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Arcy Hinojosa and friends **Chip and Raquel Jimenez** flew north on a nice September day to the home of Major League Baseball's Oakland A's to see them play the play-off bound Seattle Mariners at the Oakland-Alameda County Coliseum. Arcy is a retired longtime City of Cerritos staff member. Chip is a retired history teacher and Raquel recently retired from UPS. The Coliseum is the former home of the Oakland Raiders; an NFL team that relocated to Las Vegas. The Oakland A's are in the process of following the Raiders to Las Vegas when their lease expires at the conclusion of the 2024 season. The playing surface is named "Rickey Henderson Field" for the Hall of Famer.

Executive Leadership in More Cities of the County of Orange



Orange County, the O.C., has a larger population than 19 States and the District of Columbia. The April 2020 population estimate shows the number of residents at 3,186,989. The county was incorporated in August 1889 and the county seat is the City of Santa Ana. In November 1776, *Mission San Juan Capistrano* became the first permanent European settlement in the area. There are now 34-incorporated cities in the county where avocados and citrus once grew in large orchards. This issue looks at the management professionals who serve the O.C. cities listed alphabetically: La Habra, La Palma, Laguna Beach, Laguna Hills, Laguna Niguel, Laguna Woods, and Lake Forest.

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La Habra was founded in 1896. The name refers to the "Pass through the Hills." The first post office in the town was opened in 1898, The city is a general law city, incorporating in January 1925. The city is known as the place where the "Hass" avocado mother tree was planted by **Rudolph Hass** in 1920. Unfortunately, the mother tree died due to root rot in 2002. The 2019 estimated population is 60,513. **Jim Sadro** is the City Manager and **Breanna Hurt** is the Management Analyst in the City Manager's office. **Rhonda J. Barone** is the City Clerk and **Kenia Lopez** is the Assistant City Clerk. Mel Shannon is the Finance Director, and **Lucy Coelho-LaFreniere** is the Deputy Director of Human Resources. **Susan Kim** is the La Habra Director of Community and Economic Development. **Kelly Fujio** is the Director of Community Services and **Elias Saykali** is the Public Works Director.



James Sadro joined the La Habra city staff in 2004. He worked as the Director of Finance and City Treasurer starting in 2011 and became the La Habra Assistant City Manager in 2013. Jim was elevated to City Manager in 2014 succeeding longtime City Manager **Don Hannah**. In May 2023, Jim was appointed to serve as a member of the Orange County City Selection Committee representing the Orange County City Managers Association. He received a 10-Year ICMA Service Award in 2023. Jim earned a BA in political science and an MPA from California State University, Fullerton. Jim has been among the Ocean Defenders Alliance and local volunteers to clean refuse from the Coyote Creek drainage system to prevent it from reaching and further polluting the ocean. Jim has participated in the Orange County City Manager's Association's City Manager Fellowship Program.

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La Palma is the former "Dairyland."

In fact, when the community incorporated in October 1955, it incorporated with the name Dairyland. The family of **Evelyn**

Gonsalves, wife of **Anthony Gonsalves** of the **Joe A. Gonsalves & Son** firm, had a dairy in the community. When the dairies moved out of the area, the name of the city was changed after the area's Spanish heritage and the main street in the city, La Palma Avenue. The 2019 population estimate puts the city's total at 15,428. **Conal McNamara** is the City Manager and **Joseph Cisneros** is the Assistant to the City Manager. The La Palma City Clerk is **Kimberly Kenney**. **Ryan Hallett** is the Assistant City Manager and Administrative Services Director. **Ron Wilkerson** is the Chief of Police. The city's Director of Public Works and Community Services is **Andy Ramirez**.

Conal McNamara began his public service career working as a city planner for the cities of Irvine, San Bernardino, and Santa Clarita. Conal served as a land use planning Policy Deputy to Los Angeles County Supervisor **Michael D. Antonovich** from March 2000 to March 2003. Following his work in the Supervisor's office, Conal worked as a Management Specialist II for the County of Los Angeles Department of Public Works. In May 2008 he joined the Azusa city staff as Assistant Director of Economic & Community Development. Conal took the Director of Community Development position in the City of Whittier in September 2014. Nearly 6 years later he was appointed City Manager for the City of La Palma in April 2020. Conal earned a BA in social ecology and another BA in political science from the University of California, Irvine and an MPA from California State University, Northridge.



