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Former City Manager Wesley Wolf Finds New Way To Serve

Wesley Wolf worked for the City of Long Beach and transitioned to an administrative position in Hawaiian Gardens. His hard work there was recognized by the City Council and he was appointed City Administrator. His name is inscribed on the plaque dedicating the city's civic center complex as he was deeply involved with the project's financing and project management.

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City Managers in other States with California City experience:

Many city management professionals have left California for communities in other States. Not that the "grass is greener," it is simply different according to one such transplant. Some have come home to California and some have never returned. We have pieced together a representative list of folks who have moved on. This is not an all-inclusive list by any stretch of the imagination.

There are those like former ICMA President **Roy Pederson**, who moved on and then returned. Then there are those like **L. Keyth Durham**, a former City Manager in Firebaugh who left the business following service as the City Manager in West Wendover, Nevada.

There are very few like former City Manager **Lyle Alberg**, who began his career in the California Cities of Monterey Park and Montebello, and then left for ten years of service as the City Manager in Independence, Missouri. Lyle returned to the Golden State to serve as City Manager in Arcadia and Hemet, and Interim City Manager in Indian Wells (twice), Desert Hot Springs, Calimesa, Yucca Valley, La Habra Heights and San Jacinto.

Of course, one of the latest California City Managers to leave is South Gate's **Gary Milliman**. Gary retired from PERS and accepted the City Manager position in the pretty Oregon coastal community of Brookings.

We apologize in advance for any errors. Please let us know when and where we are mistaken. We hope that you find this list of interest and perhaps find some old friends among the group.

Managers in other States

Phoenix, Oregon City Manager **M. Dale Shaddox** has an AS from Cypress Community College, a BA & an MPA from California State University. Dale began his career in 1975 as an Administrative Assistant in Buena Park. In 1979 he moved to Chico and in 1995 he became the Assistant City Manager in Yreka. He was appointed Yreka City Manager in 1996. He was appointed Cotati City Manager in 2000 and City Manager in Hollister in 2003. He then moved to Brookings, Oregon in 2005 and was appointed in Phoenix in January of this year. Dale has a 30-year ICMA Service Award.

Peoria, Arizona City Manager **Terrence L. "Terry" Ellis** started his public management career as an Intern in Mountain View in 1972. He later worked in Campbell and Monterey, leaving Monterey in 1985 as the Assistant City Manager to take the Kirkland, Washington City Manager position. He was appointed in Peoria in 1997. Terry has a BS from the University of Santa Clara, a MA from San Jose State University, and an MPA from Pepperdine University. Born in 1949, Terry has earned a 30-year ICMA Service Award. He is a Past President of the Washington City/County Management Association, and the recipient of the 1996 Award of Excellence in Local Government Management from that group.



Terry Ellis
City Manager
Peoria, Arizona

<http://www.peoriaaz.com>

Brighton City Manager **John M. Bramble** was born in May 1946 and has earned a 30-year ICMA Service Award. John has a BS from Oregon State University and an MPA from the University of Nevada. He started his career as an Administrative Assistant in 1969 in Salem, Oregon. In 1975 John accepted a Management Analyst position in Las Vegas. He moved to Belmont, California as the Assistant City Manager and Finance Director in 1979. He was next appointed City Manager of Commerce City, Colorado in 1981, and then Pueblo, Colorado in 1984. He left Pueblo in 1987 and spent about a year as a Professor with the University of Southern Colorado. In 1988 accepted a position with the Atascadero staff and was appointed City Administrator in Bell later that year. He left Bell in 1993 for the County Administrator position in Adams County, Colorado and took the Brighton job in 1997.



John Bramble
City Manager
Brighton, Colorado

<http://www.brightonco.gov/>

Reno, Nevada City Manager **Charles E. McNeely** began his city career as an Administrative Intern in San Diego in 1972. He has a BA and an MPA from the University of Kansas. He worked in Palo Alto between 1976 and 1983, when he was appointed City Manager in Seaside where he served for about 10 years. After leaving Seaside he was the Assistant General Manager of the East Bay Utility District until his appointment in Reno in 1996. He has a 30-year ICMA Service Award, and is the 2004 recipient of ICMA's Award in Honor of Carolyn Keane. He also is a past member of the ICMA Executive Board.

Managers in other States

Highland, Utah City Administrator **Damon B. “Barry” Edwards** has a BA and an MPA from Brigham Young University, and began his public service career with the State of Utah in 1977. In 1979 he became City Manager of Clinton City, Utah. In 1983 Barry moved to California as City Manager of King City. In 1987 he accepted the assignment of City Administrator in Ridgecrest, and in 1994 he became City Manager in Belmont. He moved to his current assignment in December 1998. Barry has a 25-Year ICMA Service Award.

