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# Showing, Not Telling

Before I begin, I want to thank Club Members who enjoyed my first COO blog entry last month. You are welcome! It is good to give CEO John Hawkins a break after nearly 20 years of his valuable contributions in this space.

Now to this month's cover story. I'm certain many Club Members will agree it's one of the most beautiful *Alive!* features we have produced in some time. We include General Services' designers and builders in the compliments.

Reviewing this issue prior to publication made me realize a key part of the City Hall lighting program. Yes it is about outstanding art and technology; I expect nothing less from a world-class City. I believe, however, that it is about more than that.

Lighting up City Hall in such a spectacular fashion is about showing the world who we are, and what we believe, as a City. The City can write press releases and position papers, which are necessary. However, those are not nearly as powerful as just one night of City Hall illuminated. The lighting events – to include our support of women's suffrage, or gender pride, or the Lakers, or USC, or the victims in Beirut, or peace in all parts of the world, etc. – share our City soul with the world. Thanks to General Services' **India Griffin, Valerie Melloff, Eric Robles, Graham Harrison, Matthew Rocke** and their teams for making it happen.

(I also want to mention Club Director of Marketing and ace photographer **Summy Lam** for standing on downtown sidewalks



Club Director of Marketing Summy Lam photographing City Hall, April 14.



From left: Ruben Verduzco and Robert Larios, from the April 2017 *Alive!* story on the City's elevator repair crew.

for hours while somehow avoiding protests at the LAPD headquarters for taking some spectacular images. That is an example of Club SUGAR, as we say in the office: unparalleled customer service.)

**Other notes:** Reading the long list of City Retirees, I want to mention **Lupe Durazo**, Personnel, who has been so helpful in our support of the Los Angeles Chicano Employees City Association (LACECA); and **Ruben Verduzco**, General Services, who gave us a wonderful story and tour of elevator operations in 2017. Enjoy your retirements, Lupe and Ruben.

As I write in late April, our City and our world are reopening. That can change, but I pray we are on a path out of the pandemic. The Club has never stopped serving you, our Members. As you grow more comfortable, take advantage of thousands of Club deals on food, travel, entertainment and Club gear, carefully managed by the Club's **Lupe Lira** and **Mariana Guevara**.

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*Robert Larios*

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**John's Picture Perfect**

– all the winners from this month's contest, celebrating springtime.



**Cooking With the Club**

Chef Larios offers another classic with warm buttered shrimp baguettes with creamy lemon slaw and seasoned potato wedges.



**Correction**

In the list of graduates in last month's issue, we misstated the first name of Alexa Frias. We correct that here, and we've reprinted the correct version in this month's section of graduates. We apologize for the error and continue to wish Alexa congratulations.

**It's Not Too Late ... Online!**

## Pay Tribute to Your Mom



There's still time to pay tribute to your mom this Mother's Day ... with a photo and message of lifelong love, published online and on the Club's social media channels.

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— **Stephanie Bernal, Rec and Parks**

# Send in your Father's Day tributes!



"Watching you grow from my amazing little brother to the best daddy in the world fills my heart with joy and love. Happy Father's Day, Tito! Love, Tia Maggi."

— **Det. Sandra Platero, LAPD**

## High-Fives for Dad!

Pay tribute this Father's Day ... with a photo and message of respect, honor and love, published in *Alive!* in print and/or online.



In our June issue, we'll print a photo of you and your dad (or just your dad) ... and a two- or three-sentence message of Happy Father's Day from you. Then you can take your copy of *Alive!* and show him what he means to you.

Act quickly, as our June issue is fast approaching.

### DEADLINES:

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"We love and appreciate you every day! But Father's Day is a great day to celebrate you and all that you do for our family. Love, Marquas and Kim."

— **For Burt Smith, Public Works/Sanitation**

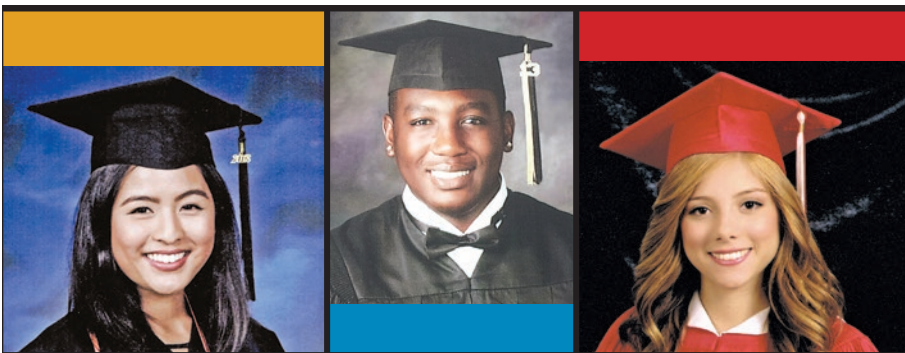


"Happy Father's Day to the best dad and husband ever! We love you and hoping you rock on every day!"

