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## City Government Professional Women in Santa Ana to Santa Cruz



Trackdown's May, 2020 newsletter issue ended with some of the City of Santa Ana women professionals. However, we are beginning this issue, the 36<sup>th</sup> issue dedicated to city government women, with more from Santa Ana and continuing through the City of Santa Cruz.

There are many well qualified and experienced dedicated women serving in California's cities. The list is impressive. Our effort addresses the rhetorical question: Where are the women in city management?

Of course, is impossible to report career profiles when individuals fail to post their information. We apologize to those we miss. Please believe that we use maximum effort to include all those who belong.

				
				
				
				
				

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## City Government Professional Women in Santa Ana to Santa Cruz

Santa Ana is the county seat of Orange County. Founded in 1869, Santa Ana was incorporated in June, 1886. Santa Ana is the second most populous city in Orange County with a 2018 estimated population of 332,725. **Kristine Ridge** is the City Manager and **Daisy Gomez** is the Clerk of the Council.



**Kristine Ridge** joined the Anaheim city staff as an Internal Audit Manager in October, 1993, and she worked in that position for more than 13-years. She served as the Anaheim City Treasurer in 2006, and was the Anaheim Finance Director starting in December, 2009. Kristine also served as the Human Resources Director (2007-2013) during a time of multiple responsibilities. In November, 2013 Kristine was appointed Deputy City Manager, and she was elevated to Assistant City Manager in September, 2014. When she left Anaheim to become the Laguna Niguel City Manager in 2018, she had worked for Anaheim for a little more than 24-years. Kristine left Laguna Niguel when she was selected for the Santa Ana City Manager post in May, 2019. Kristine earned a BS in accounting from Arizona State University, and an MA in organizational leadership from Chapman University.

**Lisa Rudloff** is the Santa Ana Parks, Recreation, and Community Services Executive Director since October, 2018. Lisa began her career in Lodi in 1990. She was the Encinitas Director of Parks & Recreation prior to joining the Santa Ana staff. Lisa earned a BA in recreation administration from the University of Oklahoma.



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**Daisy Gomez**, Clerk of the Council,  
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**Kathryn Downs**, Executive Director, Finance and Management Services for Santa Ana. She joined the Santa Ana city staff as Deputy Director of Finance in October, 2018. Previous to that she worked in the City of Carson as that city's Finance Director.

**Sona Mooradian** is the Administrative Services Manager in Santa Ana, and she serves on the Planning Commission in the City of Montebello. Starting in 1990 Sona worked for the Los Angeles Unified School District; first as a Community Representative (1990-1996) and then as a teacher (1996-1998). In August, 2001 Sona was hired as the Assistant Executive Director of the Montebello Housing Development Corp. In October, 2003 she joined the city staff in Glendale as an Administrative Associate (2003-2005); Administrative Analyst (2005-2014); and Senior Administrative Officer (2014-2016). Sona was appointed Administrative Services Manager in the City of Santa Ana in May, 2016. In addition, Sona was appointed to the Montebello Planning Commission in December, 2016.



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Santa Barbara is the county seat of the County of Santa Barbara. The city was incorporated in April, 1850. Portuguese explorer **Juan Rodriguez Cabrillo** was best known for exploring the West Coast of North America on behalf of the Spanish Empire. He was the first European to explore present-day California, including sailing through the Santa Barbara Channel. The 2018 estimated population is 91,350. **Paul Casey** is the Santa Barbara City Administrator, and **Pamela Antil** is the Assistant City Administrator.



**Pamela "Pam" W. Antil** began her public service career as a Legislative Staff Assistant for the Michigan State Senate (1987-1989). In 1989 Pam joined the city staff at Rancho Palos Verdes. In 1989, she went to work for the Norman Roberts & Associates executive recruitment firm (1995-1997). Pam became the Ann Arbor, Michigan Assistant to the City Administrator in 2003. Next she took the Assistant City Manager post in Novi, Michigan in September, 2006. In April, 2010 Pam became the Assistant City Manager/COO in Palo Alto. In May, 2014 she started work as one of the San Jose Assistant City Managers, and she became the Santa Barbara Assistant City Administrator in August, 2015. In addition, Pam has worked with the League of Women in Government organization. She served three years (2015-2018) as President, and as Chief Administrative Officer starting in January, 2015. Pam earned a BS from Central Michigan University, an MPA from California State University, Long Beach, and she attended the Senior Executive Institute at the University of Virginia.



