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Retired Beverly Hills City Manager **Rod Wood** and retired City Manager **Ron Stock** of the City of Weed at the inaugural Northern California "Proof of Life" lunch. Rod, who has relocated to the El Dorado Hills, heads the organizers, who include: **Kevin O'Rourke**, **Rod Gould**, and **Jeff Kolin**. Rod also served as City Manager in Indian Wells (1989-1992), and Novato (1992-2004). He was in Beverly Hills from 2004 to 2010. **Dr. Ronald W. Stock, JD** previously served as City Attorney in a number of Colorado jurisdictions before becoming City Manager in Craig, Colorado (1996-1997). He was the City Administrator in Lamar, Colorado (2007-2011) before coming to Weed in February, 2012. He retired in February, 2020.

Women in California Cities From St. Helena to San Bruno

Trackdown's list of women city government professionals in California cities continues in this issue. This is the 31st installment of this list. Those we found working in the cities alphabetically from the Cities of St. Helena to San Bruno are included in this issue.

There are many highly educated, 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-to-time. Again, we apologize to anyone we miss. It is not always completely our fault. The failures of others to post complete profiles makes it difficult to be comprehensive. Please believe that we try our best to include all those worthy.

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St. Helena was incorporated in Napa County in March, 1876, and was re-incorporated in May, 1889. It is a general law city with a 2018 estimated population of 6,152. Located in the California Wine Country, both the Beringer Vineyards and the Charles Krug Winery are California Historical Landmarks. **Mark Prestwich** is the City Manager and **Cindy Tzafopoulos** is the City Clerk.



April Mitts is the St. Helena Finance Director; serving in that position since November, 2014. After working in the private sector from 2000 to 2002, April joined the city staff in the City of Montclair in June, 2002 as an Administrative Analyst. She left Montclair in 2008 for an educational services firm in Irvine. April joined the St. Helena staff in November, 2014. She earned a BA from California State Polytechnic University, Pomona; an MA from the University of Phoenix; and a DPA from the University of La Verne.



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"Proof of Life" Lunch...**March 25, 2020**

Noon at the North Woods Inn Restaurant in La Mirada

While there have been no reported cases of COVID-19 among veteran "Proof of Life" participants, after carefully reviewing the coronavirus target age group, and following our concerns about contributing to the spread of the disease, the

March 25, 2020 "Proof of Life" lunch has been cancelled.

Please put June 24, 2020 on your calendar and save the date for the next "Proof of Life" lunch at be held at the North Woods Inn Restaurant in La Mirada.

We are sorry to have to take this action to cancel the March 25 lunch, but it is necessary for everyone to participate in stopping the coronavirus global pandemic.

Remember the next "Proof of Life" Lunch**Is June 24, 2020****Women in California Cities From St. Helena to San Bruno**

Planning and Building Director in the City of St. Helena is **Maya DeRosa**. She has worked in that position since January, 2020. Prior to coming to St. Helena Maya was the Planning and Building Director in the City of Healdsburg from November, 2017. She started in Healdsburg as a Senior Planner in January, 2016. Prior to that Maya work in the private sector. She served as a Senior Planner in the City of Santa Ana for 14-years (1991-2005), and she was the Planning Supervisor in the City of Frankfort, Kentucky (2007-2014). Maya earned a BA and BS from the University of California, Berkeley.

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Kathy Robinson began her working career in 1999 with Merrill Lynch. Following several positions in the finance and investment industry, Kathy became a Grant Analyst for the Ohio Housing Finance Agency in June, 2006. She came to

California in October, 2007 to become a Management Analyst in the City of Novato. Kathy joined the St. Helena city staff in June, 2010 as a Senior Management Analyst (2010-2014); Operations Manager (2014-2015); Administrative Manager (2015-2016; and Human Resources & Information Technology Director starting in February, 2016. Kathy earned a BA from Colorado State University, and an MBA from the University of Phoenix. She also has a Bachelor's Degree in Art Institute Online. She also holds a Senior Professional Certification in Human Resources from the HR Certification Institute (HRCI).



Preya Nixon, Assistant to the City Manager, in the City of St. Helena, worked as the Administrative Clerk in the Office of Human Resources in the City of Manhattan Beach (February, 2014-November, 2014). In December, 2014 she became a

Management Fellow in the Town of Yountville. She became the Senior Management Analyst in the Yountville Public Works and Finance offices in July, 2017. In November, 2019 Preya joined the St. Helena city staff as the Assistant to the City Manager. In addition to her city work, Preya is the Manager of Programs for the National Utilities Diversity Council since April, 2013. She earned a BA in sociology and organizational studies from Mount Holyoke College, and an MPA from Cleveland State University. She also earned a Certificate in Business Management from the Stanford University Graduate School of Business.



