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September 19, 2024, Bill Crowe, John Bramble,
Jeff Collier, Lloyd de Llamas, Mike Egan and
Mark Alexander at the La Mirada North Woods Inn
Restaurant for a "Proof of Life" lunch. These 6 former city
managers were among the 22 gathered participants.
The next "Proof of Life" lunch is planned for Thursday,
December 12. 2024 at the same venue. The gathering
starts at 11:30 for the noon Dutch Treat lunch.

California Public Managers in "C" Cities from Costa Mesa to Cypress

Cities included in this Special October 2024 issue of the City Manager Newsletter by Trackdown are the last of the cities with names that begin with the letter "C." The cities listed alphabetically in this issue including: Costa Mesa, Cotati, Covina, Crescent City, Cudahy, Culver City, Cupertino, and Cypress. These eight (8) cities are found in the counties of Orange, Sonoma, Los Angeles, Del Norte, and Santa Clara. Covina, Cudahy and Culver City are L.A. County cities and Costa Mesa and Cypress are in Orange County.

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Costa Mesa was originally named Harper for a local rancher. It's first post office opened in 1909. The community's name officially became Costa Mesa in May 1920. The city was incorporated in June 1953. Its

2020 population is 111,918. It is home to the Orange County Fair Grounds and Event Center. Retired city manager **Douglas La Belle** is a member of the Fair Board of Directors. **Lori Ann Farrell Harrison** is the Costa Mesa city manager.



Costa Mesa City Manager Lori Ann Farrell Harrison was appointed in May 2019. She is the first woman in the city's history to serve as city manager. She began her public service career with the Division of the Budget of New York State in

September 1991. In 1996, she took the Director of Financial Compliance and Claims for the New York City Administration for Children's Services. After working as a Financial Advisor from 2000 to 2003, Lori moved to the west coast and took the Administrative Services Director position in the City of <u>Lomita</u>. She joined the <u>Long Beach</u> city staff as City Controller in February 2006, and she was promoted to Chief Financial Officer in September 2007. In 2010 Lori took the CFO position for the City of <u>Huntington Beach</u>, and she was appointed Assistant City Manager in July 2017. She served as the President for the Port of Long Beach starting in December 2013. Lori was selected to serve as the Costa Mesa city manager in July 2019. She earned a BA from Barnard College and an MPA from Columbia University. She is bilingual proficient in English and Spanish.

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<u>Cotati</u>, says one legend, is named for a former Pomo Indian chief with the name Cotati. From 1858 the **Thomas Stokes Page** family owned the property where <u>Cotati</u> sits for more than 80 years. The land was used to

graze cattle and sheep. In 1870 the San Francisco and North Pacific Railroad completed the first rail line from Petaluma and Santa Rosa. The town of Cotati formed around the wood and water stop called Page's Station, which became Cotati. The city was incorporated in July 1963. The 2020 population is 7,584. Damien O'Bid is the city manager for the Sonoma County City of Cotati and Angela Courter is the Administrative Services Director.



Cotati City Manager Damien E. O'Bid served as the city's City Engineer and Public Works Director starting in 2008. He added the duties of Assistant City Manager in 2014 in an Interim status. He became the Acting City Manager in 2015 and

became City Manager in 2018. Prior to joining the <u>Cotati</u> city staff, Damien worked for more than a decade with the North Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board (NCRWQCB) and the Sonoma County Water Agency (SCWA).

City Manager **Dianne M. Thompson** served as the city manager for the City of <u>Cotati</u> from February 2007 until she resigned in December 2014. She worked as the City Manager for the Town of <u>Ross</u> from April 2015 to July 2015, and she replaced City Manager **Steve Adams** and Interim City Manager **Bob McFall** as the <u>Arroyo Grande</u> city manager from August 2015 until June 2016. Dianne began her public service career as a Facilities Planner for the City of <u>Santa Rosa</u> in March 1992, and she worked there until January 2004. She earned a BA from the University of California, Berkeley and a Master's from Northwester University. In 2014 she received a 20 Year ICMA Service Award.



Retired <u>South Gate</u> Public Works Director, **Bob Dickey**, who is a former <u>Walnut</u> city manager,
standing outside the Gibraltar City Hall during one
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Covina is in the San Gabriel Valley section of Los Angeles County. The city was established in 1882 by **Joseph Swift Phillips**. The city was named by **Frederick Eaton**, an engineer surveying the area.

