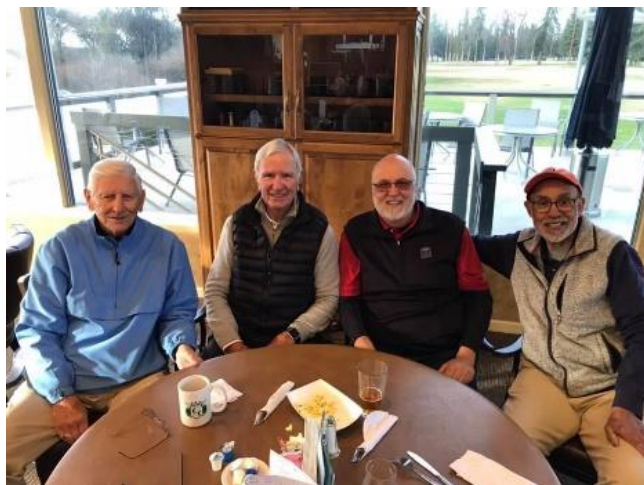


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Women in California Cities From Richmond to Rohnert Park

A continued list of women city government professionals in California cities is presented here. In this issue, those listed in this 29th installment are those we found in the cities alphabetically from Richmond to Rohnert Park.

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

Again, we apologize to anyone we miss. The failures of others to not post complete profiles makes it difficult to be comprehensive. Please believe that we try.

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Richmond was incorporated in August, 1905 in Contra Costa County. Richmond borders the cities of San Pablo, Albany, El Cerritos and Pinole, and had a 2018 estimated population of 110,146. Retired Lafayette City Manager **Steven Falk** is currently serving as the Interim City Manager in the City of Richmond following the termination of City Manager **Carlos Martinez**, after less than a year in office. Community Services Director **Rochelle Polk** initially appointed Interim City Manager but turned down the position, and retired City Manager **Henry Gardner**, a former Oakland City Manager, was appointed Acting City Manager, serving until **Steve Falk** was hired.

Belinda Brown, Finance Director and City Treasurer, is married to former Richmond Chief of Police **Allwyn Brown**

Lisa Stephenson, Director of Human Resources Management Department



Rochelle Polk is the Richmond Community Services Director.

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Retired City Managers Dr. **Carlos A. Urrutia**, and **Joe Goeden** at the inaugural Northern California "Proof of Life" lunch planned by retired City Manager **Rod Wood**.



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Rio Vista is a city at the eastern end of Solano County that incorporated in January, 1894. The 2018 estimated population was 9,239. **Robert Hickey** is the City Manager and **Jose Jasso** is the Assistant City Manager and City Clerk.

CPA **Jen Lee** is currently the Interim Manager in the Finance and City Treasurer's Office. She joined the Rio Vista city staff in August, 2013 as an Accountant II, and in December, 2015 she was promoted to Accounting Supervisor. Prior to Rio Vista, Jen worked for a private audit firm from 20120 to 2013. She earned a BA from the University of California, Los Angeles (**UCLA**) and a Master's in accountancy from Golden Gate University. She earned her CPA in 2013.



Robin Borre is the Rio Vista Director of Public Works. Robin work as an Administrative Analyst for the City of Sacramento (1999-2006), before joining the Rancho Cordova city staff as a Management Analyst II in May, 2006. Robin went to work for the City of Stockton in 2014 as the Fiscal Services and Compliance Manager. She joined the Rio Vista staff as the Director of Public Works in February, 2019. Robin graduated from Clear Lake High School in Lakeport, and she earned a BS from California State University, Sacramento.



Lydia Munoz of Bellflower City Manager
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Ripon was incorporated in San Joaquin County in November, 1945. Ripon's estimated 2018 population was 15,896. **Kevin Werner** is the City Administrator and **Lisa Roos** is the City Clerk and Director of Finance.

Lisa Roos began her working career in private sector accountancy. From December, 2008 until March, 2013 she worked as the Chief Financial Officer for a home builder. Lisa joined the city staff in Ripon in April, 2013 as the City Clerk and Director of Finance. She earned a BA in accounting and business management from Dordt College.



Tricia Samson-Raymond serves as the Ripon Deputy City Clerk, Council Secretary, and the Webmaster & Facility Rentals official. Tricia worked as an account manager in special markets for more than a dozen years before she joined the City of Ripon in June, 2014. Tricia studied at California State University, Stanislaus where she was a member of Delta Phi Gamma Sorority.



