Women Professionals in California’s “Rancho” Cities

A continued list of women city government professionals in California cities is presented here. Those listed in this 27th installment in this issue are those we could find in the five “Rancho” cities of California.

As we have repeatedly said, there are many highly qualified and dedicated professional women serving California cities. The list is impressive and addresses the rhetorical question: Where are the women in city management?

Again, we apologize up front to anyone we miss and do not list. The failures of others to not post complete profiles makes it difficult to be comprehensive. Please know that we try.

Nadean and Robert “Bob” Dickey on the beach in Mozambique in November, 2019. Bob worked for Signal Hill and Rosemead, and is a former City Manager in the City of Walnut. He also worked 10-years for the Southern California Edison Company, and he retired as the Public Works Director for the City of South Gate. Later in November, Bob and Nadean celebrated their anniversary and Thanksgiving in Zanzibar. Bob is one of the World traveling retired City Managers. He and Nadean have been all over the world.
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Rancho Cordova was incorporated in Sacramento County in 2003. The 2010 census set the population at 64,776. During the Gold Rush era, circa 1855, the area was called Mayhew’s Crossing or Hangtown Crossing. The city takes its name from the Cordova Vineyards and Cordova Village. A Rancho Cordova Post Office was established in 1955. Cyrus Abhar is the City Manager and Micah Runner is the Deputy City Manager. Stacy Leitner is the City Clerk and Executive Assistant to the City Manager.

Rancho Cordova City Clerk Stacy Leitner, CMC, CAP, OM, also serves as the Executive Assistant to the City Manager. Stacy became City Clerk in August, 2017 and has been serving as the Executive Assistant to the City Manager since June, 2004. Stacy served as an Instructor for Heald College from April, 1999 to April, 2015. She was also on the College Faculty of Butte College from January, 1999 to December, 2009. Stacy studied business and management at Brigham Young University, and earned a BA from the Jon M. Huntsman School of Business at Utah State University. She also earned a MS from Boise State University. You can learn about Stacy at: www.agreatdayswork.com

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Maria Chacon Kniestedt served as a Public Information Officer for the California Department of Consumer Affairs and the Bureau of Automotive Repair from 1991 to 1996. She then spent the next nearly 20-years with a private public relations and marketing firm. Maria joined the city staff in Rancho Cordova in April, 2016 as the Communications and Public Affairs Director. She was awarded an Official Membership with the Forbes Communications Council in September, 2019. Maria earned a BA and MA in the English language and literature from California State University, Sacramento. Maria has taught writing classes at Sacramento City College and at California State University, Sacramento. She is currently a Board Member for the California Capital Airshow.
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Kim Juran Karageorgiou is the Administrative Services Director in Rancho Cordova. Kim announced her resignation as the Administrative Services Director for the City of Los Altos in May, 2016 to accept the appointment of Chief Financial Officer for the City of Rancho Cordova. She worked for Los Altos from August, 2014 until 2016. Prior to Los Altos, Kim worked as the Administrative Services Director in the City of Auburn, and she served as the Director of Finance for the City of San Bruno prior to that. Before her career in local government, she worked in a finance capacity for Stanford University. Kim earned a BA and MPA from the University of Southern California (USC).

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Barbara Collins began her working career in Sausalito as an Administrative Assistant with an information technology and services firm in 1983. In 1984 she went to work as a software support technician for an online software systems company in Chico. She joined the Chico city staff in 1994 as Community Services Officer (CSO), and in 2001 she took a Management Analyst with the Chico Police Department. In 2009 she moved to the City Manager’s Office in a Management Analyst post. Deborah earned a BA in social work from California State University, Chico, and an MS in law from Champlain College.

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Elizabeth Sparkman is the Rancho Cordova Community Development Director. Elizabeth joined the city staff in January, 2005 as a Senior Civil Engineer. She was appointed Community Development Director in July, 2018, while retaining her engineering responsibilities. Elizabeth earned a BS in civil engineering from California State University, Sacramento, and she is a registered Professional Engineer. One of her hobbies is outrigger paddling. Her favorite quote is from Oscar Wilde: “Be yourself; everyone else is already taken.”

Brenda Roach is the Human Resources Manager in Rancho Cordova. She has been working in human resources since 2001 when she went to work for a painting company in the private sector. She worked in HR for a construction company in Sacramento for more than 13-years before working for an architects and engineering firm. She joined the Rancho Cordova city staff as Human Resources Manager in April, 2008. Brenda earned a BS from Villanova University, and a Masters in human resources and organizational development from the University of San Francisco. She has served as a Board Member for the Sacramento Area Human Resources Association.