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**Nina Johnson**, Senior Assistant to the City Administrator in Santa Barbara has worked for the city for more than 21-years. She joined the city staff in December, 1998 as an Administrative Analyst. In

January, 2003 Nina was promoted to Assistant to the City Administrator for Organizational Development, and in July, 2006 she started as the Senior Assistant to the City Administrator. Nina earned a BS in public administration from Drake University, and an MA in urban planning from the University of California, Los Angeles (**UCLA**).



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**Deanna J. Santana** began serving as a Management Analyst in the City of Oakland. She was hired to work as the Assistant to the City Manager in San Jose in 2004; that year she served as the Acting City Clerk in San Jose. In 2006, Deanna became a San Jose Deputy City Manager. She returned to Oakland in 2011 to serve as the City Administrator. She again left Oakland in 2014 when she was appointed City Administrator in the City of Sunnyvale. Deanna took the Santa Clara City Manager position in October, 2017. She earned two BA degrees in rhetoric and ethnic studies from the University of California, Berkeley, and a Master's in city planning from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT). Deanna has also been in the Harvard Business School's Executive Education Program. She received a 20-year ICMA Service Award



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In 1995, **Hilary G. Keith** went to work as a news researcher for The Orange County Register. In August, 1995 Hilary took the job of Librarian I for the City of Newport Beach. She joined the Orange County Public Library staff as a Library Specialist and in January, 2000 she was promoted to Senior Administrative Librarian. In July, 2007 she was hired to serve as the Director of Library and Cultural Services in the City of Santa Fe Springs. After nearly 7-years there, Hilary was hired to be the City Librarian in Santa Clara. Hilary earned a BA in English from California Polytechnic State University, San Luis Obispo, and an MLIS, Mater's in Library and Information Science from San Jose State University.

**Nadine Nader Kayali**, Assistant City Manager, previously worked in Fremont and Manhattan Beach. She worked in various positions in San Jose between 1999 and 2011, before become Assistant to the City Manager in the City of Fremont in 2011. After being promoted to the Fremont Deputy City Manager position in 2013, she was appointed Manhattan Beach Assistant City Manager in 2014. She returned to Northern California in January, 2018 when she was hired as a Santa Clara Assistant City Manager. Nadine earned a BA from Pepperdine University and a Master's in policy studies from Middlebury Institute of International Studies at Monterey (MIIS).

**Cynthia Bojorquez**, Assistant City Manager, previously worked in Sunnyvale. She was appointed to her current position in Santa Clara in September, 2019.



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Dynamic **Lenka Wright** is the Santa Clara Director of Communications. Between 1995 and 2006, Lenka worked in the newscasting business. She started as a Producer in Long Island, New York, and then worked as a Reporter of Newscast Anchor in Casper, Wyoming; Jacksonville, Florida; Rapid City, South Dakota and in the Waco/Temple/Killeen, Texas area. After working as the Morning Anchor for KCEN-TV in Texas, Lenka joined the city staff in Abilene, Texas as Communications & Media Relations Manager in March, 2007. She started in San Jose in January, 2011 as their Assistant Director of Communications. In 2016-2018 Lenka worked as the Chief Communications Officer in Bellevue, Washington. She joined the City of Santa Clara staff as Director of Communications in September, 2018. She is the first Santa Clara Director of Communications. Lenka earned a BA from Indiana University, Bloomington, and an MA in communication arts from the New York Institute of Technology, Old Westbury. She also became a Certified Public Manager, completing the program at Texas State University, San Marcos. Lenka served as an Adjunct Professor for National University in 2014-2015.

**Ann Grabowski** is the Chief of Staff & Manager of Policy and Analytics in Santa Clara. She started in that post in September, 2019. Ann earned an MPA from the University of San Francisco.



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**Mary Cusick** worked for a non-profit management organization for about four years prior to joining the Santa Clarita city staff in August, 2004 as a Records Technician. Mary worked in that position for nearly 11-years before she was appointed Deputy City Clerk in July, 2015. Mary is active with the City Clerk's Association of California, and has served as a Mentor for that group since April, 2009. She earned an AA from College of the Canyons, and a BA in political science from the University of California, Riverside.



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**Carmen Magaña** is the Santa Clarita Director of Administrative Services. She joined the city staff in 1998 as the Administrative Services Manager and Finance Manager. Carmen is a member of the California Society of Municipal Finance Officers (CSMFO).



