned a BA from Reed College and an MPA from San Francisco State University.



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Parks and Recreation Director **Greg Mediat** joined the City of South San Francisco city staff in 2010. He worked in various positions in each of the Department's four divisions. He was promoted in the organization starting in May 2010 as an Administrative Staff Intern. After he became a certified arborist and landscape professional, Greg was appointed Parks Manager in April 2017. He then became the Deputy Director of Parks and Recreation (2019-2022) and Greg was appointed Parks and Recreation Director in January 2022. Previously, Greg served as a Conference Center Facility Manager for the University of California, Davis. He earned a BS from the University of California, Davis and a Masters in landscape architecture from the Academy of Art University.



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Woodside might be the oldest English-speaking settlement in the southern part of the San Francisco Peninsula starting in the early 19<sup>th</sup> century. Charles Brown constructed the first sawmill in Woodside around 1838. Woodside was incorporated in November 1956. The 2020 population is set at 5,309. A point of interest is the town's efforts to enforce local control regarding housing supply. In 2022 the town attempted to declare the town a mountain lion habitat to afford State affordable housing requirements. California Attorney General **Rob Bonta** denied the claim. **Kevin Bryant** is the Town Manager and **Melissa Cardinale** is the Assistant to the Town Manager. The Town Clerk is **Jennifer Li**.



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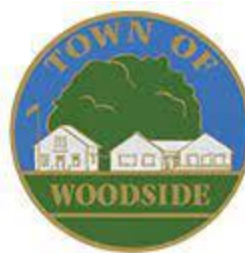
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Woodside Town Manager **Kevin Bryant** began his public service career as a Planner with the City of Alameda in 1998 (1998-2002). In 2002, Kevin took an Advance Planner position with the Town of Tiburon (2002-2005), and in 2005,

he joined the city staff in Sausalito as the Assistant to the City Manager (2005-2007). Kevin moved to the Town of Woodside staff in September 2008 as the Assistant Town Manager. He was appointed Town Manager starting in January 2012. Kevin earned a BA in political science from the University of Southern Maine and a Master in city and regional planning from the University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill.

In addition to serving as the Assistant to the Town Manager in Woodside, **Melissa Cardinale** is a paralegal and independent consultant. Mellissa joined the town staff in September 2021 as the Interim Town Clerk. In April 2022 she stayed with the Assistant to the Town Manager post. Melissa earned an AA from Cañada College.



An archive "Proof of Life" lunch program picture showing **Lloyd de Llamas**, **Bill Crowe**, **Bret Plumlee** and **Gary Sloan**. The next "Proof of Life" lunch is set for Thursday, September 28, gathering at 11:30 a.m. for the noon lunch at the La Mirada North Woods Inn Restaurant at 14305 Firestone Blvd. in La Mirada. It is adjacent to the I-5 freeway. Please RSVP if you are interested in attending:

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**Picking Up 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.  
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Former Ventura County Sheriff **William "Bill" Ayub** is the new City Manager for the City of Ventura. Bill will take the city manager post currently held by longtime public manager **Don Penman**, the Interim City Manager. The new city manager's career began in 1985 as a police cadet in the City of Santa Paula. He also held various law enforcement positions in North Las Vegas, Nevada and the City of Port Hueneme before he joined the Ventura County Sheriff's Department in 1996. Bill earned a BS in psychology from the California State University, Northridge, an MS in emergency services administration from California State University, Long Beach and an AS from Ventura Community College.

## "Proof of Life" Lunch Program June 29, 2023 at the North Woods Inn La Mirada, California

Twenty public management professionals came together for the June 29, 2023 "Proof of Life" lunch. Those attending included: **Gregory Korduner**; **Mark Alexander**; **Lou Shepard**; **Mike Egan**; **Bill Crowe**; **Gary Chicots**; **Don Wagner**; **Bob Dickey**; **Wayne Wedin**; **Jorge Rifa**; **Jim Purtee**; **Ron Molendyk**; **Charlie Wagner**; **Tom Robinson**; **Jon Shull**; **John Reekstin**; **Jim DeStefano**; **Don Vestal**; **Andy Pasmant** and **Jack Simpson**.