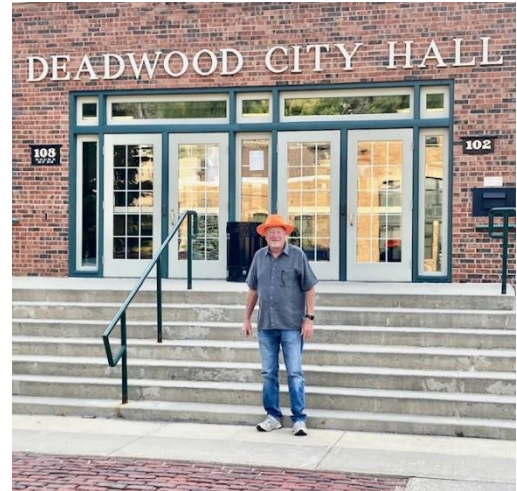
Chip Jimenez, Arcy Hinojosa and Raquel Jimenez at the Oakland Coliseum before an Oakland A's game.

"I love what I do. That's one of the reasons I've stayed. I love the community." --**Billy Beane** of the Oakland A's

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Laguna Beach, where snorkeling and scuba divers enjoy warm clear water while exploring the shoreline waters of the Pacific Ocean, was one of the few sections of coastal property in Southern California that was never included in a Mexican land grant. In 1871 following the American Civil War the first permanent homestead in the area was occupied by the **George and Sarah Thurston** family of Utah on 152 acres of the Aliso Creek Canyon. **Nate Brooks**, another homesteader has been called the "Father of Laguna Beach." The area around the main beach expanded during the 1880s, and the first post office was established in 1887 with the name "Lagona." In 1904 the postmaster successfully pursued the name change to Laguna Beach. The city incorporated in June 1927 and the 2020 population is 23,032. **Sean Joyce**, a retired professional city manager is serving as Interim City Manager. **Ann Marie McKay** is the City Clerk. **Gavin Curran** is Assistant City Manager and Chief Financial Officer, and **Jeremy Frimand** is Assistant to the City Manager.

Highly respected public manager **Sean J. Joyce** retired City Manager for Irvine in February 2018. He served as the City Manager starting in 2005. Sean began his public service career as an Administrative Assistant in Walnut. In July 1990, Sean took the Assistant City Administrator post in Sierra Madre. In April 1994 he became Sierra Madre City Administrator in April 1994. In October 1996, Sean took the South Pasadena City Manager position. He moved to Irvine in July 2004 as the Assistant City Manager, and he became the Irvine City Manager in January 2006. Following his retirement in 2018, Sean opened the doors of Sean Joyce Consulting Services. After a little more than two years consulting, Sean began a successful "career" with Interim City Manager assignments. He was Interim City Manager in South Pasadena (2020-2021); Huntington Beach (2021-2022); San Clemente (2022-2023) and currently the Interim City Manager for the City of Laguna Beach. Sean earned a BA and an MPA from California State University, Fullerton. In 2017 Sean received a 30 Year ICMA Service Award. He served as President of the City Managers' Department of the League of California Cities in 2015-2016.



"Chairman of the Board" retired Indian Wells and Atascadero City Manager **Wade McKinney** in front of the Deadwood, South Dakota City Hall. The "hey day" of Deadwood was from 1876 to 1879 following the discovery of gold there. The town is historically linked to **Calamity Jane**, Wild **Bill Hickok** and now **Wade McKinney** and others!



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In 1992 **Gavin Curran**, the Laguna Beach Assistant City Manager, went to work as a Senior Auditor for Moreland and Associates in Newport Beach. In August 1997, Gavin joined the city staff as an Assistant Director of Finance for El Segundo. He worked there for more than 7 years and joined the City of Laguna Beach staff as Finance Officer in 2004. Gavin became the Director of Finance and IT in September 2008. His duties were changed in July 2017 when he became the Director of Administrative Services. Gavin was selected to serve as Assistant City Manager and Chief Financial Officer in December 2022. He earned a BBA and a BS in accounting and finance from Loyola Marymount University.