Orange and grapefruit groves grew throughout the city. The city was the third-largest orange producer in the world as late as the 1950s. <u>Covina</u> incorporated in August 1901. The 2020 population is 51,268. **Chris Marcarello** is the <u>Covina</u> city manager and **Andrew Aleman** is the elected City Clerk. **Anita Agramonte** is the Finance Director starting in 2016.



Chris Marcarello began his public service career as a Project Manager and Budget Analyst for the City of <u>Claremont</u> in April 2001. In December 2005 he took an Administrative Analyst position for

Newport Beach. He started as the Director of Public Works in the City of Rosemead in September 2007. In September 2014, Chris became the Deputy City Manager and Public Works Director for the City of San Fernando. He went to work for Glendale in April 2017 as their Assistant Director of Public Works. He was appointed Covina city manager in June 2018. Chris earned a BS from California State Polytechnic University, Pomona and an MBA from the University of Massachusetts. He also earned a Leadership Certificate from Claremont McKenna College.

Covina resident **Lloyd de Llamas** served as cofounder, past President and Executive Chairman of Hinderliter, de Llamas & Associates (**HdL Companies**). Prior to co-founding **HdL Companies**, he was California's first Hispanic City Manager. He served as City Manager of <u>Monterey Park</u>, <u>Lawndale</u> and <u>Woodlake</u> and as an Assistant in the cities of <u>Torrance</u> and <u>San Diego</u>. He is a past President of the San Gabriel Vallely City Manager's Association. Lloyd received a 30 Year ICMA Service Award in 1993



<u>Crescent City</u> is the only incorporated city in Del Norte County in Northern California where it is the county seat. In 1855, the building of a lighthouse at "the battery point" (a high tide island on the coast of <u>Crescent</u>

<u>City</u>) was authorized. The lighthouse still functions as a historical landmark. The local population includes inmates at Pelican Bay State Prison. The offshore geography makes the local coast unusually susceptible to tsunamis. The 1964, much of the city was destroyed by the Great Alaskan earthquake created tsunami waves, and in 2011 the earthquake off Sendai, Japan created waves that damage docks in <u>Crescent City</u>. **Eric Wier** is the City Manager and **Robin Altman** is the City Clerk. **Linda Leaver** is the Finance Director.



City Manager **Eric Wier** of <u>Crescent City</u> was appointed in 2018. He previously served as the <u>Crescent City</u> Public Works Director. Eric is a former member of the <u>Crescent City</u> Fire and Rescue Department, an organization that

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<u>Cudahy</u> is a Los Angeles County city that has one of the highest population densities in the U.S. The city is named for its founder, **Michael Cudahy**, who was in the meat packing business. Many

struggling farmers in the 1910s and 1920s moved west to find a new life, and many of them moved to <u>Cudahy</u>. The city was incorporated in November 1960. The 2020 population is 19,397. Former <u>Cudahy</u> Mayor **Fred Guido** served as President of the California Contract Cities Association (CCCA) in 1976. **Alfonso Noyola** is the <u>Cudahy</u> city manager and **Richard Iglesias** is the City Clerk. The Assistant City Clerk is **Estefania Zamora** and the Assistant to the City Manager is **John Peraza**.



Cudahy City Manager Alfonso "Al" M. Noyola served in the United States Air Force in Nevada. He left the service in 1999 and worked in the mortgage industry until 2003 when he joined the North Las Vegas city staff as an administrator in the

Police Department from March 2003 until January 2010. Alfonso worked as the Acting Director of Finance & Administrative Services for North Las Vegas from 2010 to 2012. He was appointed Director of Administrative Services for North Las Vegas in January 2012. Alfonso moved to California in January 2015 to serve as the City Manager for the City of Arvin. He left Arvin in March 2018 to become the city manager for Boulder City, Nevada, where he left in October 2020. He was hired to be the Cudahy city manager in July 2021. Alfonso earned an AA from the Community College of the Air Force, a BS from Wayland Baptist University and an MPA from Midwestern State University. In 2016, he received a 10 Year ICMA Service Award. Al is an ICMA Credentialed Manager.