Santa Clarita Communications Manager **Carrie Lujan** started her working career in June, 1999 as a Copy Editor/Reporter for the Roseville Press Tribune. In March, 2000 she took a Production Assistant position with KCBS-TV, and then went to work in Palm Springs for KESQ-ABC in September, 2001 as a Reporter/Producer. After working a couple additional private sector position in sales and public relations, Carrie went to work for the City of Santa Monica as a Public Information Coordinator in August, 2013. She was appointed Public Information Officer (PIO) in November, 2015. Carrie left Santa Monica in 2016 and worked for a private company as a Communications Consultant. She was hired by Santa Clarita in November, 2016 to replace the **Gail Morgan**, who retired as the City's Communications Manager. Carrie earned a BA in speech communications from California Polytechnic State University, San Luis Obispo. She was among the 51 Most Influential People in Santa Clarita named by the local newspaper in 2018. Carrie's husband **Manuel Lujan** is a director for the Los Angeles Dodger Network.



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## City Government Professional Women in Santa Ana to Santa Cruz

Santa Cruz is the county seat of Santa Cruz County. The area of the city was a Spanish settlement beginning in 1791, which includes the Mission Santa Cruz. The City of Santa Cruz incorporated in 1866. The 2019 estimated population is 64,608. **Martin Bernal** is the City Manager, **Laura Schmidt** is the Assistant City Manager, and **Susie O'Hara** is the Assistant to the City Manager. **Bonnie Bush** is the City Clerk Administrator.



**Laura Schmidt** began her working career in 1990 in the private sector. In 2002 she became a Senior Business Systems Analyst for Washoe County in Reno, Nevada. In 2006 she was hired as an IT Manager for Washoe County, and she was appointed Chief Information Management Officer in January, 2013. Laura joined the Santa Cruz city staff in July, 2014 as IT Director. In June, 2019 she was made the Interim Assistant City Manager and in February, 2020 she "shed" the "Interim." Laura earned a BA in history from the University of the Pacific in Stockton.

**Bonnie Lipscomb** served as a Course Instructor at the University of Michigan in 1997, and became a Project Manager for the United Indian Nations Community Development Center in June, 1998. Bonnie joined the city staff in Vallejo in November, 2000 as a Senior Administrative Analyst and Economic Development Manager. She was hired to be the Director of Economic Development in the City of Santa Cruz in September, 2007. Bonnie earned a BA in anthropology from Tulane University and a Master's in resource policy and behavior from the University of Michigan.



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Opening Day of Hank's Coffee Shop in Artesia in 1959. The original City Hall was a few door down in the same commercial strip mall on Pioneer Boulevard. That is the proprietor **Hank Herema** in front. Best burgers and curly fries in the area.



**Picking Up the Pieces:** San Dimas City Manager **Kenneth Duran** was placed on paid administrative leave this month, and later decided to retire after a 34-year public service career with the city. Assistant City Manager **Brad McKinney** was named Acting City Manager. Ken was appointed

San Dimas City Manager in December, 2018. He joined the San Dimas city staff in 1986 as a Senior Recreation Supervisor. He became the Assistant City Manager in 1993. He earned a BA from California State University, Fullerton. In 2016 Ken received the CalPERS Spotlight on Excellence Award. Brad previously work for Anaheim (2008-2011), Claremont as Assistant to the City Manager (2011-2016), Rosemead Assistant City Manager (2016-2018), Alhambra Assistant City Manager and he was appointed San Dimas Assistant City Manager in June, 2019. Brad earned a BBA and MBA from Azusa Pacific University, where he was a pitcher on the baseball team.

Other professional women identified on the staff of the City of Santa Cruz include, but are not limited to: **Cheryl Fyfe**, **Lisa Murphy**, **Laura Schmidt**, **Susan Nemitz**, **Susie O'Hara**, and recently retired **Lupita Alamos**.