The next "Proof of Life" lunch is scheduled for *Thursday, September 28*, gathering at 11:30 a.m. for the noon lunch at the La Mirada North Woods Inn Restaurant  
14305 Firestone Blvd., La Mirada.

[It is adjacent to the I-5 freeway.] Please RSVP if you are interested in attending:

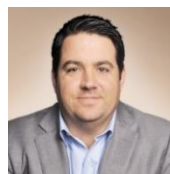
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**More Pieces Picked Up:** Retired veteran City Manager **Don Penman** is the new Interim City Manager for the City of Ventura. Don has served in several "interim" positions since his 2012 retirement from the City of Arcadia. This is Don's second visit to Ventura as Interim City Manager. Don has been a regular

participant in the "Proof of Life" lunch program. Former Ventura City Manager **Alex McIntyre** resigned last December. He is reported to be the next city manager for the City of San Bruno. Former Ventura Interim City Manager **Akbar Alikhan** left the city to accept a Deputy City Manager position with the City of Thousand Oaks. Santa Maria City Manager **Jason Stilwell** submitted his resignation with plans to retire. He has served with the city for the past 8-years, starting as Deputy City Manager in 2015. Jason was appointed City Manager in 2017. Jason's last day with Santa Barbara County's largest city will be September 22. Prior to joining the Santa Maria city staff among public management positions, Jason worked as the City Administrator for the City of Carmel-by-the-Sea (2011-2014). He worked as Assistant County Executive Officer for Santa Barbara County. He earned a BA from California Polytechnic State University, San Luis Obispo; an MPA from San Jose State University; and a Ph.D. in public affairs from the University of Colorado, Denver. San Marino City Manager **John "Jack" F. Griffin** was placed on administrative leave in early July. Jack served as City Manager since June 2012. Assistant City Manager **Michelle Bender** is serving as Acting City Manager. Michelle joined the city staff in 2009 and she has been the Assistant City Manager since 2021. Before coming to San Marcos, Jack served as the City Manager for Sebastopol from February 2009 and May 2012. He was the Public Works Director for Chula Vista (2000-2008). Jack began his public service career working for the Moon Township in Pennsylvania. In 2016, Jack received a 30-year ICMA Services Award. Jack earned a BA from the Shippensburg University of Pennsylvania.

## Letters and Notes from the Readers:

Great Edition (July). Thanks for all you do. July 2023  
--**Karen A. Herrera**

Thank you for inviting me to the "Proof of Life" lunch June 29. It was so enjoyable to sit with you, Greg Korduner and Bob Dickey, and listen to the new, and old, stories. Hopefully I will be able to join you again next time. In the meantime, try to stay cool in the desert and enjoy your summer with your kids and grandkids.

--**Charlie Wagner**

Great pic of Dennis and Kathy in the July issue!! Hope you guys had a great 4th!  
XOXO

--**Natalie Salazar**, Crime Stoppers



Retired City Manager and Past CCMF President **Wade McKinney** is celebrating! It has been a year now that he has been cancer-free.

Trackdown congratulations!



Atascadero City Manager **Jim Lewis** and his wife Debi recently celebrated their 21<sup>st</sup> wedding anniversary.

Trackdown congratulations!