“As far as I’m concerned, Aaron is the best ball player of my era. He is to baseball of the last fifteen years what Joe DiMaggio was before him. He’s never receive the credit he’s due.” —Mickey Mantle

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Jack Simpson and Art Gallucci, four years ago at the All-Cities Holiday Reception at The Grand in Long Beach co-hosted by the Los Angeles County Division of the League of California Cities and the California Contract Cities Association. Art Gallucci, began his career with the old Southeast Parks and Recreation District, and joined the Cerritos staff in 1971 as a Recreation Superintendent. He later headed up the Human Affairs Department from 1973 to 1981, when he was appointed Assistant City Manager. Art was appointed Cerritos City Manager in 1991.
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- **Kevin O'Rourke**, KOLGS/PARS; Retired City Manager
- **Glenn Southard**, Retired City Manager, Indio & Claremont
- **Joe Tanner**, Retired Vallejo City Manager
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- **Vern Lawson**, Retired, Lancaster
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- **Gary K. Sloan**, Retired La Mirada City Manager

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- **Doug Dunlap**, Retired City Manager, Pomona
- **Rita Geldert**, Retired City Manager, Vista
- **Charles Huffaker**, Retired City Manager, Porterville
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**Henry Boisseranc Park** is a 20-acre park in the City of Buena Park in Orange County. Henry sold some land to Walt Disney to build Disneyland, and in return it appears as if this park was established in Henry’s name. Henry was married to Louise Martin Mezel. Henry was born August 30, 1891 and he passed away on April 16, 1972 at the age of 80-years. Henry's parents were both born in France.
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The City of Rancho Cucamonga incorporated in November, 1977 in the foothills of the San Gabriel Mountains in San Bernardino County. The 2018 estimated population is 177,751. The current City Manager is John Gillison.

Elisa Cox has been a Deputy City Manager in Rancho Cucamonga since August, 2017. Elisa began working for the City of Sierra Madre in 1995 as a cashier at the Sierra Madre Pool. She joined the city staff full-time in 2005, and served as Deputy Director of Community & Personnel Services between 2006 and 2008, and then she was promoted to Director of Community & Personnel Services in 2008. Elisa became the Sierra Madre Director of Human Resources in 2012, and she was appointed Assistant City Manager in 2014. Elisa earned a BS from California Polytechnic State University, San Luis Obispo, and an MBA from California State Polytechnic University, Pomona. She also earned a Certificate in Human Resources from the Society for Human Resources Management.

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Lori Sassoon is the Rancho Cucamonga Deputy City Manager responsible for Administrative Services. She joined the city staff in that post in November, 2015. Lori began her public service career as an Administrative Intern in 1990 in the City of Walnut. In 1991 she was hired in Glendale as an Administrative Assistant, and in 1995 she took another Administrative Intern position with the City of San Bernardino. She was appointed Administrative Analyst in 1995; Senior Administrative Analyst in 1996; Assistant to the City Manager in 1998; and the became the San Bernardino Assistant City Manager in 2004. Lori served for a time in in 2009 as the Acting City Manager. Lori left San Bernardino in 2009 to become City Manager in Villa Park, where she worked until 2012. Lori received a 25-year ICMA Service Award in 2017. She served as President of Women Leading Government in 2017-2019. Lori is a past Board Member of MMASC (1998-1999). Lori earned a BA from California State Polytechnic University, Pomona, and an MPA from California State University, San Bernardino.

Nicole Dalton is the Rancho Cucamonga Community Affairs Coordinator. Nicole joined the city staff in June, 2017 as an Administrative Assistant and was appointed to her current position in April, 2019. Nicole began her working career as an accounting assistant in the private sector. She earned a BA in public relations and advertising from Northern Arizona University.

“Some women choose to follow men, and some choose to follow their dreams. If you’re wondering which way to go, remember that your career will never wake up and tell you that it doesn’t love you anymore.” ---Lady Gaga
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Justine Garcia has been a Management Analyst II in Rancho Cucamonga since March, 2018. Justine began her public service career with the City of Covina as an Account Clerk in November, 2009. She was promoted in 2010 to Administrative Technician, and in 2012 to a Management Analyst post. In January, 2014 Justine became a Transportation Programs Analyst for the City of Glendora. She joined the Rancho Cucamonga city staff in January, 2018. Justine earned a BS from the University of Southern California (USC) and an MPA from the University of La Verne.

Pamela J. Nibert (formerly Pane) is a Rancho Cucamonga Fire Protection District Management Analyst II. Before coming to Rancho Cucamonga Pam worked 12-years for the City of Corona in various capacities. She joined the District in 2001. Pam earned an AA degree from Riverside City College, and a BBA and MBA from California Coast University.

