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Marcia L. Raines and Joseph M. Tanner at the Inaugural Northern California "Proof of Life" lunch as photographed by Kevin O'Rourke. Marcia retired as City Manager of Millbrae in 2018, after a decade on the job. Marcia is a past President of the City Managers' Department of the League of California Cities. Joe retired in 2009 as the Vallejo City Manager. He previously served as City Manager in Galt (1973-1984), Emeryville (1984-1987), and Pleasant Hill (1987-2001). Marcia previously served as City Manager in Martinez (1997-2000) and Half Moon Bay (2006-2009). She was a longtime member of the CCMF Board of Trustees.

# Women in California Cities From Rolling Hills to Sacramento

Again, the list of women city government professionals in California cities continues in this issue. This is the 30<sup>th</sup> installment of this list. Those we found working in the cities alphabetically from the Cities of Rolling Hills to Sacramento are included in this issue.

There is no doubt that 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?

Of course, we miss deserving folks from time-totime. Again, we apologize to anyone we miss. It is not always completely our fault. The failures of others to not post complete profiles makes it difficult to be comprehensive. Please believe that we try.



# Women in California Cities From Rolling Hills to Sacramento

Rolling Hills incorporated as a city in Los Angeles County in January, 1957. It is located on the Palos Verdes Peninsula and had a 2018 estimated population of 1,867. Former World No. 1 tennis player and two-time U.S. Open winner **Tracy Austin** is from Rolling Hills.



Elaine Jeng, P.E., is the current City Manager. Elaine is the former Public Works and Utilities Director in the City of El Monte. She began her service as the Rolling Hills City Manager in September, 2018. She replaced City Manager Raymond

**Cruz** as he left to assume the City Manager position in the City of <u>Santa Fe Springs</u>. Prior to her work in <u>El Monte</u>, Elaine worked as a civil engineer for <u>Culver City</u> and <u>Redondo Beach</u>. Elaine is an alumnus of the University of California, Los Angeles (**UCLA**).



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It would be entirely mistaken to identify women City Managers, especially in Rolling Hills, without acknowledging the long service of the late former Rolling Hills City Manager Alma Christina "Teena" Clifton. Teena passed away October 5, 2002 at the age of 77. She served on the Rolling Hills Estates City Council and was the Mayor in 1963. After resigning, she served as the Rolling Hills City Manager from 1964 until her retirement in 1982. After retiring she and her husband John Clifton moved to Napa in 1983. Teena served as the President of the South Bay City Managers Association in 1975-1977. In 1985 she was the first female to be awarded the Distinguished Service Award from the International City/County Association (ICMA). Managers' Teena completed special wartime training at the University of California, Los Angeles (UCLA). She worked as a draftsman and aircraft hydraulics engineering after graduating high school in 1943. She later studied engineering and public administration at Los Angeles Harbor College and the University of Southern California (USC).

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A gathering of pintails at the Yolo Bypass. Another amazing photograph by **Yvonne Hunter**.

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Rolling Hills Estates was incorporated in September, 1957, also on the Palos Verdes Peninsula in Los Angeles County. The estimated 2018 population is 8,141. **Greg Grammer** is the current City Manager, following the retirement of longtime City Manager **Doug Prichard**.



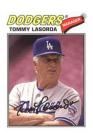
**Heidi Luce** was the City Clerk from August, 2017, until she took the City of <u>Paramount</u>'s City Clerk position in January, 2020. Heidi began her working career in May, 1998 in the private sector. She served as City

Clerk in the City of <u>Rolling Hills</u> from January, 2009 to July, 2017. Heidi earned a BA from California State University, Fullerton.