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Marisela H. Garcia became the Assistant City Manager in November, 2016. Marisela is the former Finance Director and served as the Interim City Manager after City Manager **Jill Anderson** left for the City Manager post in the City of Chehalis in the State of Washington.



Jill Anderson worked as a Management Assistant in the City of Norwalk starting in 1990. She became the Norwalk Management Services Coordinator in 1996. Jill was appointed Assistant to the City Manager in Seaside in 2002, Assistant City Manager in 2006, and left Seaside in 2012 to become the Riverbank City Manager. Jill was appointed City Manager in Chehalis, Washington starting in September, 2016. She earned a BA from California State University, Long Beach and a Masters from BIOLA University. Jill received a 25-year ICMA Service Award in 2015.

Also found in Riverbank are: **Kathleen Cleek**, Development Services Administrative Manager; and **Susan Fitzpatrick**, Director of Parks and Recreation.

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Riverside, California was incorporated on October 11, 1883. The City of Riverside is the county seat for Riverside County, and it is the most populous city in the Inland Empire. The 2018 estimated census puts the Riverside population at 330,063. It is the 12th largest city by population in the State of California. **Al Zelinka** is the City Manager and **Colleen J. Nicol**, MMC is the City Clerk.



Lea Deesing is an Assistant City Manager in Riverside. After working in the private sector, she began her public service career in 2001 as an Enterprise Systems Administrator for the City of Moreno Valley. In 2007 she began work in the City of Fontana as the Information Systems Division Manager. Lea became the Director of Information Technology in San Bernardino in 2011, and she joined the City of Riverside in 2012 as the Vice Chancellor of Information Services. She was appointed Assistant City Manager in June, 2019. Lea earned a Bachelors in Information Technology from the University of Redlands and an MPA from California State University, Dominguez Hills.

Carlie Myers is a Riverside Deputy City Manager. She has work for the city since July, 1999 when she joined the staff as an Account Clerk. She worked her way up in the organization and became the Principal Management Analyst in July, 2014. Carlie became Deputy City Manager in July, 2018. She earned a BS from the University of Phoenix.

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Rocklin was incorporated in Placer County in February, 1893. Rocklin's history is closely tied to the California Gold Rush and the development of the transcontinental railroad. The 2019 population estimate for Rocklin is 69,249. Retired City Manager **Dr. Carlos A. Urrutia** served as the Rocklin City Manager from 1984 until 2010. The current City Manager is **Steven Rudolph**, and **Hope Ithurburn** is the Interim City Clerk.



Rocklin Senior Planner **Dara Dungworth** began her public service career as an Administrative Analyst with CalPERS in 2000. She took an Associate Planner post with Placer County in September, 2004, and joined the Rocklin staff as a Stormwater Program Coordinator in February, 2009. She became an Associate Planner in 2006, and she was promoted to Senior Planner in May, 2016. Dara studied architecture at the University of Oregon, and earned a BA from the University of California, Davis, and an MBA from California State University, Sacramento. Dara serves as a co-leader with the Girls Scouts.

Shauna Nauman has been the Rocklin Assistant Planner since August, 2014.

Others include: **Laura Webster**, Director of Long-Range Planning; **Sharon Cohen**, Housing & Environmental Service Specialist; and **Monica Nitz**, Senior Departmental Administrative Specialist.



"Don't look back. Something might be gaining on you." –**Satchel Paige**

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Rohnert Park was incorporated as a city in August, 1962 in Sonoma County. The 2018 estimated population of the city is 43,753. **Darrin Jenkins** is the City Manager. **JoAnne Buerger** is the City Clerk. Rohnert Park is named for the Rohnert family. They owned the Rohnert Seed Farm.

Terrie Zwilling is a Public Works Department Project Manager. Terrie worked in the private sector starting in August, 2000. She worked as an Environmental Planner, Project Planner for three different firms. In December, 2014 she joined the City of Rohnert Park as a Project Coordinator. Terrie earned an AA from Las Positas College and she studied at Sonoma State University.

Carrie Willis has served as a Rohnert Park Administrative Assistant in the City Manager's Office since August, 2011. She attended classes as Santa Rosa Junior College.