— **For Chris Ewing, Housing**

To submit your Father's Day tribute, go to:

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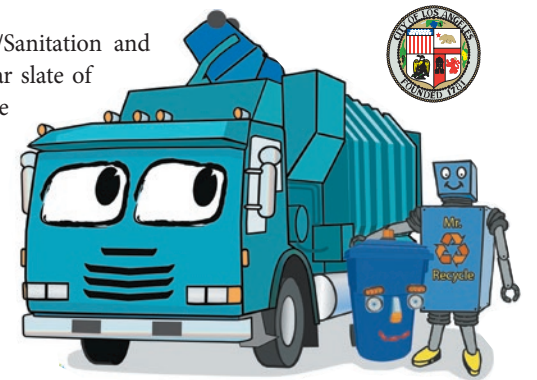


## Open Houses: Wait 'Til Next Year, Again

**Sanitation's popular open houses postponed for second time.**

**PUBLIC WORKS:** Public Works/Sanitation and Environment has postponed its popular slate of open houses again this year due to the coronavirus pandemic.

Each spring before the pandemic, each of Sanitation's six waste shed district yards opened to the public in a series of free Saturday events. The Open House program showcased Sanitation's residential curbside collection programs with the promotion of proper recycling practices and information about bulky item collections. Each event featured



trash truck and equipment demonstrations in addition to facility tours, information booths, recycling games, and refreshments.

In 2018, more than 6,000 residents attended the open houses with more than 230 City Employees who volunteered their time to give back to the neighborhoods they serve.

Speaking for everyone in the City, we're going to miss the popular Open Houses. Until they return, here are some images from previous years.

See you next year! ■



# Ohaji Gets His Hardware

Engineering's Ohaji Abdallah is honored.

**PUBLIC WORKS:** We told you last month that Ohaji Abdallah, Architecture Associate IV/ Project Manager I, in Public Works/Engineering's Architecture Division, had been named the 2021 recipient of Engineering's Rory M. Shaw Outstanding Employee Award.

And now we have the photos of Ohaji receiving his honor, which was presented to him during a Board of Public Works meeting in March.

Congratulations again, Ohaji, from the Club!

Ohaji Abdallah, Public Works/Engineering, received the physical award as Engineer of the Year at a Board of Public Works meeting in March.



# Sgt. White, End of Watch

Sgt. Anthony White succumbs to the coronavirus.

**LAPD:** Sgt. Anthony White, Transit Services Division, succumbed to the coronavirus April 15. He served the City for more than 30 years.

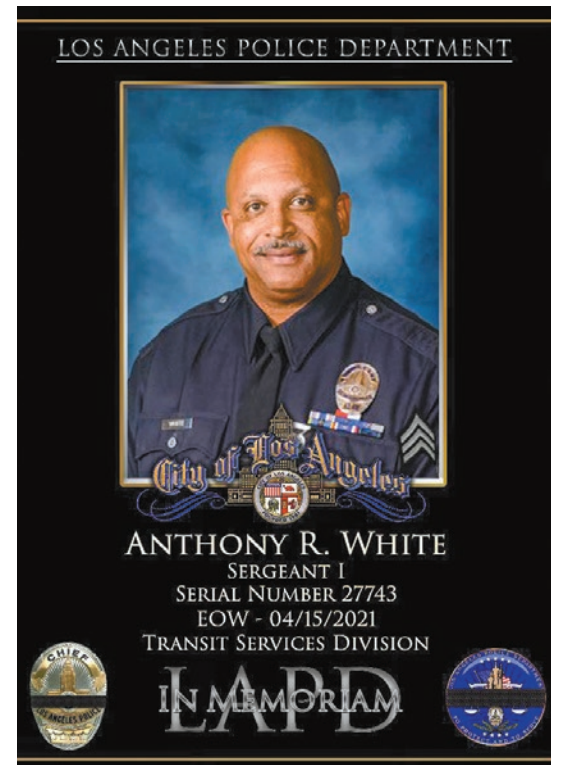
During his career, Sgt. White worked at the Wilshire, Van Nuys, Hollenbeck, Southeast and Southwest stations, in the Metro, South Bureau gangs, internal affairs and, most recently, transit services divisions.