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Laguna Hills was land mostly used for cattle grazing that included much of the western part of the Saddleback Valley. In 1894, **Lewis Moulton** bought Rancho Niguel and used the ranch to raise sheep and cattle. The Moulton Ranch was eventually subdivided in the early 1960s and part of the area became today's Laguna Hills. The city was incorporated in December 1991. The 2019 estimated population put the community count at 31,207. **Jarad Hildenbrand** is the City Manager and

Laguna Hills City Manager **Jarad Hildenbrand** worked as Assistant to the City Clerk and Management Assistant in the City of Villa Park starting in July 2006. He was promoted to Assistant City Manager and City Clerk in December 2008. Jarad was appointed Villa Park City Manager and City Clerk in July 2012. Jarad took the City Manager position in the City of La Habra Heights in December 2016. He left La Habra Heights in March 2019 to become the City Manager for the City of Stanton. In May 2022 Jarad was hired to be the City Manager in Laguna Hills. Jarad earned a BA and an MPA from California State University, Long Beach.

David Reynolds is the Director of Parks & Recreation for the City of Laguna Hills and Assistant to the City Manager and Deputy City Manager.



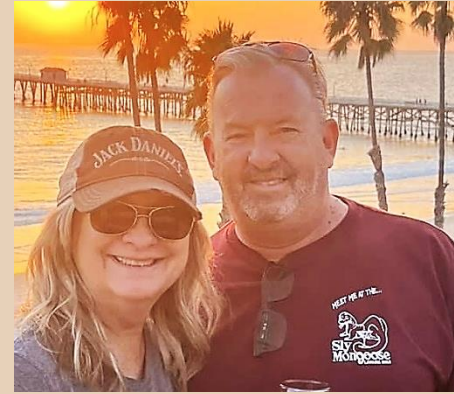
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Laguna Niguel has its beginnings with the Ranch Niguel Mexican land grant, which was acquired in 1959 by the Laguna Niguel Corporation and developed as one of the first master planned communities in California. The city was incorporated in December 1989. Its 2020 population is 64,355. **Tamara Letourneau** is the City Manager; **Justin J. Martin** is the Assistant City Manager and **Marissa Asistin** is the City Clerk. **Dorna Farhadi** is the Human Resources Manager, and **Trevor Agrelius** is the Laguna Niguel Finance Director. **Ron Rivera** is the Director of Parks and Recreation. **Jonathan Orduna** is the Community Development Director, and the Public Works Director is **Jacki Scott**. The Chief of Police Services in **Isaac Flores**.



Tamara Letourneau began her public service career as an Administrative Aide for the City of Arcadia in March 1993. Tammy joined the Claremont city staff in September 1995 as a Management Analyst where she worked with City Manager **Glenn Southard**. She was promoted to Senior Management Analyst in January 1998 and Assistant to the City Manager in January 1999. She was appointed to her first City Manager job in April 2001 when she became the Sierra Madre City Manager. Tammy moved on to the City of Yorba Linda as City Manager in November 2004, and she was hired as the Laguna Niguel City Manager in August 2019. Tammy earned a BS from California State Polytechnic University, Pomona and an MPA from California State University, Long Beach.



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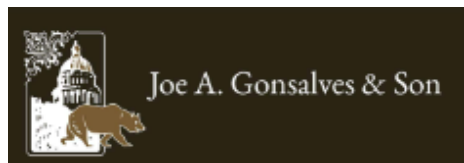
--**Bob Moawad**, Founder of the Edge Learning Institute

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Laguna Niguel Public Works Director **Jacki Scott** worked as an Assistant City Engineer for the City of Yorba Linda starting in July 2006 after working for the private sector engineering firms of Berryman & Henigar and Norris Repke. She provided contract engineering

services to the cities of Los Alamitos, Rancho Santa Margarita, Hawaiian Gardens, Buena Park and Yucca Valley. In April 2012, Jacki went to work for the City of Irvine as the Manager of Engineering, and in 2015 she took the job of Transportation Manager and City Traffic Engineer for the City of Orange. Jacki joined the Laguna Niguel city staff in August 2018 as the Public Works Director and City Engineer. Jacki was selected to succeed **Nasser Abbaszadeh**, who retired. Jacki is a Registered Civil Engineer and a Registered Traffic Engineer. She earned a BS in civil engineering from Oregon State University and an MBA from California State University, Long Beach.