We are taking an editorial prerogative here to show this picture of our granddaughter Jessie Hather (on the left) and her friend Inez Anderson who won the Daniel K. Inouye Future Filmmaker competition in Hawaii for their short film “A Kingdom At Crossroads.”

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“The wilderness holds answers to questions man has not yet learned to ask.” --Nancy Newhall
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Rancho Mirage Incorporated in August, 1973 in the Coachella Valley of Riverside County. The estimated 2018 population is 18,336. Rancho Mirage has within its jurisdiction thirteen golf course. Although the first modern settlements date back to the 1920s and 1930s, Rancho Mirage got its claim to fame after World War II. The Annenberg Estate, or Sunnylands, owned by philanthropists Walter and Leonore Annenberg, was popular with celebrities, including Frank Sinatra, Bob Hope, Fred Astaire, Ginger Rogers, Patrick Macnee and Mary Martin. Several Presidents of the United States have vacationed at the Annenberg Estate, including Richard Nixon, Ronald Reagan, and Gerald Ford. President Ford later bought a house in Rancho Mirage and was living there at the time of his death in 2006. The current City Manager is Isaiah Hagerman, Kristie Ramos is the City Clerk.

Letty Gallegos-Gallardo is a Human Resources Specialist for Rancho Mirage.

Joni Almy is Executive Coordinator for the City of Rancho Mirage. She joined the city staff in July, 1998. Joni has worked for the city for more than 21-years.
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Rancho Palos Verdes was incorporated in September, 1973 on the Palos Verdes Peninsula in Los Angeles County. The city’s 2018 estimated population in 41,928. Point Vicente Interpretive Center is a premier whale-watching site that provides opportunities to view the annual migration of the Pacific gray whale from December through April. The Point Vicente Lighthouse, built in 1926, is adjacent to the center and is on the National Register of Historic Places. At another location along the coast, Wayfarers Chapel, designed by Lloyd Wright (son of Frank Lloyd Wright) and built between 1949 and 1951, is also on the National Register of Historic Places. Currently, Ara Mihranian is the Rancho Palos Verdes Interim City Manager, Gabriella Yap was the Deputy City Manager, and Emily Colborn is the City Clerk.

Northern California “Proof of Life” lunch program:

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The first Proof-of-Life Lunch in the north is set for Tuesday, January 14, 2020, from Noon until 2:00 pm. The organizers include: Rod Wood, Kevin O’Rourke, Rod Gould and Jeff Kolin. They have set the inaugural lunch in Fairfield to make it as easy as possible for as many folks as possible to attend. The venue is Mimi’s Restaurant at 1650 Gateway Boulevard, Fairfield. The exit is Travis Blvd off the I-80 then Gateway Blvd east across from the shopping center and it is on the north side of Gateway. We picked Mimi’s because they have a separate room for groups and most importantly everyone orders off the menu and pays their individual check so no “who’s on first and what’s on second” figuring out the check.

Our current plan is to have the next meeting in April most likely on Tuesday the 14th in San Jose at Mimi’s again because it is centrally located. We will email the verified date and location once we get a venue confirmation. In July it will be in the Sacramento Delta area and in October the Central Valley area on the second Tuesday if possible. Not this year, but an idea of a special Christmas Lunch in December for all “Proof of Life” folks has been suggested at a very central location such as Tracy. We can discuss that idea as well.

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Gabriella Yap began her service as the Rancho Palos Verdes Deputy City Manager in April, 2016. She will start a new position as the Deputy City Manager in the City of Beverly Hills this month (December, 2019). She began her municipal government career in 2004 as a Management Aide in the City of Torrance. She then worked in an Administrative Intern program with the County of Los Angeles for two-years, and in 2006 she was hired as an Associate Analyst in the CEO’s office. Gabriella left the county in 2007 to take a Budget & Financial Analyst position with the City of Beverly Hills. In 2010 she was appointed Assistant to the City Manager in La Habra Heights, and in 2011 she was elevated to Assistant City Manager. Gabriella earned a BA from the University of California, Los Angeles (UCLA) and an MPA from California State University, Long Beach. She also completed the Goldman School of Public Policy Berkeley Executive Seminar at the University of California, Berkeley. In 2018 she received a 10-year ICMA Award.

Jason Gonsalves of the Joe A. Gonsalves & Son professional legislative representation firm of Sacramento. The firm was founded in February, 1975 by Jason’s grandfather Joe A. Gonsalves, a former Member of the State Assembly. Jason has become an expert on local government legislation. He works with his Dad Anthony and brother Paul. He just recently celebrated a birthday.