He is reported to be survived by his wife, two teenage children, his parents and two sisters.

Sgt. White's death increases the LAPD/LAFD victims of COVID total to 11 during the pandemic. May they rest in peace.

The others (previously reported in *Alive!*) who have passed away previously from coronavirus complications are:

- Sgt. Patricia Guillen, 77th Division, died Jan. 28 after 22 years of City service;
- Security Officer Dexter De Los Santos died Jan. 29 after 8 years of City service;
- Sgt. Fred Cueto, LAPD, a 22-year veteran who died in December;
- Detention Officer Erica McAadoo, 39, LAPD, died in July;
- Officer Valentin Martinez, 45, LAPD, also died in July.
- LAFD Firefighter/Paramedic Jose Perez passed away in July.
- PSR III Raymond Guerrero, a 911 Operator, served the City for 24 years, died in January. (See related story this month.)
- Capt. 1 George Roque, LAFD, with 22 years of City service, died in January.
- Sgt. Amelia "Terry" Martinez, LAPD, with 27 years of City service, died in January.
- Officer II Philip Sudario, LAPD, with 25 years of City service, died in January.



Sgt. Anthony White



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- Thurs., May 20
- Sat., May 22
- Thurs., June 3
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- Thurs., June 24 (4:30 p.m.)
- Sat., June 26

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**FOR SOON TO BE RETIRED CITY EMPLOYEES:**

## New Online Retirement App Portal Coming Soon!

LACERS is pleased to announce its new online retirement application portal.

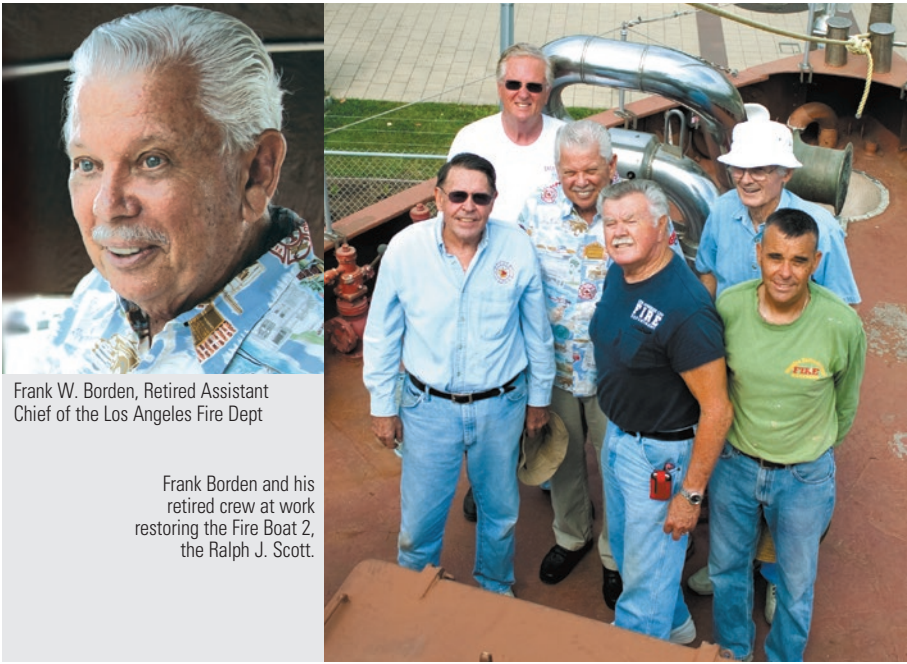
Soon, active City employees will be able to apply and complete the entire retirement process online, from the comfort of your own home, using a safe and secure portal. We suggest you begin preparing as early as practical but at a minimum, four to six months in advance of your retirement.

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- Log into your MyLACERS account and create an estimate to see what your monthly retirement benefit will be.
- Consult your tax professional or attorney regarding the taxability of your retirement allowance from the IRS and/or State of California Franchise Tax Board.