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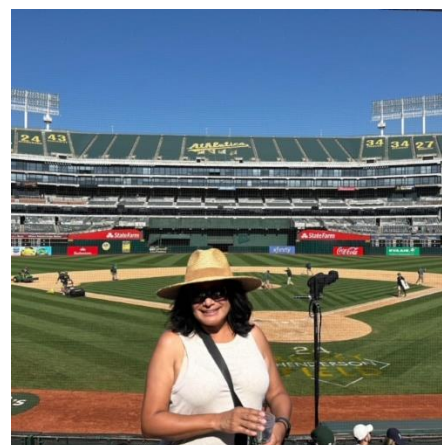
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Meghan McKelvey on the right. Meghan is the Department and Member Services Manager for the League of California Cities. She has worked closely with the City Managers' Department.



Atascadero City Manager **Jim Lewis** and his family at a 2023 University of Southern California (**USC**) football game at the Los Angeles Coliseum. Fight on.



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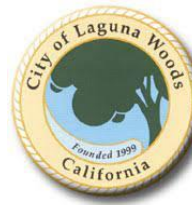
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Laguna Woods is a general law city that became the 32nd city in the County of Orange when it incorporated in March 1999. Nearly 90 percent of the city includes the Leisure World *Laguna*

Woods Village, a private gated retirement facility. The 2019 estimated population of the city is 15,850. The average age of Laguna Woods' residents is 78.

Leslie Keane was a longtime City Manager for Laguna Woods. At this time, **Christopher Macon** is the City Manager.

After serving nearly a month in an Interim City Manager capacity, **Christopher Macon** was appointed Laguna Woods City Manager on August 21, 2013 following the retirement of longtime City Manager **Leslie Keane**. Chris joined the city staff in June 2007 as a Senior Management Analyst and became the Laguna Woods Public Safety Director in 2011. Chris began his public service career with the City of Claremont, where he managed recreation programs. He earned a BA in organizational management from the University of La Verne and an MPP from California State University, Northridge. He also earned a special certificate in human resources management from the University of California, Irvine. At his appointment he was the youngest city manager in Orange County.



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Lake Forest City Manager **Debra D. Rose** worked as an Administrative Analyst in Garden Grove starting in August 1995 and became a Senior Administrative Analyst in May 1997. Debra joined the Lake Forest city staff in November 2000 as the Assistant to the City Manager and began her climb in the organization. Debra worked as the Director of Management Services (2006-2009), Deputy City Manager (2009-2015), Assistant City Manager as well as Director of Economic Development and Community Development (2015-2016) and City Manager starting in May 2017. Debra has worked for the City of Lake Forest for 24 years. She earned a BA from the University of California, Los Angeles (**UCLA**) and an MPA from California State University, Fullerton.

Lake Forest Management Analyst **Nicole Houston** was an Executive Assistant in San Bernardino in 2015 and she move from there to a similar position in the City of Santa Ana. She joined the Lake Forest city staff in March 2021. Nicole has been active with the Municipal Management Association of Southern California (MMASC). She earned degrees from the University of La Verne and California State University, Fullerton.



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Letters and Notes from Readers:

Thank you for your continuing efforts to produce and distribute the monthly newsletter. With Jack's recent disabling injury, the pressures of publishing have surely increased. All of us who benefit from this publication are grateful for all you do for the city management community in California.

Take care and may the recovery continue well.

--**Jim Barisic, Brandywine Homes**

Nice job on the Proof of Life Section. The shout out to all the participating former managers is a nice touch. It's also great to see all the Asians growing and managing in the public sector.

--**Michael Sakamoto**

Loved reading the Trackdown and catching up, especially the Proof of Life! Hope you and Susan are doing well, and your leg is getting better! Danny and I just got back from a Mediterranean Cruise. We had a group of 17. Had lots of fun - and a heck of a lot of sightseeing!

I'm trying to get everything together for my Crime Stoppers Fundraiser - always a highlight of my job! Take care, and Happy Reading!