Agoura Hills City Manager **Greg Ramirez** has been selected to be the next Camarillo City Manager effective July 1. Greg, a resident of Thousand Oaks, will replace retired Camarillo City Manager **Dave Norman**. Assistant City Manager **Carmen Nichols** has been serving as the Interim City Manager. Greg, who previously worked with the League of California Cities, was appointed Agoura Hills City Manager in November, 2003. He earned a BS in economics from California Polytechnic University, San Luis Obispo and an MS in economics from California State University, Hayward. Chico City Manager **Mark Orme** is considering the appointment of an Interim Chief of Police following the retirement of Chief **Michael O'Brien**. The Chief is set for a last work day of June 5. Executive "...recruitments linked to the general fund (are) on hold," Mark said, as a result of the revenue shortfall caused by reactions to the COVID-19 pandemic



"I crawled beneath the outfield bleachers and got sick as a dog. I've stayed with Bazooka bubble gum ever since." —**Mickey Hatcher**



**More Pieces Picked Up:** McFarland Interim City Manager **Larry Pennell** has submitted his resignation due to personal medical issues. Larry has experienced increasing back pain and mobility issues, and will soon undergo back surgery, which will require months of physical therapy as part of his recovery. Larry's resignation goes into effect on May 29. Larry served as the City Manager of Benicia (1973-1979), Galt (1987-1988), and Chief Administrative Officer in Modoc County (1991-1993) and retired as the Wasco City Manager (1994-2007). He began his public service career in 1969 as an Administrative Assistant in Fairfield. In 2006, Larry received a 30-year ICMA Service Award. Larry is an alumnus of San Jose State University with a BA and Masters degrees. Calabasas City Manager Dr. **Gary J. Lysik** resigned for personal reasons in May, 2020. Public Works Director **Robert Valda** is serving as the Interim City Manager. Gary previously served as the Calabasas Chief Financial Officer for 15-years (2003-2018). He served as City Manager for two-years (2018-2020). Gary earned a Certificate in accounting from the University of California, Los Angeles, an MBA from The George L. Graziadio School of Business and Management at Pepperdine University, and a Doctor of Education from Pepperdine University. Cerritos City Council Member and former Mayor **Jim Edwards** passed away as a result of cancer at his home on Sunday, May 10. Jim was 75-years old. He served with distinction as a teacher, coach and administrator for more than 30-years with the ABC Unified School District. Jim was a U. S. Army veteran and spent one year "in country" during the Vietnam War. Jim served two-terms as Mayor of Cerritos (2008-2009) and (2012-2013). Jim was first elected to the City Council 2005 and he was re-elected in 2009. He was elected again in 2015 and in 2020. He was a Cerritos resident for more than 43-years. Placerville Chief of Police **James Ortega** has mutually agreed with City Manager **Cleve Morris** to separate his employment from the Police Department. Chief Ortega worked as the Placerville Chief for about three-years after retiring as a Captain with the Sacramento County Sheriff's Department in 2017. The late **Todd W. Argow** began his public service career in January, 1977 as an Administrative Analyst in the City of San Diego. After working in executive positions in Oceanside and Saratoga, Todd was appointed City Manager in the City of South Gate in February, 1991. Todd later served as the City Manager in Hawthorne. He earned an AA from Riverside City College, a BS from California Baptist College, and an MPA from San Diego State University. Todd died at the age of 53 at Riverside Community Hospital in November, 2005 as a result of

a gunshot wound sustained November 15 during a confrontation with Riverside police. **Roy Eugene Poertner** worked as an Administrative Intern in Seal Beach (1964-1965) and Cypress (1965-1967), and he worked as an Administrative Assistant for Cypress (1967-1971). He served as the City Administrator in Farmersville from August, 1971, and he began his tenure as the City Manager in Brentwood in January, 1973. Gene earned a BA and MS from California State University, Long Beach. Gene passed away in December, 2003 at the age of 61. San Clemente Acting Mayor **Laura Ferguson** criticizes Interim City Manager Dr. **Robert Dunek** for temporarily locking the doors to the City Council Chambers and to use Zoom for meetings consistent with the county and State guidelines for social distancing. The Acting Mayor said, "This is beyond outrageous, this is one of the worst examples of non-elected bureaucrats using the COVID-19 crisis as a political tool." Dr. **Robert Dunek** is a veteran City Manager and held in very high esteem in professional City Manager circles. San Clemente Assistant City Manager **Erik Sund** reports that the size and layout of the council chambers makes it difficult to enforce social distancing guidelines.

Felix Frankfurter said: Wisdom too often never comes, and so one ought not to reject it merely because it comes late.