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Frank W. Borden, Retired Assistant Chief of the Los Angeles Fire Dept

Frank Borden and his retired crew at work restoring the Fire Boat 2, the Ralph J. Scott.

# Frank Borden

## 1938 - 2021

**Legendary Firefighter and international leader in emergency operations passes away.**

**LAFD:** Frank W. Borden, Retired Assistant Chief of the Los Angeles Fire Dept.; president of the Fallen Firefighters Memorial; chief restorer of Fire Boat 2 in San Pedro; innovator of emergency operations; husband and father; and Club Member, died April 9. The LAFD made the announcement. He was 82.

The Club, in accord with the LAFD, the City and the international firefighting community, mourns his loss. He was featured on the *Alive!* cover twice, once each for his work in retirement on the Fallen Firefighters Memorial and Fire Boat 2, the Ralph J. Scott.

Fire Chief Ralph Terrazas wrote: "The LAFD today mourns the loss of a true trailblazer in the field of Emergency Management and the founder of our CERT program, which was the first of its kind in the nation. Rest in Peace, Chief Borden."

**The LAFD wrote:**

"It is impossible to overstate the impact LAFD Assistant Chief (Retired) Frank Borden had on not only the City of Los Angeles, but on the entire country. In the world of emergency management, Frank Borden is legendary.

"In 1986, using information gathered by visiting both Japan and Mexico to study their response to disastrous earthquakes, Frank launched the LAFD's pilot program Community Emergency Response Team (CERT). Community members were taught basic fire suppression, first aid and search/evacuation techniques. Just a year later, the value of CERT was demonstrated with the effectiveness of its members after the Whittier Narrows Earthquake. Seven years later, the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) established it as the national standard, bringing this life-saving training and operation to cities throughout the country.



Frank Borden and Club CEO John Hawkins during construction of the LAFD's Fallen Firefighters Memorial in Hollywood, June 2005.

"Frank was also an instrumental leader in the development and implementation of the Incident Command System and the national Urban Search and Rescue programs. Both of these programs revolutionized the disaster response system and built a better future for emergency management.

"Frank retired after 36 years in the LAFD but did not retire from his tireless efforts to better prepare the country for disaster. As a consultant, he continued helping companies, agencies and organizations in both private and public sectors (both nationally and internationally) develop emergency plans, training programs and training exercises. He was committed to bringing effective emergency management to all the corners of the world."

The Club featured Frank's tireless efforts to build the Fallen Firefighters Memorial at the Los Angeles Fire Dept. Historical Society in Hollywood, raising funds to honor the LAFD Firefighters who died in the line of duty. Frank was the Memorial's Director of Operations.

We also featured the efforts of Frank and his crew to restore Fire Boat 2, the Ralph Stanley, then in dry dock in San Pedro. Plans for the boat include its display along the San Pedro Riverfront once its restoration is completed.

"There will not likely be one single person who had the same transformative effect on an industry like he did," the LAFD concluded. "The loss of Frank is deeply felt by all those who knew, respected and loved him. May his spirit rest easy, knowing he made a truly lasting difference."

The family requests that in lieu of flowers, donations be made in Frank's name to the Los Angeles Fire Department Historical Society via mail to: 1355 N. Cahuenga Blvd., Hollywood, CA 90028.

The Club sends its deep condolences to his widow, Raquel, and his family. ■

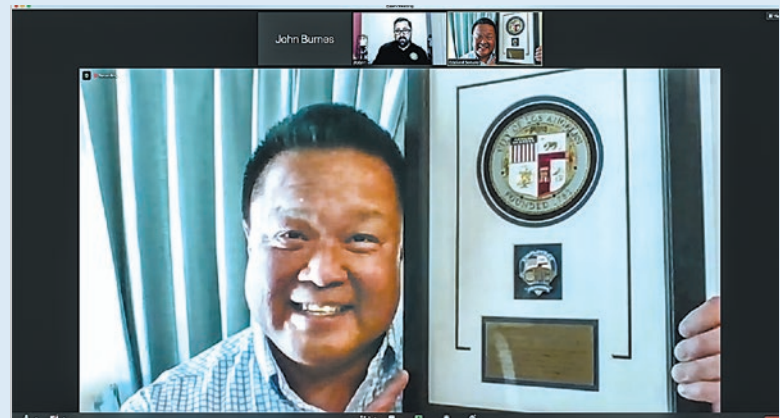
# Larios in the *Digital City*

BY ROBERT LARIOS, CHIEF OPERATING OFFICER

Club COO Robert Larios continues honoring retiring Club Members by presenting the Club's coveted retiree plaque digitally, because of the coronavirus pandemic.