"No dog ever abandoned his owner because he was old and sick." --Anonymous



<u>Culver City</u> is named for founder, **Harry Culver**. Harry tried to establish the city in 1913, but incorporation did not come until September 1917. In the 1920s, <u>Culver City</u> became a center for

film and later television program production companies. The city was founded as a whites-only community. Promotions for lot sales noted "restricted to Caucasian race." In July 1941, Hughes Aircraft opened a plant. The world famous "Spruce Goose" was built there. John M. Nachbar is the city manager for the City of Culver City, and Jeremy Bocchino is the City Clerk. Lisa Soghor is the Chief Financial Officer, and Ted Stevens is the Parks, Recreation and Community Services Director.



City Manager John M. Nachbar of Culver City served as the Assistant to the City Manager in Wichita Falls, Texas in 1979-1982, and he worked as the Assistant City Manager in Overland Park, Kansas in 1982-1987. John came to

California as the City Manager for the City of Patterson where he served from 1987 to 1991. He took the City Administrator position in Albany, California from 1991 to 1995. In 1995, John took the Deputy City Manager job in Tucson, Arizona. He returned to Overland Park, Kansas in January 2000 as City Manager. After nearly 11 years, John was hired to be the city manager for Culver City starting in August 2010. John earned a BGS and MPA from The University of Kansas.

Lisa Soghor was appointed <u>Culver City</u> Chief Financial Officer in February 2022. She previously served as Assistant City Manager for the City of <u>Malibu</u>. She earned a BA from Princeton University and a Master of Landscape Architecture from the University of Pennsylvania. She received the 2014 Award of Excellence from the L.A. Business Council.

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Cupertino, named by Spanish explorer Juan Bautista Anza's cartographer, is a Santa Clara County city at the western end of the Santa Clara Valley. Once a fruit tree haven **CUPERTINO** where plum, apricot and cherry

orchards flourished. The first housing tract was constructed as a result of the development of an electric railway. Cupertino was incorporated in October 1955. The 2020 population is 60,381. Pamela Wu is the city manager and Kirsten Squarcia is the City Clerk, **Tina Kapoor** is the Deputy City Manager. Chad Mosley is the Cupertino Director of Public Works and City Engineer. The Recreation Manager of the Parks and Recreation Department is Jenny Koverman. Daniel Degu is the Economic Development Manager.



Cupertino City Manager Pamela **Wu** began her public service career as a Planner for the County of Santa Clara in 2001. She worked her way up in the organization during her more than 17 years county tenure. She was the Santa Clara

County Employee of the Month in September 2014. Pam took a Senior Planner job for the City of Gilroy in February 2018. She moved to San Bruno in 2019 to be the Planning and Housing Manager. She was Community and promoted to **Fconomic** Development Director in October 2020; the first four months a "Acting." In August 2022, Pam was recruited to serve as the City Manager for the City of <u>Cupertino</u>. She earned two BAs in architecture and regional planning from the University of California, Berkeley. She has an AICP license issued by the American Planning Association in May 2008. Pam has worked with the Children Ministry staff at the River Of Life Christian Church in Santa Clara since September 2013. She has taught Sunday School curriculum to 4th and 5th graders. Pam is bilingual in Chinese and English.



Jennifer Koverman started her public service career as a <u>Cupertino</u> Recreation Coordinator in April 1993. She took a Recreation Supervisor position in <u>Foster City</u> in April 1998, and in May 1999 she took a similar position with the City

of <u>Santa Clara</u>. In June 2011, Jennifer took a Teacher's & Athletic Director job with St. Lucy's School. In July 2016, Jennifer returned to <u>Cupertino</u> as a Recreation Specialist. In May 2017 she was promoted the Recreation Supervisor, and she became Recreation Manager in June 2023. Jennifer earned a BS in parks, recreation and leisure studier and an MPA from San Jose State University.



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Denise Pennell with her retired city manager husband Larry Pennell getting ready for Halloween 2024. Larry served as city manager in Wasco, Benicia and Galt. He had interim assignments in Fillmore, St. Helena and McFarland.