Our Friend Don Wagner:

After more than 30-years in municipal government, Don Wagner retired as the Assistant City Manager in the City of Rosemead. It was good to see Donnie this past month. Retirement seems to agree with him, and it has given him time to pursue his passion of auto racing. Don is one of those who put family before career. At one point he was offered the City Manager position in a high desert community, but his wife balked at moving the children into the desert so Don stayed the course as the ACM in Rosemead.

Paradise Valley, Arizona City Manager **Thomas M. “Tom” Martinsen** began his public management career on the engineering staff in Inglewood. He became City Engineer and then Director of Public Works in Manhattan Beach prior to heading to Glendale, Arizona as a Deputy City Manager. He came back to California for a 5-year period between 1990 and 1995 with Alameda County Waste Management before returning to Arizona. Tom has a BS from California State University. Born in 1942, Tom has earned a 35-year ICMA Service Award.

Kirkland, Washington City Manager **David H. “Dave” Ramsay** was born in 1947 and began his public service career in 1973 as an Intern in Arcadia. Dave has a BA from the University of Washington and an MPA from the University of Southern California. He moved to the Pasadena staff in 1974 and on to Glendale in 1977 as the CETA Program Administrator. In 1988 Dave was appointed Glendale City Manager. He took his current assignment in November 1997. Dave is a Past President of the Washington City/County Management Association. He has a 30-year ICMA Service Award and was a recipient of the ICMA Program Excellence Award for Outstanding Partnerships: Intergovernmental Cooperation in 2005.

Janet M. “Jan” Dolan, City Manager of the City of Scottsdale, Arizona started her career in 1979 as a Management Intern in Helena, Montana. After working in Great Falls, Montana and Reno, Nevada, Jan became the Assistant City Manager in Santa Rosa in 1984. She served as City Manager of Menlo Park for 10 years starting in 1990 and was appointed in Scottsdale in 2000. She has a BA from the University of Montana. Born in March 1953, Jan has a 25-year ICMA Service Award. She served on the ICMA Task Force on Community Tools for Ending Racism, 2001-2002.



Janet M. Dolan
City Manager
Scottsdale, Arizona

www.scottsdaleaz.gov

“No minute is without potential for momentous change, and each tick of the clock might be the voice of Fate whispering a promise or a warning.”

Author Dean Koontz, in “The Good Guy”

Managers in other States

Cushing, Oklahoma City Manager **Andrew S. "Andy" Katz** started his career in Covina and Rosemead, California, where he worked with then-City Manager Frank G. Tripepi. When Andy left California in 1994 he joined the staff in Woutage, New Jersey and then Galloway, New Jersey. He was appointed in Cushing in 2004. Andy has a BA from Case Western Reserve University, Ohio.

Fernley, Nevada claims to be the "fastest growing city in Nevada." Fernley City Manager **Gary A. Bacock** began his public management career in 1977 on the South Gate staff. In 1990 Gary join the Cypress staff and left there in 1998 for Fernley. He has an AA from Pasadena City College and a BS & MPA from California State University, Long Beach. Gary has served on the Board of the Local Government Managers Association of Nevada.



Gary A. Bacock
City Manager
City of Fernley, Nevada

<http://www.cityoffernley.org>

A Past-President of the Local Government Managers Association of Nevada is Sparks City Manager **Shaun D. Carey**. Shaun earned BS & Engineering Degrees at the University of Nevada. He started his career in engineering with the City of Sierra Vista, Arizona, before moving to Boulder County, Colorado as a Traffic Engineer. He then worked in Marysville and Lincoln as Director of Public Works prior to joining the Sparks staff where he was appointed Acting City Manager in 1999 and City Manager in 2000. Shaun has a 20-year ICMA Service Award.

Woodburn, Oregon City Administrator **John C. Brown** has a BA from the University of California and an MPA from California State University. He began his career in 1983 as a Finance Analyst in Oxnard. Following a promotion to Management Analyst, John moved to Yuba County in 1987, and advanced to Assistant County Administrative Officer in 1988. John left Yuba County in 1995 when he was appointed City Manager in Jackson. John has a 20-year ICMA Service Award.

Canby, Oregon City Administrator **Mark C. Adcock** has a BS from Missouri State University and an MPA from California State University. He began his career in 1971 as a Police Officer in Orange. He became an Administrative Analyst in Orange and move up to Assistant to the City Manager in 1984. In 1986 Mark took a similar position with San Leandro, and in 1992 he became City Administrator in Chillicothe, Missouri. He was appointed in Canby in 1999. Mark has a 35-year ICMA Service Award.