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Lorna Cloke is a Senior Administrative Analyst in the Finance Department in the City of Rancho Palos Verdes. She joined the city staff in 2010 as a Records Manager (Administrative Analyst II), and was elevated to her current position in March, 2018. Lorna earned an MPA from California State University, Long Beach.

Julie DeZiel became the Rancho Palos Verdes Human Resources Manager in June, 2019. Julie served as a Human Resources Analyst for the City of El Segundo from November, 2010 to February, 2016 when she joined the Torrance city staff as a Senior Human Resources Analyst. Julie earned a BA from California State University, Long Beach.

Nancy Penate is an Administrative Assistant for the City of Rancho Palos Verdes. Nancy joined the city staff in May, 2017 after working in the private sector starting in 2005. Her private sector positions included a stint as a Legal Administrative Assistant for a law firm. Nancy earned an AA degree from Santa Monica College.

Lauren Ramezani has worked as a Senior Administrative Analyst in the City of Rancho Palos Verdes since July, 1996. She currently provides support to the Public Works Department. Prior to joining RPV, Lauren served as an Administrative Analyst in the Engineering Division in the City of Santa Monica from 1990 to 1996. Lauren earned a BS in marketing from the University of Illinois at Urban-Champaign, and an MBA from Roosevelt University.

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Jennifer M. Cervantez is the current City Manager and Amy Diaz is the City Clerk. Laura Lopez is the Public Information Officer.

Jennifer M. Cervantez became the City Manager in Rancho Santa Margarita in 2012. She replaced City Manager Steve Hayman, who retired for medical reasons. Jennifer began her career in 1998 as a Staff Analyst with the League of California Cities. She joined the city staff in Santa Ana as a Management Assistant in 2000. Jennifer joined the staff in the City of La Habra in December, 2002 as the Assistant to the City Manager. She was promoted to Assistant City Manager in 2008. Jennifer is an alumnus of Santa Ana High School. She earned a BA from California State University, Long Beach, and an MPP from Claremont University.

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Kristen Nelson, Indian Wells, is Vice President

December 4 “Proof of Life” lunch included some who are still in service. Here are Anne Haraksin and Ernie Hernandez. Anne is Assistant City Manager in La Mirada and Ernie is City Manager in Hawaiian Gardens.
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Wendy Starks is Rancho Santa Margarita’s Principal Planner. Wendy began her career in 2003 working for private sector planning consulting firms in Irvine and San Juan Capistrano. In 2010 she took a Researcher position with the University of California, Irvine, and was promoted to Clinical Research Coordinator, Supervisor for the planning, policy and design department. In December, 2015 Wendy went to work for the City of Rolling Hills as an Associate Planner. She joined the Rancho Santa Margarita staff in August, 2016. Wendy earned an AA degree from Irvine Valley College, and a BA and Master’s in urban and regional planning from the University of California, Irvine. She is also a certified planner by the American Institute of Certified Planners.

Others found include: Cheryl Kuta, Director of Development Services; Stefanie Turner, Finance Director; and Hazel McIntosh, Contract Solid Waste & Storm Water Program Manager.

Picking Up the Pieces: Retired Costa Mesa City Manager Allan L. Roeder is the new Interim City Manager in the City of La Palma. Allan will fill in behind retiring City Manager Laurie A. Murray. Since his retirement, Allan has served as the Interim City Manager in Fullerton and Garden Grove. Brian Saeki, Covina City Manager, is the new Whittier City Manager following the retirement of City Manager Jeff Collier. Brian is a resident of Monrovia and has served as the Covina City Manager for the past three years. Before Covina, Brian was the City Administrator in San Fernando. He worked for the Cities of Downey, Rosemead and Arcadia prior to that. Hemet Interim City Manager Christopher R. Lopez is the city’s newest City Manager. The “Interim” is removed from his title. Chris became the Hemet Deputy City Manager in June, 2018.