Alexa Davis is the Rolling Hills Estates Assistant City Manager. Alexa began her working career in 2001 in the private sector as a staff coordinator. After positions in human

resources and recruitment, Alexa joined the <u>Palos Verdes Estates</u> city staff in January, 2006 as an Administrative Analyst. In September, 2011 she was elevated to Assistant to the City Manager. Alexa came to <u>Rolling Hills Estates</u> in November, 2014 as Assistant to the City Manager and was appointed Assistant City Manager in July, 2019. She earned a BA from DePauw University and an MPA from California State University, Long Beach.



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Jeannie Naughton is the Rolling Hills Estate Planning Manager. Her first city government job was in the City of Brisbane in 2002 where she worked as a Community Development Technician. In 2004 she joined the Torrance city staff as an

Assistant Planner, and in 2006 she was hired as an Associate Planner in the City of <u>Daly City</u>. Jeannie came to <u>Rolling Hills Estates</u> as a Senior Planner in August, 2015. She was promoted to Planning Manager in July, 2019. Jeannie earned a BA from the University of California, Berkeley. She earned an American Planning Association Certification in July, 2012.



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Rosemead was incorporated in August, 1959 in Los Angeles County. The city's 2018 population estimate was 54,412. **Gloria Molleda** is the City Manager and **Ben Kim** is the Assistant City Manager. **Ericka Hernandez** serves as the City Clerk.



**Gloria Molleda** was appointed Rosemead City Manager in January, 2018. Prior to joining the Rosemead city staff as City Manager, Gloria served as the Chief City Clerk in the City of San Gabriel (2015-2018). She worked in Rosemead as the

City Clerk and Director of Communications (2007-2015) prior to her work in <u>San Gabriel</u>. Gloria was the Deputy City Clerk in <u>Alhambra</u> from May, 2006 until November, 2007, and before that she served as Assistant City Clerk in the City of <u>Vernon</u> (2000-2004) She earned a BS from Woodbury University and she is a Master Municipal Clerk (MMC) and a Certified Municipal Clerk (CMC). She also completed course work at California State University, Long Beach.



**Angelica Frausto-Lupo** has worked as the Director of Community Development since January, 2020. She previously served as the Economic Development Manager in the City of San Gabriel from June, 2015 to 2020. January, Angelica

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Roseville was incorporated in April, 1909 is Placer County. Its 2018 estimated population is 139,117. A trip from Sacramento to Truckee and Lake Tahoe on Interstate 80 takes you through Roseville. The city was a railroad town for decades. In 1864 the Central Pacific Railroad tracks and the junction of where the tracks met the California Central Railroad line became known as Roseville. Dominick Casey was appointed City Manager in August, 2018 after serving as Acting City Manager starting in April.





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Megan MacPherson is a Roseville Deputy City Manager. Megan served as a Lieutenant, Public Affairs Officer, in the United States Navy from 1992 to 1996. After leaving the Navy she worked in the private sector in Hawaii,

Florida and Sacramento. Megan was hired as the Communication and Media Director for the County of Sacramento in 2005. In 2007, Megan ioined the Roseville city staff as a Communications Manager (2007-2010) and became the Public Affairs and Communication Director in November, 2010. Megan was tap to serve as Deputy City Manager in January, 2020. She earned a BS from Northwestern University, and an MS in communications management from Syracuse University. She also earned a Certificate in Advance Public Engagement for Local Government for Pepperdine University School of Public Policy. Megan is a giant as a volunteer. She serves on the Pepperdine University School of Public Policy Advisory Council, Davenport Institute for Public Engagement and Civic Leadership. She also served as President of the Roseville City School District Foundation, among many other commitments.

Roseville Economic Development Director Laura Matteoli, served as an Associate Planner for the City of Sacramento from August, 1990 to May, 1996. She then joined the Roseville city staff as an Associate Planner and Administrative Analyst. She was promoted to Development Services Coordinator in the Roseville Community Development Department in January, 2001; Economic Development Manager in December, 2013; and Economic Development Director in September, 2018. She earned an AA degree from American River College, and a BA from the University of California, Davis.