In 1997-2000 Tualatin, Oregon City Manager **Sherilyn Lombos** served as an Administrative Analyst in Fremont. She has a BS and an MPA from the University of Kansas and she began her career as an Intern in Liberty, Missouri. After Fremont, Sherylyn was appointed Assistant to the City Manager in Manhattan Beach in 2000 and Deputy City Manager in 2004. She took the Tualatin position in 2006. She is a Past Cal-ICMA Board Member.

Since April this year, **Layne P. Long** has been the Draper, Utah City Manager. He has a BA & MPA from Brigham Young University. He was City Administrator of Mt. Pleasant, Vermont in 1987. In 1989 he came to Morgan Hill & became the Assistant to the City Manager in Los Altos later that year. Layne returned to Vermont in 2001 to serve as City Administrator of Springville. He was appointed in Draper in April of this year. He has a 10-year ICMA Service Award.

Managers in other States

Truly "one of the good guys," Eagle Mountain, Utah City Administrator **John F. Hendrickson** has a 25-year ICMA Service Award. He has a BA and an MPA from Brigham Young University. John was born in February 1944. He began his career in 1974 as an Administrative Assistant in Mapleton, Utah. In 1975 he was appointed City Administrator in Payson, Utah, and in 1981 he moved to Soda Springs, Idaho. In 1983 John became the City Administrator in Evanston, Wyoming. He moved to California in 1985 as the City Manager in Wasco, where he had a 9-year run. His next position was City Administrator in Post Falls, Idaho in 1994, and in 1998 he became City Administrator of North Ogden, Utah. In 2002 John returned to California as the City Manager of La Habra Heights. He left that assignment in late 2005 and showed up next as the City Manager in Draper, Utah. John was appointed to his current assignment in March of this year. He is an Army veteran and a former employee of the Central Intelligence Agency.



Barry A. Cook
City Administrator
Green River, Wyoming

<http://www.cityofgreenriver.org>

Green River, Wyoming City Administrator **Barry A. Cook** began his public management career with Intern positions in San Francisco and then Sausalito in 1979. He has a BS from the University of Wyoming and an MPA from Golden Gate University. After leaving California, Barry worked with the Fremont COG in Wyoming, and then he served the City of Wheatland in various positions. In 1991 he was appointed City Administrator in Post Falls, Idaho. He took his current assignment in 1994. Barry has a 25-year ICMA Service Award. He is a Past President of the Great Open Spaces City Management Association.

David R. "Dave" Sollenberger is the City Manager in Plant City, Florida. Dave was born in 1936 and has a rare 40-year ICMA Service Award. He is the recipient of a 1996 ICMA Program Excellence Award for Innovations in Local Government Management. Dave has a BS from the University of Dayton, Ohio and an MGA from the University of Pennsylvania. Dave began his career in 1962 as an Intern in Vallejo and after working in various positions, he was appointed Vallejo City Manager in 1967. In 1970 he began an assignment with the Southern California Association of Governments, and in 1972 he became the Watsonville City Manager. Dave left California in 1974 to become the City Manager in Winona, Minnesota. In 1987 he was appointed City Manager of Sarasota, Florida. He started his current assignment in 2002.

Twin Falls, Idaho City Manager **Thomas J. "Tom" Courtney** began his public service career in 1971 in Stockton as an Administrative Aide and Personnel Assistant. Tom left there to join the Tracy staff and in 1974 became the Assistant City Manager. He left Tracy in 1977 for a similar position in Twin Falls and was appointed City Manager in 1980. Tom has a BS and MS from Utah State University. He was born in 1948 and has a 35-year ICMA Service Award. Tom is a Past President of the Idaho City Management Association.

Woodinville, Washington City Manager **Richard A. "Rich" Leahy** worked with retired City Manager Bill Holt in the City of Paramount. Rich began his career in Paramount in 1982, working various positions. When he left in 1995 to become City Administrator in Mukilteo, Washington, Rich was the Paramount Assistant City Manager. Rich served Mukilteo until his Woodinville appointment in March of this year. Rich has a BS from the University of the Pacific and an MPA from the USC. He has a 20-year ICMA Service Award.

"There's no crime so mean as ingratitude in politics, but every great statesman from the beginnin' of the world has been up against it."