Formed Downey, Assistant to the City Manager Shannon DeLong has been appointed Assistant City Manager in Whittier, succeeding retiring Assistant City Manager Nancy Mendez. South Lake Tahoe City Manager Frank Rush has been selected to serve as the next City Manager in Big Bear Lake. Frank’s resignation in South Lake Tahoe is effective January 24, 2020. He has been in South Lake Tahoe nearly a year, coming from the Town of Emerald Isle, North Carolina. Frank will start in Big Bear Lake on February 3, 2020, where City Manager Jeff Mathieu who is retiring. Bakersfield Chief of Police Lyle Martin will retire next month. With City Manager Alan Tandy also retiring, whoever is the new City Manager will appoint a new Chief. Assistant Chief of Police Greg Terry will serve as the Interim Chief until a recruitment is completed. S. Anthony Donato, who served as the Pittsburg, California City Manager from 1969 to 1995, died at his Concord home on March 23, 2019. He was 89-years old. City Manager Garrett Evans called Anthony the “visionary behind redevelopment.” Pittsburg used the redevelopment agency tool for many projects to improved and rebuild the City.
More Pieces Picked Up: Former La Habra Heights Assistant City Manager Gabriella Yap is a new Deputy City Manager in the City of Beverly Hills. She currently serves as Deputy City Manager in the City of Rancho Palos Verdes. Gabriella has earned a BA from the University of California, Los Angeles (UCLA) and an MPA from California State University, Long Beach. She is an ICMA Credentialed Manager. She will start in Beverly Hills, December 9. William D. “Bill” Hawkins of The Hawkins Company has been retained to assist the City of Long Beach find a replacement for retired City Manager Pat West. Long Beach is located on the Pacific Coast between Los Angeles and Orange Counties. The City has a population of 470,000, and is a well-organized full-service city. Contact Bill for additional information at 213-308-0945. Interested individuals are encouraged to apply by December 27, 2019. Applicants may submit a letter of interest and a resume toe WD Hawkins electronically to cm.colb@thewhawkinscompany.com Former Torrance Assistant City Manager Mary Giordano passed away in October, 2019 at the age of 73. Mary retired after a 30-year career in 2018. She died September 28 in hospice care at home after a recurrence of the cancer she had fought for several years. Mary began her career in Torrance as the City’s third Finance Director in 1987. She had previously served as the Controller for the City of Long Beach. She became the Torrance Assistant City Manager in 1995, working with City Manager LeRoy Jackson. Robert A. Nelson served as President of MMANC while working with the City of Fremont. Bob later served as the City Manager in Del Mar (1979-1986) and as Seal Beach City Manager (1986-1990). Retired City Manager David Jinkens of South Lake Tahoe produces a newsletter publication entitled: Not Necessarily in the News. It is packed full of interesting information. Anyone interested may contact David at: djinkens@charter.net Retired City Managers Rod Wood, Kevin O’Rourke, Rod Gould, and Jeff Kolin, all past Presidents of the City Managers’ Department of the League of California Cities, are the “Formation Team” for a NorCal Proof of Life Program. Anyone interested in joining the effort should contact them. Rod is leading the group. Email him at: rodstwood@gmail.com Heartfelt condolences to Beth Fawett of the Newcomb Williams Financial Group whose husband recently passed away unexpectedly. Our prayers for comfort go out to Beth and her family and friends. Thanks to Pam Newcomb for keeping us informed.

SHOUTS: *Retiring Palmdale City Manager Jim Purtee is the recipient of the 2019 Larry Chimble Public Service Award presented by the Mountain Division of the League of California Cities. *Santa Fe Springs City Manager Ray Cruz previously served as the City Manager in the City of Rolling Hills. *Robert A. Nelson served as President of MMANC while working with the City of Fremont. Bob later served as the City Manager in Del Mar (1979-1986) and as Seal Beach City Manager (1986-1990). *Veteran retired City Manager Larry Pennell is the new Interim City Manager in the City of McFarland. *Sandy Kerl is the new General Manager of the San Diego County Water Authority. *George E. Morgan served as Palo Alto City Manager from February, 1966 until November, 1971, and Beverly Hills City Manager from November, 1971 to June, 1978 before; he became the General Administrator for Lane County, Oregon. *Lorena Roca, Hemet Finance Director, is the Chair of the Finance Directors’ Committee of the Western Riverside Council of Governments (WRCOG). *Teena Clifton retired in June, 1982 after serving as the Rolling Hills City Manager beginning in February, 1964, and following retirement in 1982 she relocated to the Napa Valley. *Frank E. James served as the Sonoma City Manager from March, 1974 until August, 1979. *John W. Jameson was appointed City Manager in the City of Signal Hill in 1975, and he later served as the Bellflower City Administrator. *Karalee Darnell, formerly with Tripepi Smith & Associates, is a Government Affairs Representative for the Southern California Edison Company; an Adjunct Political Science Professor at California State University, Fullerton; and a member of the City of Yorba Linda Planning Commission. *Rancho Palos Verdes City Manager Doug Willmore is from Manassas, Virginia. *Long-time Bakersfield City Manager Alan Tandy is retiring after 27-years in the saddle. ***