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Lisa Achen worked for the City of Roseville for 20years. After working for an aviation company starting in 1981, Lisa joined the Lodi city staff as a Personnel Technician (1988-1993), and then she took a Personnel Analyst position for the Rural Community Assistance Corporation (1993-1995). Lisa went to work for the Sacramento County Public Works Department in 1995 as a Personnel Analyst. She became the Training & Employee Development Manager for the City of Roseville in 1997. Lisa became the Human Resources Manager in 2009, and Assistant Human Resources Director in 2016. Following retirement in November, 2017, Lisa joined a consultant firm as a Senior Management Advisor in Northern California. Lisa earned an AA degree from El Camino College, and a BA and MPPA from California State University, Sacramento. Lisa served as President of the Municipal Management Association of Northern California (MMANC) in 2009.

### Pictures from the Inaugural Northern California "Proof of Life" Lunch



Many "Thanks" to **Kevin O'Rourke** for the pictures, and congratulations to the organizers, especially **Rod Wood**.

# Women in California Cities From Rolling Hills to Sacramento

Ross incorporated as a town in Marin County in August, 1908. In 1857, James Ross, a Scot who arrived in San Francisco from Australia in 1848, bought a rancho and made his fortune in the wholesale liquor business, set up a trading post called "Ross Landing." The 2018 estimated population is 2,465. Joe Chinn is the Town Manager and Linda Lopez is the Town Clerk & Administrative Manager, and Donna Redstone is the Office Manager. Linda has served the town since November, 2005. She also operates a photographer business, LT Lopez Designs, in Fairfax.



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Leyne Milstein was appointed Assistant City Manager in Sacramento in November, 2017. Leyne previously held the city Director of Finance position starting in 2008. She has 22-years of experience in government management, policy and finance at the State and local

level. Prior to joining the city staff in <u>Sacramento</u>, Leyne worked for the State of California as the Director of the Information Technology and Support Management Division for the California Commission on Teacher Credentialing. She also worked as an analyst for the California Department of Finance, and on the staff of the State Public Works Board. Leyne earned a BA from the University of California, Davis, and an MPA from California State University, Hayward. She served as President of the Fiscal Officers Department of the League of California Cities.

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Director in the City of Tempe, Arizona (1997-2007). In January, 2008 Jody began serving as the President of the Arts Council of Fort Worth & Tarrant County in Texas. She moved to California in September, 2014 to become the Convention & Cultural Service Director for the City of Sacramento. She reports directly to the City Manager. Jody earned a BA in theater from Oklahoma City University.

**Lennee Eller** is the Cultural Service Program Manager in the Department of Convention and Cultural Services in <u>Sacramento</u>. She joined the city staff in May, 2015. She is an Arizona State University alumnus.



Maria MacGunigal is the Chief Information Officer. She joined the Sacramento city staff in January, 2003 as a GIS Manager. In April, 2013 she became the Enterprise Applications Manager, and in July,

2013 she stepped in to serve as the Interim Chief Information Officer (CIO) for the City of <u>Sacramento</u>. Maria was appointed CIO in October, 2013. She earned a BA in geography from California State University, Sacramento.

Others include: **Shelley Banks-Robinson**, Director of Human Resources; **Tara Filipich** is the Budget Manager; **Susan Wren** is the Revenue Manager; and **Linda Aldridge**, Program Administrator. Apologies to those missed.