George Washington Plunkitt

Picking Up The Pieces: Many thanks to veteran Merced City Manager **Jim Marshall** for the thoughtful message: "Thanks for helping us remember there is a 'personal' side to this business...we get so wrapped up in our day to day business that we sometimes feel isolated. Your newsletter is a welcome addition to the myriad of work dominated materials we receive." Congratulations to 56-year old **Glenn Rojas**, the new City Manager of Menlo Park following extended service as the City Manager in the City of Chino. **Joe Goeden** continues to service as a Range Rider. An Orange County Register article noted that more than 350 employees, firefighters, police officers and friends packed the sanctuary of Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Church to bid farewell to La Habra City Manager **Brad Bridenbecker**. Following the retirement of City Manager **Jerry Miller**, the Long Beach City Council appointed Long Beach Police Chief **Anthony Batts** as Interim City Manager. Congratulations to Indio City Manager **Glenn Southard**. His City Council approves of his management work to the tune of raising his annual salary to \$300,000. After 14-years at the helm, **Bill Kelly** is leaving the City Manager position in Arcadia to return to consulting...you will be missed Bill. Los Altos' new city manager is **Douglas Schmitz**. Doug comes from Lake Oswego, Oregon, but has staff experience in Carmel-by-the-Sea and Laguna Beach. Former Hawaiian Gardens City Administrator **Ray Harris**, a BIG Indy 500 fan, is known as the late retired city manager **Peter B. Feenstra's** best assistant ever. 48-year old Poway City Manager **Rod Gould**, a Past President of the League's City Managers' Department and former city manager in San Rafael and Monrovia, has two master's degrees from Harvard University...one in public administration and one in education...and a bachelor's degree in economics and political science from Yale University. Retired Lakeport

City Manager **Randy L. Johnsen** is the Interim City Manager in the City of Colusa. We hope this is not cutting into his time with his country music band. Randy is an accomplished performer. **Brian Loventhal**, Esquire, is the City Manager/City Planner in the City of Monte Sereno. He was 29-years old when he was appointed in 1999 after serving in an interim capacity. **Joe M. Hoefgen** was appointed Palos Verdes Estates City Manager in July from the Del Mar ACM position. Vallejo City Manager **Joe Tanner** continues to work to balance a projected budget deficit. Chino PW Director **Pat Glover** is now the Chino City Manager. Long-time Lakewood City Manager **Howard Chambers** has said that tough times don't last, but tough and nimble organizations do! City Manager **Gerald Caton** has served in the top spot in Downey since 1989. Highland's new **Sam Racadio** Library and Environmental Learning Center will be a 30,000 s.f. facility. ICMA Director of Strategic Issues **James Keene**, formerly with CSAC, sees a number of factors driving the upward trend in city manager salaries. He says that the wave of baby boom retirements is creating a tight recruiting market, and public sector compensation is catching up with traditionally higher private sector pay. **Mayrant D. "Mac" McKeown** was 33-years old when he was appointed to take over for Interim City Manager **Bill Cecil** to become Dairy Valley's first City Manager in 1956. In 1961 **William Stark** became the City Manager of what is today the City of Cerritos, as Mac McKeown left to become the Paramount City Manager. Call Bob Hornaday of Keenan & Associates at 800-338-5247. CCCA's **Jerry Jeffe** reports that Coachella City Manager **Jerry Santillan** has "left the building," and that ACMs **Steve Brown** and **Linda Garza** are the new co-Interim City Managers. **Wende Portzman** is Interim City Manager in Atherton.

Jack A. Simpson

Managers in other States

Newberg, Oregon City Manager **James H. "Jim" Bennett** began his career as an Assistant Planner in the City of Ceres in 1987. Jim has a BA from the University of California, Santa Cruz and an MPA from California State University Stanislaus. He worked in the Planning Department in Monterey County starting in 1988, and went to Livingston as the Assistant City Manager/Planning Director in 1990. After working as a Planner in Ada County, Idaho, and as the Director of Planning in Central Point, Oregon, Jim was appointed City Administrator in Central Point in 1996. He went to Newberg in 2002. He has a 10-year ICMA Service Award, and is currently serving on the ICMA Executive Board.

Park City, Utah City Manager **Thomas "Tom" Bakaly** has a BA from The Colorado College and an MPA from the University of Southern California. Born in 1964, Tom has a 10-year ICMA Service Award. Prior to joining the Park City staff, Tom worked for the City of Pasadena for 7-years in various positions. His Pasadena work with large events such as World Cup Soccer, Rose Bowls and the Super Bowl helped him in Park City as the city prepared for the 2002 Winter Olympics. Tom was appointed to his current assignment in January 2003.