---**Natalie Salazar, Crime Stoppers**



Picking Up the Pieces: South Lake Tahoe City Manager **Joe Irvin** hired **Hilary Roverud** as the Assistant City Manager. Hilary began her public service career as an Assistant Planner with the City of Arcata in May 2001. In September 2002, she took a similar Assistant Planner position with San Luis Obispo. After working for a private consulting firm (2003-2005), Hilary joined the South Lake Tahoe staff as an Associate Planner, and she became the Planning Manager in January 2007. She took the Director of Development Services post in October 2020. Hilary earned a BA from the University of California, Santa Barbara and a Masters in city and regional planning from California Polytechnic State University, San Luis Obispo. **Clare Hartman**, City of Santa Rosa Director of Planning & Economic Development was surprisingly replaced by Deputy Director **Gabe Osburn** in an Interim capacity. Clare worked for the City of Santa Rosa for nearly 24 and a half years. After returning from a Peace Corps assignment in the Czech Republic (1994-1996), she joined the Santa Rosa staff as a City Planner in May 1999. She worked her way up in the Planning & Economic Develop Department to be appointed Director in February 2022. Clare earned a BA in environmental studies and planning from Sonoma State University and an MCRP from the University of Oregon. No reason has been given for Clare's dismissal. Since January 2022 the Santa Rosa City Manager is **Maraskeshia Smith**, who previously worked as Deputy City Manager in Stockton. **Scott Koll** is the new Deputy City Manager working with City Manager **Steven Spedowski** for the City of San Ramon in September 2023. Scott most recently worked as Deputy City Manager for the City of San Leandro. Scott worked for the City of Roseville for nearly 11 years in law enforcement as a Community Services Officer, Crime Scene Investigator, and as a Supervisor. In June 2015, he joined the San Leandro city staff as a Police Business Manager (2015-2017). He served as Business Manager, Financial Services Manager and Deputy City Manager with San Leandro. Scott earned a BA from Southwest Minnesota State University, and a Master's degree in public policy from the University of California, Berkeley. **Scott McBride** is the new City Manager for the City of Merced. Scott succeeds City Manager **Stephanie Dietz** who served nearly seven years. Scott joined the City of Atwater city staff in 1994 as an Enterprise Zone Coordinator. He worked his way up in the organization during his almost 24 years with Atwater. He served as the Director of Economic Development and Special Projects (2007-2012) and as the Community Development Director (2012-2017). In August 2017, Scott took the Director of Development Services for the City of Merced. Scott earned a BA in environmental studies from the University of California, Santa Cruz and an MPA from California State University, Stanislaus.



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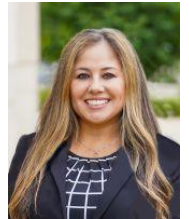
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Director **Rod Armalin**, who served the LASD for 32 years, will be the new Chief of Police and will lead a close partnership with all other service entities. **Jason Caudle** is the Lancaster City Manager and previously served as the Tehachapi City Manager (1998-2007). **Mike Luken** of MNJ Advisors, Inc. is the Interim City Manager for the City of Colfax. He was appointed in June 2023. Mike is filling in behind the resignation of City Manager **Wes Heathcock**, who moved on to become the Town Manager for the Town of Loomis. Wes replaced Town Manager **Sean Rabé**, who, since April, has been the new City Manager in the City of Auburn. Mike is the former Executive Director of the Placer County Transportation Planning Agency. Colfax is accepting applications for the city manager position until Monday, October 16, 2023. **Imelda M. Huerta** has been promoted to Assistant City Manager for the City of Vista. City Manager **John Conley** selected Imelda following a selection process that included interviews and recommendations from local stakeholder groups. Imelda worked for worked in Vista for more than 11 years (January 2000-January 2011) as a Senior Office Specialist and Development Services Technician before working for the City of Escondido as a Development Technician (2011-2013). She rejoined the Vista staff in August 2013 Development Services Technician in the Community Development Department. Imelda joined the City of Menifee Community Services Department staff as a Management Analyst in January 2019. She was appointed Acting Assistant to the City Manager in July 2019, and in January 2022 she again returned to the City of Vista, this time as the Assistant to the City Manager position in January 2022. Imelda became the Assistant City Manager in September 2023. She earned a BA from California State University, San Marcos and an MPA from California State University, Dominguez Hills. ***Eric Scriven**, **NHA Advisors LLC** Principal in the San Francisco Bay Area, worked with **Kosmont** Financial Services in 2001-2002. ***Chuck Robinson**, a former city of Tustin, Walnut and Laguna Beach executive, has been the owner and CEO of Building Blocks Therapy 4 Kids, LLC, in San Dimas since May 2014. ***San Dimas** Assistant City Manager **Brad McKinney**, an Azusa Pacific University BA and MBA graduate and former university baseball player, has a reputation as an outstanding youth sports coach. ***City Manager Shohreh Dupuis** agreed with the City of Laguna Beach on a "mutually agreed upon" employment separation.