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Picking Up the Pieces: Monrovia
City Manager Dylan Feik has
named Lauren Vasquez to serve
as Assistant City Manager, and
Sean Sullivan to be the Monrovia
Public Works Director. Lauren
joined the city staff as Deputy City

Manager in January, 2016. She earned a BS in design from California State environmental Polytechnical University, Pomona and a Master's degree from the University of La Verne. Sean previously worked in Rosemead as the Public Works Manager and joined the Monrovia staff in February, 2016 in a similar post. He earned a BS from California State Polytechnic University, Pomona and an MPA from California State University, Northridge. Lemoore City Manager **Nathan Olson**'s employment agreement has been amended to require a 4/5 vote of the City Council to terminate the agreement without cause, and the term of the agreement now has not date certain, but rather "indefinitely." Nathan joined the Lemoore city staff as the Public Works Director in November, 2015. appointed City Manager in February, 2018. Nathan work in the private sector before coming to Lemoore. He earned a Bachelor's degree from the University of Phoenix. Port Hueneme's new City Manager is Brad "Brick" Conners, who previously served as the Commanding Officer in charge of Naval Base Ventura County. Brick entered the military in 1978. He is a decorated Navy fighter pilot, and provided leadership and instruction to the Naval Strike and Air Warfare Center, known as "Top Gun," and the Naval Strike Force Training Pacific. He finished his military career in 2009 as a Captain. After retiring from the military, he worked in the private sector, and founded a leadership consultant firm the works with private companies. He earned a BS from the U.S. Naval Academy in Annapolis, and an MBA from California Lutheran University, He also earned an MA from the College of Naval Warfare. Chief of Police Andrew Salinas has been serving as Interim City Manager since City Manager Rod Butler left the city last December. Former Lafayette City Manager Steven Falk is the new Interim City Administration in the City of Oakland. Steve served as the Lafayette City Manager for 22-years before he resigned. Current City Administrator **Sabrina** Landreth announced last year that she planned to step down. Oakland is the largest city and the county seat of Alameda County. The city, incorporated in May, 1852, has a 2018 population estimate of 428,827.

"It is easier to build strong children than to repair broken men." --Frederick Douglass



Mark Risco, President and CEO of Willdan Financial Services, with <u>Indian Wells</u>
City Manager Chris Freeland.

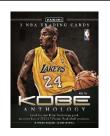
Former Costa Mesa Chief of Police Rob Sharpnack filed a lawsuit against the city claiming that city officials violated the State Labor Code, breached his employment agreement, retaliated against him, in violation of the Fair Employment and Housing Act, and violated his right to due process. The former Chief alleges that he was forced out of office after raising issues regarding the 2019 city budget process. He joined the Police Department in 1993 and was promoted to Chief in 2015. He claims that City Manager Lori Ann Farrell Harrison and City Attorney Kimberly Barlow forced him to resign. Malibu City Manager Reva Feldman invited the community to join her and Malibu Mayor Pro Tem Mikke Pierson at a City Manager's Round Table. The meeting was billed as an informal round table discussion regarding city issues. Baseball is back in the City of Martinez where Eric Figueroa is the City Manager. A team representing Martinez will play in the Pecos League of Professional Baseball Clubs, according to Andrew **Dunn**, the CEO and Commissioner of the League. The team will play 33-home games at the Waterfront Park between May 28 and August 1. The League will also field teams in Pittsburg and Santa Cruz this season. Stephanie Garrabrant-Sierra has served as the City Manager in the City of Willits since March, 2018. Stephanie worked as a Legal Aide with Alameda County in 1991-1994, and then as Risk Manager, Labor Relations Manager and Senior Economic Development Negotiator with the City of Oakland. She was appointed City Manager in Willits in January, 2018. Stephanie attended Santa Barbara City College and earned a BA from the University of California, Santa Barbara, and a JD from the University of California, Berkeley School of Law.



More Pieces Picked Up: Sea Shelton is the Administrative Services Director for the City of La Palma. Sea previously worked as the Director of Administrative Services for the Orange County Vector Control District, and as a Senior Management Analyst in the City of Dana Point. Sea earned a BA in