This picture of **Marcia Raines** and **Joe Tanner** appeared on the front page of the Special February issue, but we are re-visiting it to underscore the good news that **Joe Tanner's** son **Joe Tanner Jr.** is the new City Manager in the City of Lindsay. Trackdown congratulations to both Joe Tanners!

Mandy Kellogg is the Finance Manager for the City of St. Helena. She joined the city in February, 2009. She earned a BA from California State University, Sacramento.

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Sunset at the Sunset Cliffs Natural Park, Ocean Beach, San Diego by retired City Manager

Mark Ochendusko.

Women in California Cities From St. Helena to San Bruno

Salinas incorporated in March, 1874 in Monterey County. The Salinas estimated population for 2018 is 156,259. **Ray E. Corpuz, Jr.** is the City Manager and City Clerk is **Patricia M. Barajas, CMC.**



Adele H. Fresé, Salinas Chief of Police, began her public service career serving as a member of the United States Marine Corps from 1985 until 1992. She joined the Police Department in the City of Corpus Christi, Texas in 1994, and she was promoted to Sergeant in

1997, and Lieutenant in 2002. Adele became the first woman in the Corpus Christi Department's 156-year history to become the rank of Police Commander. From 2014 until December, 2016 she served as the Chief of Police in the City of Greenfield. She became the Salinas Chief in December, 2016. Adele earned a BS and an MS in public safety. She is currently the Chair for Learning for Life.

Megan Hunter became the Salinas Director of Planning and Community Development in September, 2015. She previously worked as the Director of Planning and Development in Flint, Michigan starting in 2012. Prior to working in Flint, Megan served as a Senior Planner in the Community Redevelopment Agency in the City of Los Angeles. She earned a BA in metropolitan studies from Michigan State University, and a Master's Degree in urban planning from the University of California, Los Angeles ([UCLA](#)).

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San Anselmo incorporated in April, 1907 in Marin County. The estimated 2018 population is 12,519. **David Donery** is the Town Manager and **Carla Kacmar** is the elected Town Clerk and appointed Deputy Town Clerk. After working in the private sector starting in

January, 2008, Carla joined the San Anselmo town staff as an Administrative Assistant in June, 2012. She was promoted to Administrative Services Technician in November, 2014, and became Town Clerk in December, 2015. Carla earned a BA from The University of Georgia.

Daria Carrillo was appointed Finance Director in San Anselmo in 2010 following the retirement of **Janet Pendoley**. Daria had previously served as the Business Manager of the Ross School District. She also worked for the Marin County Office of Education before that. Daria earned a BA from Sonoma State University and a JD from the University of California, Hastings College of Law in San Francisco.



Former San Anselmo Town Manager **Debra Stutsman** retired at the end of February, 2017 after working for the town 27-years; the last 15-years as Town Manager. After college, Debbie worked in Human Resources for Bechtel Incorporated in

San Francisco for 6-years. She joined the San Anselmo town staff in 1989. She was appointed Town Administrator in 2002, and in 2006 the title was changed to Town Manager. Debbie earned a BA in English from California State University, Hayward/East Bay.



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Teri Ledoux was appointed San Bernardino City Manager starting in July, 2019 for a term of 18-months. Teri previously served as Assistant City Manager starting in April, 2019 working for City Manager **Andrea Miller**, was went on paid leave and left the City Manager position May 29. Teri previously served as Assistant to the City Manager in San Bernardino, Huntington Beach and La Verne. Teri earned degrees from both the University of Redlands and California State University, San Bernardino.



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San Bruno incorporated as a city in San Mateo County in December, 1914. The city's 2018 estimated population is 43,047. The current City Manager is **Jovan D. Grogan**, and the City Clerk is **Melissa Thurman**, CMC. **Vicky Hasha** is the Deputy City Clerk.



Tami Yuki is the Assistant City Manager in the City of San Bruno. From October, 1998 until 2005, Tami worked as the Personnel Director in the City of Newark. In October, 2005 Tami joined the San Bruno city staff as the Human Resources Director. She was promoted to Assistant City Manager in June, 2014. Tami earned a BA from the University of California, Davis, and an MBA from San Francisco State University, Lam Family College of Business.

Starting in September, 2018, **Joanne Magrini** is the San Bruno Community Services Director. She previously worked in the Recreational Sports Department of the University of San Francisco. Joanne is a San Bruno native. She earned an MA in sports and fitness management from the University of San Francisco.