**Nicole Tripepi Smith, Sam Olivito, Sharon Olivito and Ryder Todd Smith.**







**Still More Pieces Picked Up:** A legal action against former Hollister City Manager **Brett Miller** and the City has been dismissed with prejudice. Brett contends that the initial news coverage of the lawsuit against him for sexual harassment, though dismissed, has prevented him from finding a new job. Brett is a CPA and balked at carrying out some closed session directions of

the City Council. Assistant City Manager **David Mirrione** serves as the Interim City Manager. David joined the Hollister city staff in August 2022. Previously he worked for the County of Merced as Assistant County Executive Officer. David earned a BA from Humboldt State University. "First Impressions Now Happen Online, Not in Person," by **Ryder Todd Smith**, President of **Tripepi Smith** is featured on Page 44 of the July 2023 issue of Public Management published by ICMA. Ryder points out that online reputation management of local government leaders can be extremely important. Reedley City Manager **Nicole Zieba** has been dealing with the intricacies of working with federal and state partners while taking action to protect the public and see to the clean-up of a site with illegal hazardous materials, chemicals and medical waste. Timing public information is to be coordinated with federal and state officials. She earned a BA from California State University, Fullerton and an MPA from the University of Southern California (USC). After working as a local government recruiter (1998-2003), Nicole worked as the Deputy City Manager for the City of Fresno (2003-2007). After working as the Executive Director of Human Resources for the Fresno Unified School District (2007-2009), Nicole returned to the Deputy City Manager post in Fresno (2009-2001). Nicole became the Reedley City Manager in August 2011. Sacramento City Manager **Howard Chang** was the highest paid city manager in California in 2022, according to the State Controller's Office. Howard earned compensation of \$493,655 in 2022. The Controller's Office show Howard's total wages at \$547,905 because he cashed out vacation and leave time pursuant to his employment agreement. Former Sacramento City Manager **Walter James Slipe** (March 13, 1933 – June 14, 2023) passed away on Wednesday, June 14 at his home in Granite Bay at the age of 90. Walter is Sacramento's second longest serving city manager. During his 17-year tenure from 1976 to 1993, Sacramento became one of the nation's fastest growing regions. Walter is a native of New York and grew up in Long Island. He earned a BA in economics from Columbia University and an MA in city planning from the University of California, Berkeley. Walter was drafted and served in the U. S. Army from 1954 to 1956. Walter worked in Planning Department positions in Bakersfield, Santa Cruz and Fresno. On Walter's 80<sup>th</sup> birthday he went skydiving.

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Alameda City Manager **Jennifer Ott** selected former San Jose Deputy Director of Parks **Justin Long** as the new Director of the Alameda Recreation and Parks Department (ARPD). Before joining the San Jose staff in January 2017, Justin worked as the Assistant Superintendent of Environmental Stewardship for the Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board in Minneapolis, Minnesota. Justin earned a BA from State University of New York College of Environmental Science and Forestry. Former Los Angeles County District Attorney **Steve Cooley** was the Installing Officer for in-coming Los Angeles County Division of the League of California Cities President **Beatriz "Bea" Dieringer**. Los Angeles County Sheriff **Robert G. Luna** is the featured speaker for the Thursday, August 3 ceremony at Hotel Maya in **Long Beach**. **Elaine Jeng** is the Rolling Hills City Manager. Bea is a member of the Rolling Hills City Council.



**And Still More Pieces Picked Up:** Calexico City Manager **Esperanza Colio Warren** worked for the County of Imperial starting in April 2004. She was the Community and Economic Development Manager for the county from 2004 to August 2018, when she was promoted to Deputy