environmental analysis and design from the University of California, Irvine. Community Development Director Ken Hiatt is replacing retiring Woodland City Manager Paul Navazio. Paul is set to retire on March 6. Ken will serve as Interim City Manager until a City Manager appointment is made. Prior to coming to Woodland, Ken worked as the Director of Community Development and Sustainability for the City of Davis. He came to Woodland to replace Director Nick Ponticello in April, 2013. Highland City Manager Joseph Hughes received his first raise in more than 10-years, when a 10 percent increase was improved. Joe took the City Manager post following the retirement of City Manager Sam Racadio in July,2006. Joe had been serving as the Assistant City Manager. Sam was elected to the Highland City Council in 2010, and announced in 2016 that he would not seek re-election. Susan Paterson joined the City of Sausalito city staff in August, 2003 as a Recreation Specialist and magazine editor. January, 2009 Susan was appointed Human Resources Manager for Sausalito. She continues to serve in that position going on a dozen years later. Susan earned a BA in communications and broadcast lass from Stephens College. Dana Point City Manager Mark Denny is the new City Manager in the City of Fontana. Assistant City Manager Mike Killebrew may be the next Dana Point City Manager. Mark will take the Fontana position from Interim City Manager Mike Milhiser. Former Durant, Oklahoma City Manager Tim Rundel is the new City Manager in the City of Weed, replacing retired City Manager Ron Stock. Tim earned a BA from Oklahoma State University, and an MPA from the University of Oklahoma. He served 6-years in the Air Force and the Oklahoma Air National Guard. The smallest city in Sacramento County, Isleton is grappling with an annual budget problem. Despite a history of financial mismanagement and abuse, Isleton still does not have a written policy on how employees should be making purchases, such as requiring purchase orders or expense codes, according to City Manager Charles Bergson.

"I want to get the message out that everybody can make a difference." -Miranda Cosgrove



"The most important thing is to try and inspire people so that they can be great in whatever they want to do." **–Kobe Bryant** 

SHORTS: \*Santa Clara City Manager Deanna Santana, and Assistant City Managers Nadine Nader and Ruth Shikada attended the International Association of Science Parks and Areas of Innovation (IASP) annual confernece in Paris, France. \*Adam **Politzer** is the City Manager of the City of Sausalito, and has held that position since 2007. \*Marshall W. Julian was the City Administrator in the City of Lakewood from January, 1962 until Novembre, 1971 when he left to become the City Administrator in the City of San Bernardino. \*Douglas Dunlap, who retired as the Pomona City Manager in 2007, served as the City Administrator in the City of Chowchilla starting in August, 1976. \*Executive search consultant Valerie Gaeta-Phillips, who has offices in Roseville, Seal Beach and Walnut Creek, is a member of the Local Government Hispanic Network. \*John L. Taylor served as the Berkeley City Manager between February, 1974 and July, 1976. \*Walnut City Manager Robert "Rob" M. Wishner is an alumnus of California State University, Fullerton. \*The late Peter B. Feenstra, a former City Manager who served in the Cities of Artesia, Bellflower, South El Monte and Westminster, died in August, 2001 at the age of 70. \*Hawaiian Gardens City Manager, since January, 2017, Ernie Hernandez previously worked for the Cities of Norwalk, Santa Ana, Long Beach and South El Monte. \*Steve Rogers has served as sthe Yountville Town Manager since October, 2007, and previously worked as the General Manager/CEO for the North Tahoe Public Utility District. \*Penny Lilburn is the Executive Director of the Highland Senior Center, and serves as the City of Highland Mayor Pro Tem as a member of the City Council. \*Many "Thanks" to Kevin O'Rourke for the pictures taken at the inaugural Northern California "Proof of Life" lunch that we featured in this issue of the City Manager Newsletter by Trackdown. \*Jack M. Joseph, former Cudahy City Manager, the Deputy Executive Director of the Gateway Cities COG, previously held positions wth Garden Grove, and Cerritos beginning in 1974; earned a BA from the University of California, Los Angeles (UCLA) and a Masters from the University of Notre Dame. \*James Troyer, Angels' fan and former Community Development Director in Fontana and Redlands, now works as a Public Agency Consultant with Willdan Engineering. \*Cheers!