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----Eleanor Roosevelt

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<u>Cypress</u> is an Orange County city once nicknamed "Waterville" because of the artesian wells in the area. The city was incorporated in July 1956 with the name "Dairy City." Like

neighboring cities of Dairy Valley (Cerritos) and Dairyland (La Palma), the effort was to protect local dairy farmers. The Dairy City name was changed to Cypress in 1957. The move to build suburbs following World War II pushed local property values beyond dairy farm use. The 2020 population is 50,151. As of September 2024, the median home sale price in Cypress was \$925,000. Retired Long Beach and Paramount City Manager Pat West lives in Cypress, as does the retired Cerritos Recreation Center Director Jerry Simpson. The late Darrell Essex served the longest of Cypress city managers at 34 years starting in 1962. Darrell passed away in 2019 at the age of 87. Well-known professional landscape photographer Mark J. Ochenduszko, who retired as a city manager of Coronado in 2010, served as the Cypress city manager in 1996 - 1999. The current city manager is **Peter Grant** and **Alisha Farnell** is the City Clerk. Alicia Velasco is the Cypress Planning Director, and June S. Liu is the Director of Recreation & Community Services.



<u>Cypress</u> City Manager **Peter Grant** began his public service career in January 2000 as a Principal Analyst for the City of <u>Huntington Beach</u>. In 2005-2006, he tried the private sector as Director of Development for **The Olson Company**. After a stint with LINC

Housing (2007-2009), he joined the <u>Irvine</u> city staff as Strategic Business Plan Administrator. In December 2010 Peter was hired to be Assistant City Manager for the City of <u>Redondo Beach</u>. He was recruited in July 2014 to serve as the <u>Cypress</u> city manager. Peter earned a BA from the University of California, Riverside and an MPA from the University of Southern California (**USC**). In 2022, Peter received a 20-Year ICMA Service Award.

Cypress City Manager Darrell Essex passed away in April 2019 at the age of 87. Darrell served as the Cypress city manager for 34 years starting in 1962. Following his retirement, Darrell served 13 years as an ICMA Range Rider. Darrell mentored many young administrators during his tenure, Doug Dunlap, who retired as the Pomona city manager worked for Darrell in Cypress. Darrell earned a BS and MS from the University of Southern California (USC). He served two years in the U. S. Army. Darrell was named the Cypress Citizen of the Year by the Cypress College Foundation in 1997.



Darrell Essex, Bill Crowe and Doug Dunlap at a "Proof of Life" lunch.





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Baseball fans everywhere watched the American League and National League championship series. Here is **John Russo** in his **Gil Hodges** "Miracle Mets" jersey with his sons **Sam and Gabe Russo** at Dodger Stadium. John is a retired <u>Irvine</u> city manager. In the picture on the right is retired <u>Norwalk</u> and <u>Bellflower</u> city manager **Mike Egan** of **Tripepi Smith** with his wife **Teresa Egan** at Dodger Stadium. The Egans are residents of City of <u>La Habra</u>. The Los Angeles Dodgers won the right to play the New York Yankees in the 2024 World Series.



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Salvador Lopez, Director of Planning;
Jonathan Mitchell, Director of Business
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---Vanessa Muñoz



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to enhance their communities."

---Adel Freij

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"Proof of Life" lunch program



Retired <u>Sacramento</u> City Manager **John Shirey** travelled to Southern California to join those who attended the September "Proof of Life" lunch in <u>La Mirada</u>. In this picture is **Jeff Collier**, retired <u>Whittier</u> city manager, **John Shirey**, **Mike Egan**, retired <u>Norwalk</u> city manager and **Tripepi Smith** executive, and **Tom Robinson**, retired <u>La Mirada</u> city manager. The next "Proof of Life" lunch will be on Thursday, December 12, 2024, at the North Woods Inn Restaurant in La Mirada.





These two pictures show former city managers Bill Crowe, Don Penman, Jim Purtee, Glenn Southard, Wayne Wedin and Ron Molendyk. Glenn continues to get the blame for the "Proof of Life" moniker as he once said during an attempt to get the group to pose for a photograph, "It's a proof of life picture."



Greg Korduner, a "Proof of Life" founder, and **Jim Barisic** posse by Greg's classic Ford Mustang.