More Pieces Picked Up: Lakeport City Manager **Kevin Ingram** is pleased to be working with the city's new Community Development Director **Joey Hejnowicz**. After working with the Hyatt Hotels Corporation (2008-2011). Joey worked about a year in the wine industry before joining the City of Santa Rosa staff in March 2013

as a Customer Service Representative. After working in various positions over a little more than 10 years, Joey served as the Santa Rosa Zero Waste Coordinator (September 2021-June 2023). He began his tenure in Lakeport in July 2023. Joey earned a BS from San Diego State University and an MPA from Sonoma State University. Longtime "contract city" Lancaster will have its own local police department in 2024. The city is forming its own police department due to staffing shortages at the Lancaster Sheriff's Station. The new department will work in conjunction with Los Angeles Sheriff's Department personnel. Lancaster Public Safety

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Still More Picked Up: Palm Springs City Manager **Scott Stiles** succeeded City Manager **Justin Clifton**, who left the position last September. Scott is a former Garden Grove City Manager (2015-2023), and prior to that he served as Assistant City Manager in Cincinnati, Ohio. He worked for Cincinnati for 27 years in various positions, including

Interim City Manager. Scott earned a BS in journalism and geography from South Dakota State University and an MCP in community planning from the University of Cincinnati. Suisun City put City Manager **Greg Folsom** on paid administrative leave until further notice. Greg was hired to be the City Manager of Suisun City in 2019. He replaced City Manager **Suzanne Bragdon**, who retired. He served as the City Manager for the City of Clearlake prior to coming to Suisun City. Starting in May 1993, Greg worked as the Deputy Director of Economic Development for the City of Stockton. He left that position in December 2011. In February 2014, Greg was the Director of Economic Development for the County of Riverside and he served there until February 2015. Greg was City Manager for Clearlake starting in June,

2015. He was a Planning Commissioner for the City of Menifee in 2015. Greg earned a BS from San Jose State University and an MBA from the University of Southern California (**USC**). In 2020 he received a 35-Year ICMA Service Award. **Alex Posada** is the new Interim City Manager for the City of Santa Maria. He will succeed City Manager **Jason Stilwell**, who resigned effective September 22. Alex has worked for Santa Maria since 1978 and has served as the Recreation and Parks Director since 1993. He grew up in the East Bay near San Francisco and attended San Jose State University. The city plans to retain an executive recruitment firm to help find its next city manager. Replacing retiring longtime City Manager **Art Gallucci**, **Robert A. Lopez** is the new City of Cerritos City Manager. Art has served as city manager since 1991. Robert has worked for Cerritos since 2002, when he joined the city staff in Advanced Planning and as Redevelopment Manager in 2005. He became Planning Manager in 2009 and was appointed Director of Community Development in 2020. In 2022 he became Director of Public Works and Water & Power. He earned a BS in civil engineering from Stanford University and an MPP from the University of Southern California (**USC**). Robert is a lifelong Cerritos resident where he is a past valedictorian for his Whitney High School class.



SHORTS: ***Daryl Parrish**, retired Covina City Manager and former Colton City Manager, currently lives in Bend, Oregon. *San Ramon's new Deputy City Manager **Scott Koll** served as a women's tennis coach while at Southwest Minnesota State University.

*Orinda City Manager **David Biggs**, a former City Manager in Hercules, Carson, Tustin and Morgan Hill, received a 40 Year ICMA Service Award in 2020. *Former San Marino City Manager (1991-2002) **Deborah O. Bell** served as the Personnel and Loss Control Manager for the City of Chino. *Retired City Manager **John M. Bramble** served as City Manager for Commerce City, Colorado (1981-1984); Pueblo, Colorado (1984-1987); Brighton, Colorado (1996-2008) and Merced (2008-2016), as well as City Administrator in the City of Bell (1988-1993) and County Administrator for Adams County, Colorado (1993-1996). *Word is that **Sam and Sharon Olivito**, longtime former California Contract Cities officials, were recently spotted at J's Deli in Palm Desert. *NASCAR is bringing modern auto racing back to the Los Angeles Coliseum on February 4, 2024. *Sparks, Nevada City Manager **Neil Krutz** was unanimously dismissed from his position allegedly for poor treatment of his subordinate staff and for the mishandling of a dismissal. *Former Simi Valley Director of Administrative Services, **Joseph Toney**, who earned a BA from the University of San Diego and an MPA from California State University, Long Beach, is the Assistant City Manager for the City of Malibu. ***