Cheri Hawkins is an Accounting Supervisor in the Rohnert Park Finance Department. Cheri worked in a number of private sector positions starting in 1996. She joined the city staff in May, 2017 as Accounting Supervisor. Cheri earned a BA from Sonoma State University.

Others include: **Katie Edgar**, Acting Accounting Supervisor; **Sylvia Lopez Cuevas**, Assistant City Clerk; **Sonia Espino**, Community Development Assistant; and **Marie Andrews**, Administrative Assistants in the City Manager's office.



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Carl E. Berry (1922 – 2020)



Carl Edwin Berry, 97, of San Juan Capistrano passed away on January 23, 2020. Carl was a WW II veteran, serving in the U.S. Army Air Corps. He earned a BS in engineering from the University of Southern California and was a registered Civil Engineer. He

worked as an engineer for the City of Lynwood, and later became the City Manager in Bellflower, Fontana and Westminster. He retired December 22, 1981. He was an avid deep-sea fisherman and loved to play golf, accomplishing four holes in one. Carl was a pilot and flew his Mooney M 20 private airplane to many destinations, including Catalina Island, Palm Springs, Las Vegas and Mexico. He was a longtime member of Rotary International. **Ray Harris** fondly remembers that Carl was City Manager in Bellflower when he was hired there. He was bigger than life.

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We hope that you enjoyed this issue of the City Manager Newsletter by Trackdown. We again apologize to those we missed. Sometimes there just is not enough information posted where we can find it. We wish to acknowledge as many deserving women as possible. We do not like to fail. Please let us know your thoughts. Best wishes. Cheers!



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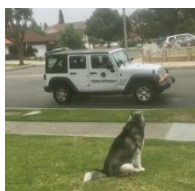
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Picking Up the Pieces: Stockton Deputy City Manager **Scott Carney** has resigned two weeks before new City Manager **Harry Black** is set to report to succeed City Manager **Kurt Wilson**, who was dismissed.

Deputy City Manager **Christian Clegg** has also left Stockton to become the City Manager in Bakersfield. Scott worked nearly two-decades for the State of California, serving in various positions, including appointments by both former Governors **Jerry Brown** and **Arnold Schwarzenegger**. Scott earned a BA from the University of California, Davis and an MA from the University of California, Berkeley. Rancho Palos Verdes named longtime planner **Ara Mhrianian** to be the city's next City Manager. Ara, 50, joined the city staff 21-years ago. He has served as Interim City Manager since City Manager **Doug Willmore** retired in November. Ara became the Director of Community Development in 2016. He earned a BA in urban planning from Arizona State University. **Kimbra McCarthy** is the next City Manager in the City of Mountain View. Kimbra is currently the Assistant City Manager for Administrative Services in Redwood City. She previously worked in Mountain View as Deputy City Manager from 2014-2016. She is expected to start work in Mountain View on March 2. **George Thomson** is the Parks and Open Space Manager in the Public Works Department of the City of Goleta. George most recently worked for the City of Santa Barbara. He also served as a Reserve Steward at the University of California's Coal Oil Point Reserve. He worked 5-years at UCSB's Cheadle Center for Biodiversity and Ecological Restoration. **Michelle Green** is the Goleta City Manager. **Miranda Lutzow** has signed an employment agreement with the City of Manteca making her the Interim City Manager through December 31, 2020. Miranda began her career in 2009 as an Administrative Intern with the City of Patterson, where she worked in Human Resources. In 2010 she went to work as an Aide to the President of California State University, Stanislaus. In 2013, she was appointed Assistant City Clerk in Merced, and in 2015 she took a Management Analyst post in the City of Oakdale. Miranda joined the Manteca staff in October, 2019 as the Administrative Services Director. She earned an MPA from California State University, Stanislaus. Rancho Palos Verdes named longtime planner **Ara Mhrianian** to be the city's next City Manager. Ara, 50, joined the city staff 21-years ago. He has served as Interim City Manager since City Manager **Doug Willmore** retired in November. Ara became the Director of Community Development in 2016. He earned a BA from Arizona State University.



Trackdown Grandson **Tyler Simpson Pouncey** poses in front of Bellflower City Hall. Tyler turned 17-years old on Wednesday, February 12, 2020.