Picking Up the Pieces: Rocklin Assistant City Manager Sherri Conway has retired and plans to step down in December. She has been an important part of City

Manager Aly Zimmermann's management team. Before coming to Rocklin as Assistant City Manager, Sherri led the Office of Economic Development for Placer County. She also previously worked as the Director of Economic Development and Planning for the City of Colfax and Community Development Director for Lake Placid, New York. Bessie Marie Scott, former Deputy Inspector General for the City of Seattle, Washington, is the new city manager for the City of Antioch. She is the fifth Antioch city manager in three years. Bessie earned a BA in law, society and philosophy from the University of California, Santa Barbara and an MPA from the University of Washington. She succeeds City Manager Cornelius Johnson, who resigned July 14, 2023, and Interim City Manager Kwame Reed. Bessie previously worked as a paralegal and strategic advisor for the Seattle Housing Authority; policy director and Interim Executive Director of the Seattle Community Police Commission; and with the Public Defender Association in Seattle. A Captain for the Emeryville Police Department, Interim Anderson Chief of Police Oliver Collins is the third Chief for the Anderson Police Department this year. Riverside Deputy Fire Chief Steve McKinster has been promoted to Fire Chief starting on October 10. Steve has worked for the Riverside Fire Department for 25 years. He is succeeding Chief Michael Moore, who retired after a 10-year tenure as Riverside Chief. Steve earned his paramedic license from Daniel Freeman Paramedic School, and his AA degree in Fire Science from Mt. San Jacinto College. He also earned a BA in Organization Leadership from Azuza Pacific University. Jennifer Tejada was the first female Chief of Police for the Emeryville Police Department, serving from 2015 until she retired in 2020.

One of the Greats: Bruce Allan Altman (December 13, 1937 – April 12, 2017)

Bruce Altman, 79, passed away as a result of congestive heart failure. Bruce also suffered from multiple sclerosis. He was the first City Manager for the City of Simi Valley and retired as the City Manager for the City of Palm Desert. He began his public service career in Claremont in 1961 and in 1964 he joined the Newark, California city staff. Bruce was appointed Newark city manager in 1965. He took the Brisbane city manager position in 1968. Bruce moved to be City Manager in Simi Valley in 1969 and left that position in 1974 when he became the Los Angeles County Public Administrator. In 1978 he became the Deputy Director of the Mechanical Department in Los Angeles County, and following about a 3-year stint in private enterprise, Bruce took the Palm Desert city manager position in 1983 and retired in 1995. Bruce mentored an army of former assistants who went on to be city managers. Bruce earned a BS and MPA from Arizona State University.



More Pieces Picked Up: Jaqui Guzmán is the new Assistant City Manager for the City of Elk Grove. The Elk Grove City Manager is Jason Behrmann. Jaqui has more than 17 years of public sector work experience. She most recently served as Deputy City Manager in Sunnyvale. Previously she worked for the cities of Cupertino and San Jose, and the

Legislative Analyst's Office of the California State Legislature. She earned a BA from Occidental College and an MPP from the University of California, Los Angeles (UCLA). Jaqui will start her new position in Elk Grove in December. Montebello Interim City Manager Arlene Salazar filed a discrimination lawsuit against the city and Council Member David Torres, claiming harassment, intimidation and retaliation. The legal action also named City Manager Raul Alvarez. Eight city employees filed actions against the Council Member. The issues have continued since late 2021. Melissa Stevenson Diaz has been the city manager for the City of Redwood City since October 2015. She previously worked as the Assistant City Manager in Fremont (2006-2010) and Assistant to the City Manager in Morgan Hill (2001-2006). Melissa earned a BA in European history from Mills College and an MA in public administration from San Jose State University. She is a member of the Board of Directors for the Center for Public Safety Excellence (CPSE). CPSE is the not-for-profit organization that accredits fire and rescue departments (Commission on Fire Accreditation International), provides professional designation for fire and rescue officers (Commission on Professional Credentialing) and provides technical and facilitation services for fire departments to help develop strategic plans and analyze local community risks and hazards (Technical Advisor Program). CPSE headquartered in Reston, Virginia.



SHORTS: *Sincere thanks to Crime Stoppers Los Angeles Regional Executive Director Natalie D. Salazar for coming to the September 2024 "Proof of Life" lunch joining many of her former city manager friends. *Jennifer Andrews, a Joint Venture Partner for EKA, previously worked as the Director of

Vialpando is the City Manager for the City of Lomita taking the position from Interim City Manager Joe Hoefgen following the resignation of City Manager Ryan Smoot, who left to become the City Manager for the City of Bellflower. *Former CCMF President and retired Indian Wells, Atascadero and Shafter city manager, Wade McKinney has moved to Missouri and recently bought a home in Springfield, the county seat of Green County, Missouri. *Afshin Oskoui is the city manager for the City of Belmont where he previously served as the Public Works Director after a tenure of more than 25 years on the staff of the City of San Diego. *Anthony D. Gonsalves of the

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