City of Norwalk 2007 Independence Day Celebration: Country Singer Casey Simpson with Norwalk City Manager Ernie Garcia. Casey performed an hour set at the Norwalk celebration.

West Jordan, Utah City Manager **Gary M. Luebbers** has a BS from Culver-Stockton, Missouri and an MPA from the University of South Carolina (the other USC). Gary served in the United States Air Force from 1966 until 1987, and when he left the military he took the Assistant City Manager position in Redlands. Gary was appointed Redlands City Manager in 1993. He was appointed to his current assignment in 2000. He has a 10-year ICMA Service Award.

Cody, Wyoming City Administrator **McFerrin Anderson "Andy" Whiteman** started his public service career in Yellowstone County, Montana. In 2001 he was appointed County Administrative Officer in Lassen County, California, and in 2004 Andy became the City Manager of Fort Bragg. He was appointed to his current position in March of this year. Andy has a 10-year ICMA Service Award.

Wood Village, Oregon City Administrator **Sheila M. Ritz** began her career in 1974 as an Administrative Assistant in Simi Valley. She has a BA from Kansas University and an MPA from the University of Southern California. After leaving Simi Valley in 1978 she worked in Eugene and Albany, Oregon prior to her 1987 appointment in Wood Village. Sheila has a 30-year ICMA Service Award.



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Organized by women public managers, WLG is designed to assist female managers in their career development. WLG hosted a women's panel and networking social at the MMASC Conference in Venture in July. Please check out the WLG website:

<http://www.womenleadinggovernment.org/>

Grandfather O'Rourke to Retire

Veteran City Manager Kevin O'Rourke of Fairfield has announced his retirement in September. Kevin has served as the Fairfield City Manager since March 1997. He has a local government career that covers more than 30-years, with 26 of those years as a city manager in the Cities of Stanton, Buena Park and Fairfield.

Kevin is a Past President of the City Managers' Department of the League of California Cities, a former member of the ICMA Executive Board, a member of the California City Management Foundation Board, and a Cal-ICMA Board Member. He has been a contributor to the improvement and development of the city manager craft from the beginning of his career.

As retired City Manager Frank Tripepi, Kevin attended Seminary at an early age. A comedian once said that those who come out of Seminary come out either as priests or thugs. Now we can add: "or City Managers."

Due to his Seminary experience and his delightful Irish persona, some have called Kevin, "Father O'Rourke." However, since the birth of his first Grandchild some have changed that nickname to "Grandfather O'Rourke." He even bought a special pocket sized memory screen to carry photos to share with everyone.

It is well known among his friends that Kevin has fallen in love with Australia. He has made many friends there, as he does everywhere he goes. Kevin enjoys visiting his Australian friends at every opportunity.

While everyone who knows him extends Kevin best wishes for an enjoyable and long retirement, California's city manager community is losing one of its best leaders and public representatives. One can only hope that Kevin finds himself in a position that allows him to continue an active interest in California City Managers. Congratulations Kevin!



Interim Professional Available

Former City Manager Anthony Lopez is looking for an interim manager or department head assignment. He will also do special project work, he says, "Anywhere in California." Anthony tried for an ICMA position in Iraq, but was told that they need someone with an existing "high security clearance." Tony says that he will accept an assignment outside the U.S. He is bilingual in English and Spanish. Anthony may be reached at email address: anthonyblopez@yahoo.com

About Trackdown Management Service

Jack and Susan Simpson established Trackdown Management Services several years ago. Susan, who currently works for the Travel & Events Department in the corporate office of In-N-Out Burger in Irvine, represented country singer daughter Casey Simpson, a former Nashville Star finalist, through Trackdown. Susan also did consulting work and document preparation through Trackdown.

Following 25-years as a City Manager, Jack worked during the past dozen years in local government consulting in public finance, refuse disposal and public works and planning. Earlier this year Jack began working under the Trackdown Management Services banner. The City Manager Newsletter produced by Trackdown is mostly intended as a fun diversion for those practicing the city manager craft.

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We are pleased to note that the first folks stepping forward to Sponsor the City Manager Newsletter by Trackdown are former City Managers. First, of course, is former Hawaiian Gardens City Administrator Wesley Wolf of [Wolf & Company, Inc.](#) Then Lloyd de Llamas of [HdL Companies](#) offered to help keep me off the streets, and Frank Tripepi followed bringing [MuniFinancial](#) and [Willdan](#) on board. We are most proud that Anthony, Jason and Paul Gonsalves of [Joe A. Gonsalves & Son](#) have also joined the group. We sincerely appreciate our Sponsors and urge everyone to take a look at their websites, or give them a call.

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