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Though always easy to find the bad news, like a 23-year old woman busted by the police for selling fentanyl, some communities seem to hide their hardworking public servants. It takes time and effort to ferret out names when city web pages do not list staff members. We apologize for not having an abundance of time; or the computer smarts to find all deserving women for this multi-part list. We are hopeful that you enjoy reading about those we find. ***



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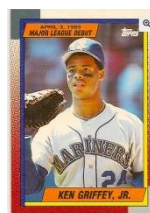
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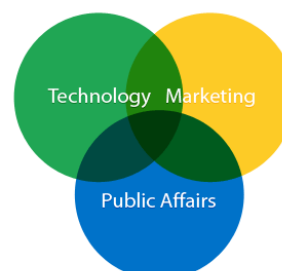
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Picking Up the Pieces: South Pasadena City Manager **Stephanie DeWolfe** announced in February that **Karen Aceves** is the new Finance Director in that city. She joined the South Pasadena city staff in January, 2017. She was poised to take the South El Monte Finance Director position, but withdrew her candidacy. Karen has earned a BA in the Spanish

language and literature from Chapman University. It is reported that she is in the process of completing a Master's degree curriculum through Michigan State University. **Miranda Lutzow** is eliminating the "Interim" in her title to be the next Manteca City Manager. She was named Acting City Manager on September 27, 2019 after City Manager **Tim Ogden** was placed on paid administrative leave. She was made Interim City Manager in December, 2019. Miranda is a past President of the Municipal Management Association of Northern California (MMANC). She served as President in 2018. Miranda served as Assistant City Clerk in Merced (2013-2015); Management Analyst in Oakdale (2015-2017); and Administrative Services Director in Waterford (2017-2019). She earned an MPA from California State University, Stanislaus. The late **Frank H. Clough**, former City Engineer and City Manager of South Pasadena (1940-1961). Frank was the President of the City Managers Department of the League of California Cities in 1948-1949 (the California State City Managers Association). Frank earned a BS from Oregon State University. South Pasadena was a whites-only town until 1964, a mere 55 years ago. Then City Manager **Frank Clough** boasted about this "accomplishment" in 1946. South Pasadena in 2020 is a diverse and inclusive community. Former Whittier Director of Community Development **Conal McNamara** is the new City Manager in La Palma. Prior to Whittier, where he started in 2014, Conal worked in the City of Azusa. He also worked for the Los Angeles County Department of Public Works. He began his public service career as a planner in the Cities of Irvine, San Bernardino and Santa Clarita. He earned a BA from the University of California, Irvine, and an MPA from California State University, Northridge. Former City Manager **Tim Kerr**, who served as City Manager in Livingston, Ceres and Turlock, is an avid San Francisco Giants fan. Tim studied at Modesto Junior College and at



A circa 1979 archive picture of (from L to R): Anthony Gonsalves, **Lil Vicencia**, former Paramount Mayor **John Mies**, Assemblyman **Frank Vicencia**, **Jack Simpson** and **Joe A. Gonsalves** in Sacramento.

the University of California, Santa Barbara and Syracuse University. Before his City Manager posts he worked in San Luis Obispo County, and the Cities of Rosemead and Burbank, in addition to San Benito County. Tim is also a former Executive Director of the Downtown Stockton Alliance. **Rita Gallardo Good**, who began her public service career in January, 1994 as an Administrative Analyst in the City of South Gate, is the new Director of Civic Affairs at California State University, Sacramento. Rita was the Chief Assistant Clerk of the Board of the Orange County Transportation Authority (2001-2004), and she served as the Assistant to the City Administrator in Hawaiian Gardens from 2004 to 2007. Rita was the Chief Assistant Clerk in Santa Ana (2007-2010), before she became a Legislative Consultant with the California State Senate (2011-2013). She worked as a Division Chief with CalPERS from June, 2013 to June, 2016, and most recently she has served as an Assistant Director with CalSTRS. Rita earned an AA from Los Angeles Harbor Community College, and a BA and MPA from the University of La Verne. Arvin Chief of Police **Scot Kimble** was convicted of submitting false documents during his service as Chief of Police in McFarland. District Attorney **Cynthia Zimmer** revealed that former McFarland City Manager the late **John Wooner** was aware of the allegations against the Chief. John died last year in the Kern River when his vehicle plunged into the river water. Garden Grove City Manager **Scott Stiles** issued an apology for his comment that referred to EMS personnel as "bus drivers." Scott posted on Twitter, "I was speaking quickly and it was a very poor choice of words on my part."