Former Anaheim City Manager **Chris Zapata**, who resigned in April, received a severance package of \$475,000. Chris became City Manager in July, 2018. He joined the city staff with a five-year employment agreement. He received a positive review and a raise last August. Assistant City Manager **Greg Garcia** is currently the Interim City Manager. Half Moon Bay, in order to close a budget deficit created by the COVID-19 crisis, has eliminated six positions, resulting in five layoffs, and all department heads, including City Manager **Bob Nisbet** will receive 10% compensation reductions. Former City Manager **Magda Gonzalez** resigned in 2017. Bob is known as an avid bicycle rider. Santa Monica Assistant City Manager and Chief Operating Officer **Katie Kichtig** will retire at the end of May, 2020. Her last day will be May 29<sup>th</sup>. Katie has served as the Assistant City Manager since December, 2018. She previously worked as the City Manager in Malibu (2001-2006) and San Luis Obispo (2010-2017). Katie served as the Assistant City Manager in Beverly Hills from 2006 to 2010. Katie earned a BA from the University of California, Davis and an MPA from Syracuse University. In 2017 she received a 25-year ICMA Service Award.



**Still More Pieces Picked Up:** Eureka City Manager **Dean Lotter** has submitted his resignation. He was placed on administrative leave earlier in the month of May. **Pam Powell** is the Acting City Manager. Dean previously served

as the City Manager in New Brighton, Minnesota (2007-2019) and City Administrator in Minnetrista, Minnesota (2001-2007), Janesville (1999-2001) and Sherburn, Minnesota (1996-1999). He earned a BA from the University of Wisconsin and a Masters from Mankato State University.

NOT Necessarily in the News; a community newsletter and commentary on South Lake Tahoe is authored by retired South Lake Tahoe City Manager **David Jinkens**. David, may be reached at: [djinkens@charter.net](mailto:djinkens@charter.net)

Retired City and County Manager **Roy Pederson**, a past President of ICMA, earned a BA in political science from the University of California, Los Angeles (**UCLA**), and an MA in government from California State University, Los Angeles. Roy is also a graduate of the Core Foundation Fellowship in Public Affairs. Roy began his public service career with his service in the U.S. Army (1952-1954). He served as an Administrative Assistant in Rosemead (1960-1961); Assistant City Administrator in La Mirada (1961-1964); before he was appointed City Manager in Porterville (1964-1969). He then served as the City Administrator in Montebello (1969-1980); City Manager in Scottsdale, Arizona (1980-1988); City Manager of Colorado Springs, Colorado (1989-1990); County Manager in Maricopa County, Arizona (1990-1994); and CAO in Yolo County (1995-1998). Roy took a couple "Interim" positions following his retirement. In 1997 Roy received a 35-year ICMA Service Award.

**SHORTS:** \*Los Alamitos City Council Member and former Mayor **Dean Grose** worked as a Public Information Officer in the City of Anaheim (1972-1983). \*Bellflower Finance Specialist **Veronica Yates** has done course work in sociology at California State University, Long Beach. \*Management consultant and executive recruiter **Teri Black** earned an MPA from the University of Southern California (**USC**). \***Theresa Bruns** has served as the San Dimas Director of Parks and Recreation since April, 2016. \***Lauren Marshall** joined the San Dimas city staff as an Administrative Aide in June, 2019. \*Former Blue Lake, California City Manager (2010-2016) **John D. Berchtold** received a 40-year ICMA Service Award in 2014.



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\*Arroyo Grande Public Works Director **Bill Robeson** is the Acting City Manager following the resignation of City Manager **Jim Bergman**. \***Lawrence E. Olson** served as the City Manager in Ventura from May, 1948 until June, 1961. \***Linda Kelly**, who retired in 2017, served as City Manager for 11-plus years in the Town of Fairfax (2006-2008); City of Sonoma (2008-2012); and Town of Windsor (2012-2017), and now has relocated to the Greater Seattle Area. \***Vanessa Sanchez** has served as a Management Intern in the office of Bellflower City Manager **Jeff Stewart**, and she has earned a BA from the University of California, Berkeley and an MPA from California State University, Long Beach. \*Senior Coordinator **Linda Zavala** is responsible for the excellent Sanger Senior Services. \***Thomas L. Tynes**, who earned an MPA from California State University, Long Beach, began serving as the Assistant City Manager in Union City in July, 1982. \*Millbrae City Manager **Tom Williams** confirms that Millbrae officials have repeatedly issued concerns with State Transportation Official regarding the High-Speed Rail project's impact on their community with little interest shown by the State. \*San Jose Deputy City Manager **Kim Walesh** earned a bachelor's degree in economics and the humanities from Valparaiso University and an MPP from Harvard University. \*Santa Clara Director of Communications **Lenka Wright**, a former News Broadcast Anchor, is described as a dynamic, media savvy communicator. \*\*\*