County Executive Officer. After more than 18-years with the county, Esperanza was hired to serve as the City Manager for the City of Calexico in July 2022. She previously worked 7 years as an administrative manager and accountant with the Mexicali Tourism and Convention Bureau. After studying as the European-University Viadrina in Germany, she earned a BA and MPA from San Diego State University. Esperanza is a native of Mexico and came to the United States in the late 1990s. **Anthony "Tony" H. O'Rourke** was born in Austria and graduated from Kailua High School in Hawaii. Tony is a former South Lake Tahoe City Manager (2010-2012), who served as the Yakima, Washington City Manager (2012-2015). After leaving Yakima, Tony worked as City Administrator for Canon City, Colorado, Panama City, Florida and Frisco, Colorado. Tony, 68, died June 20 in South Carolina after his daily walk on the beach with his beloved golden retriever. He was living in Fripp Island, South Carolina. His family held a farewell ceremony for Tony at the beach. Tony earned a BA from the University of California, Santa Barbara, and a Masters in urban and regional planning from Cornell University. Members of the California Contract Cities Association (CCCA) conducted a July 19, 2023 meeting at the King Harbor Yacht Club in Redondo Beach. The guest speaker was **Justin Skarb**, Vice President of Government & Community Affairs for Cal Water. Beverly Hills Council Member **Dr. Julian Gold** is the current CCCA President. **Jeff Wood** of the Lakewood City Council is the immediate past President. **Marcel Rodarte** is the CCCA Executive Director. Modesto approved a \$92.3 million wage and benefit increase for city workers over the next four years. Police Officers will receive pay increases of 17% plus other enhancements over the four years. Civilian employees will receive 13%. The increases apply to 1,130 city employees, everyone but the firefighters, whose agreement has about a year left. City Manager **Joe Lopez** and department heads and Chief of Police **Brandon Gillespie** will receive increases. Duarte Public Safety Manager **Larry Breceda** is the new Director of Public Safety for the city. Larry has worked for the City of Duarte since August 2002. In March 2013, Larry began his tenure as the Duarte Public Safety Manager. He earned a BA from California State Polytechnic University, Pomona.

**SHORTS:** \*Veteran public manager Henry **Henry Garcia** is the new Interim City Manager for the City of Rialto. \*San Carlos Human Resources Manager **Janet Beaugh** earned a Master's degree in counseling from the University of Louisiana, Lafayette. \*Tulare County District Attorney **Tim Ward** says that Senate Bill 94 by **Senator Dave Cortese** is



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one of the worst anti-victim soft-on-crime bills. \***Amber Cruz** is an Economic Development Coordinator for the City of Ontario and she previously worked for the City of Montclair as an Economic Promotion Coordinator & Multimedia Specialist. \***Jim DellaLunga** is the Director of Economic Development for the City of Bellflower and previously worked for the City of Garden Grove and Signal Hill, La Habra and Cypress. \*Former El Monte Assistant City Manager (2006-2010) and Foster City Assistant City Manager (2015-2020), **Dante Hall** is the City Manager in the City of Hercules since July 2021. \*Camarillo City Manager **Greg Ramirez** has earned a 7% salary increase taking his salary compensation to \$302,000. \*CPA **Lupe Acero**, the City of Port Hueneme Director of Finance, previously worked for the Santa Barbara County Probation Department and the McDonald's Corporation (1999-2015) and earned a BS in accounting and finance from California State University, Northridge. \***Courtney Chesla Torres**, former Chief of Staff for Los Angeles Councilwoman **Janice Hahn** (now a member of the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors) and account executive for Cerrell Associates, and of Courtney Torres Consulting provides, Executive Director services for the Independent Cities Association (ICA). \*Paramount City Manager **John Morena** first joined the Paramount city staff in January 1993 as a Management Analyst. \***Kyle Koop** is the City Manager for the City of Rio Dell in Humboldt County. \*Former Villa Park City Manager (2009-2012) and Deputy City Manager in Rancho Cucamonga (2012-2022), **Lori Sassoon**, has served as the City Manager in the City of Norco since August 2022. \***Meghan Sullivan** has worked as the Recreation Superintendent for the City of Fairfield since May 2016. \***Lindsey Baker** is the Assistant City Manager for the City of South Lake Tahoe and earned a BA and MPA from the University of Oklahoma. \*Save the date for the February 7-9, 2024 meeting of the City Managers' Department of the League of California Cities at the Loews Hollywood Hotel in Los Angeles. \*The first city in California to incorporate was Sacramento in February 1850 and the most recent city to incorporate is the City of Jurupa Valley in July 2011. \***Theresa Teney (Battaglia-Gutierrez)** retired November 1, 2020, after working 16 years for the City of Bellflower and 20 years for the City of Lakewood.

"Attitudes are contagious. Do you want people around you to catch yours?"

--Bob Moawad