Karen Crocker is the new Director of Community Services in the City of Placentia. Janet has more than 30-years of public service experience. She has worked for the cities of Mission Viejo, Lake Forest, Laguna Hills, San Juan Capistrano and Aliso Viejo. She also service with the Saddleback Valley Unified School District. Karen is a three-time recipient of the California Parks and Recreation Society (CPRS) Award of Excellence. Longtime City of Norwalk staff member **Kevin Gano** passed away after a battle with cancer. Kevin retired after more than 30-years. Kevin worked as a law enforcement officer in West Covina and La Verne starting in 1973. In 1987, he became the Senior Administrative Assistant to the City Manager in the City of Upland. Kevin became the first Norwalk Director of Public Safety in 1989, and retired in April, 2005. Former Manteca City Manager **Tim Ogden** is the new City Manager for the City of Brentwood replacing retired City Manager **Gus Vina**. Tim started his public management career in 2003 as an Administrative Analyst in Modesto. After working in economic development in Ceres and Riverbank, he was appointed City Manager in Waterford in 2011. Tim became the Manteca City Manager in August, 2017. *"Death and life are in the power of the tongue," Proverbs 18:21*



More Pieces Picked Up: Retired Lake Forest City Manager **Robert Dunek** is the new Interim City Manager in the City of San Clemente. He is temporarily replacing City Manager **James Makshanoff**, who left San Clemente to be the City Manager in Pomona. Bob served as the Lake

Forest City Manager for 21-years. He began his public service career in 1974 as a Police Officer in the City of Buena Park. He became a Senior Administrative Assistant in Garden Grove in 1979. He worked as the Executive Director of the Orange County Division of the League of California Cities from 1984 to 1989. Bob served as City Manager in Los Alamitos starting in 1989 before taking the City Manager assignment in Lake Forest in 1996. Bob earned a BA from California State University, Fullerton, and an MPA from California State University, Long Beach, and a Doctorate in public administration from the University of Southern California (USC). In 2014 Bob received a 40-year ICMA Service Award. **Marie Ricci** is the new Assistant City Manager in the City of Palmdale. Marie fills in behind the promotion of the former ACM **J. J. Murphy** to City Manager following the retirement of City Manager **James Purtee**. Marie comes to Palmdale from her post as Assistant Chief Financial Officer in the City of Riverside. She earned a BA from the University of California, Riverside and an MPA from California State University, Fullerton. Stockton Deputy City Manager **Christian Clegg** is the new Bakersfield City Manager. Christian is the 2016 John H. Nail Award recipient for his work in Stockton. He previously worked in Johnson County, Kansas and with the City of Tacoma, Washington. He earned an MPA from the University of Kansas. **Xenia Bradford** is the new City Manager in the City of Solvang. She has been serving as Interim City Manager since City Manager **David Gassaway** resigned. Xenia came to the city in a consulting capacity, and was appointed Administrative Services Director in April, 2019. She previously worked for the City of San Luis Obispo as the Finance Director. She worked with the County of Santa Barbara before that. She earned a BA and MA from the University of California, Santa Barbara. Upland has a new City Manager: **Rosemary Hoerning**. Rosemary previously the Public Works Director, and she has been the Interim City Manager since last May. She began her public service career in Ontario in 1986. In 1997 she took a position with Long Beach, and she joined the Upland city staff in 2001. She returned to the city after working in Redlands in 2011 as Public Works Director.



Round-abouts are not all that new.

SHORTS: ***Terry L. Stubbings** worked as a Senior Administrative Analyst in the City of Palmdale 1996, and she later served as the Cotati City Manager starting in November, 2003. ***Lyndsie Buskirk**, who earned a BS in marketing from California State University, Long Beach, is an Office Assistant with the California Joint Powers Insurance Authority. ***Kathleen Hatten** of the Peak Military Care Network served as a Legislative Deputy with the Los Angeles City Council from 1990 to 1992. *Retired Los Angeles County Sheriffs Department Deputy **David Bauchop**, husband of longtime Bellflower City Clerk **Debra Bauchop** (now retired), passed away on January 30, 2020. *Retired City Manager **Keith Till** was recently seen on the Diamond Peak slopes by Lake Tahoe. *



Retired City Managers **Tom Robinson** of La Mirada and **Tony Ybarra** of South El Monte at a Southern California "Proof of Life" lunch. The next lunch is planned for Wednesday, March 25, 2020.