More Pieces Picked Up: Former San Clemente City Manager **George E. Scarborough** (2003-2013) began his career as a city planner; first as Planning Director in Greenfield (1977-1978) and then in Scotts Valley (1978-1980). George was appointed City Manager in the

City of Greenfield in 1980. In 1984 he moved to Los Altos Hill as City Manager (1984-1988). In 1988 George took the Assistant City Manager post in San Juan Capistrano (1988-1993) and he became City Manager in 1993 (1993-2003). George earned a BA from the University of California, Santa Cruz. He received a 35-year ICMA Service Award in 2012. New Del Mar City Manager **Christa "CJ" Johnson** was welcomed to the community at a special "meet and greet" on February 20. She previously served as the Assistant City Manager in the City of Laguna Beach. She also held position with the City and county of Alameda, and with the Town of Windsor, located in Sonoma County. CJ's son Quin Johnson currently attends classes at San Diego State University. **Nancy Newton**, Assistant County Executive and Chief Operating Officer in Sacramento County, is the new City Manager in Springfield, Oregon. Former Springfield City Manager **Gino Grimaldi** has retired. Before working in Sacramento County, Nancy served as the Deputy County Administrator in Clackamas County, Oregon. She earned a BA from George Fox University, and an MPA from Portland State University. Nancy served as a Member of the Board of the United Way California in the Capital Region. **Alex Khojikian**, who has served as the Redwood City Deputy City Manager since August, 2016, was promoted by City Manager **Melissa Stevenson Diaz** to the position of Assistant City Manager. Prior to joining the Redwood City staff, Alex worked as the Deputy City Manager in the City of Half Moon Bay, and he previously held positions in Paramount and Anaheim. He earned a BA from the University of California, Berkeley and an MPA from California State University, Long Beach.

SHORTS: *Costa Mesa Finance Director **Kelly Telford** is the new Finance Director and City Treasurer in the City of Seal Beach. *Retired Woodland City Manager **Paul Navazio** is the new Finance Director for the Incline Village General Improvement District, working with Interim General Manager **Indra Winquest**, and taking over for the resigned **Gerry Eick**. *City of El Cerrito Human Resources Manager **Kristen Cunningham** started her position in October, 2018. *Retired Long Beach City Manager **Pat West**, who is a former

LETTER:

Dude; thanks for the two shoutouts in the special edition. I couldn't agree with you anymore about staying together with your former co-workers and other compatriots. Thank goodness for the retired Cypress IT Manager for coordinating our quarterly meetings. It is always good to get together again with people who were family at work. I see that with your get togethers as well. Life is short as we all know so these gatherings are extra special.

Lastly, good thing we are Costco members. The new food court policy would have impacted us terribly if we weren't.

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has hung out a shingle as a management consultant (Telephone No. 562-331-9812). ***Jeffrey G. Foltz**, who began his local government career in 1975 as an Administrative Assistant in Los Alamitos, and worked in Clovis (1978-1982) and Susanville (1982-1986), retired as the City Administrator in Yuba City in 2006. *Former City Manager **Paul Brotzman** and his wife Amy attended the San Mateo High School athletics Crab Fest fundraiser. *Retired Whittier City Manager **Jeff Collier** was spotted at the 9th Annual Whittier Area Community Church Car Show. ***Lauren Vasquez** is the new Assistant City Manager in the City of Monrovia. *The late **William A. Holt** a "Proof of Life" veteran, worked in La Mirada, Santa Fe Springs, Garden Grove, and Colton before he was appointed Paramount City Manager in November, 1980. *Longtime veteran Torrance City Manager **LeRoy J. Jackson** began his public service career as an Administrative Intern in Pasadena in September, 1965. *New Brentwood City Manager **Tim Ogden**, the former Manteca City Manager, replaces retired City Manager **Gus Vina**. *New Fontana City Manager **Mark Denny** takes over from Interim City Manager **Michael Millhiser**, a longtime veteran City Manager. *Retired Palmdale City Manager **James Purtee** received the 2019 *Larry Chimbole Public Service Award* presented by the Desert-Mountain Division of the League of California Cities. ***Anuj Gupta** is Deputy City Manager in the City of Santa Monica, and he previously served with the administrations of Los Angeles Mayor **Eric Garcetti**, and President **Barack Obama**. *Walnut City Manager **Rob Wishner** appeared on the television news being interviewed about coronavirus issues in his community. *Retired City Manager **Greg Larson** was recently retained as a consultant by the San Francisco Transbay Joint Powers Authority and its Salesforce Transit Center.