**Belinda D. Walker, DWP, Retired after 43 years of City service.**



**Edmund Soriano, DWP, Retired after 36 years of City service.**



**John Otoshi, DWP, Retired after 30 years of City service.**



**Ambrosio L. Ortiz, Housing and Community Investment, Retired after 40 years of City service.**



**Michael Kion, Building and Safety, Retired after 35 years of City service.**

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Chaplain Willie Riley (center), with Capt. I Brent McGuyre (left) and unidentified.

# Godspeed, Chaplain Riley

**Willie Riley says his goodbyes to Central Area.**

**LAPD:** Chaplain Willie Riley, retired LA County Deputy Probation Officer and long-time LAPD Chaplain, recently “retired” from his volunteer LAPD position to move out of state. To mark the occasion of his leaving, the LA Central Area held a farewell ceremony March 31.

“For many years, Chaplain Riley has volunteered his time to counsel, console and pray for the Officers of Central Area,” wrote Capt. I Brent McGuyre, Central Area. “We pray for many years of health and happiness. We will miss you, sir!”

“For rest of my life, I will always remember how Chaplain Riley drove through the middle of the chaos at the height of the civil unrest just to say a prayer over our Officers before they went out into the field. They all came back safe, so it must have worked!”

LAPD’s Chaplain Corps includes a dedicated cadre of volunteer specialists, who help the Department address the concerns of sworn and civilian employees and their families from a wide variety of faiths.

Congratulations, Chaplain Riley, and thank you for your service. ■



## John's Picture Perfect Contest

John Hawkins, Club CEO

Here are some of the winners with this month's theme: Springtime. We didn't have space for all the entries, but we've posted them all online.

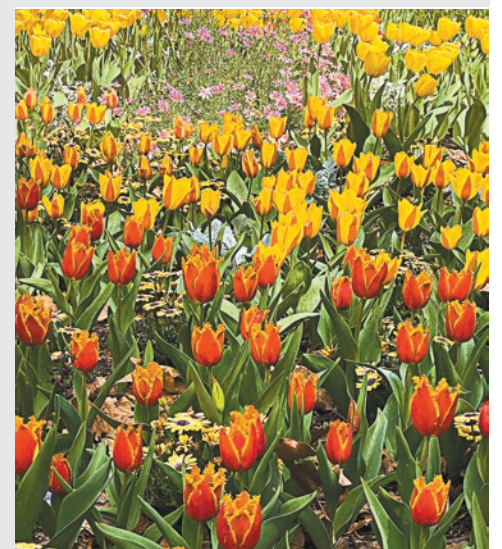
**More winners online!**



“I was certainly not the only one who was captivated by the tranquil pond in front of the Santa Barbara Mission during an early April stroll. The light and colors seemed just about right during the late afternoon's 'golden hour,' and I found myself most intrigued by the serenity surrounding this historic California landmark.”

– **Yves Didier, Airport Police**

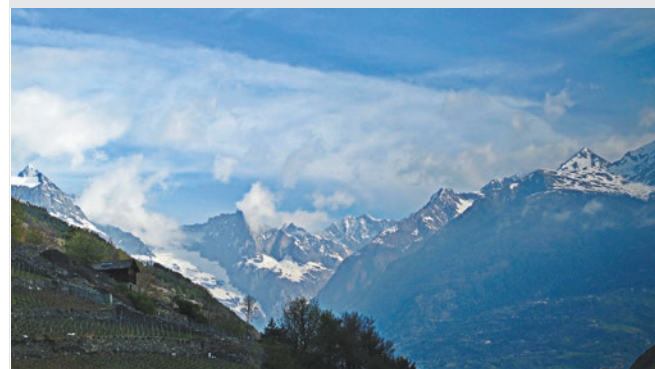
**John's comment:** The repeated shapes here are awesome, Yves, but it's the colors that tell the story – the fall-like russet browns and deep greens creating a foundation for the explosion of spring in the two colorful flowers just opening. Excellent.



“This was taken at Descanso Gardens – flowers in bloom.”

– **Larklyn Watts, Retired, LAPD**

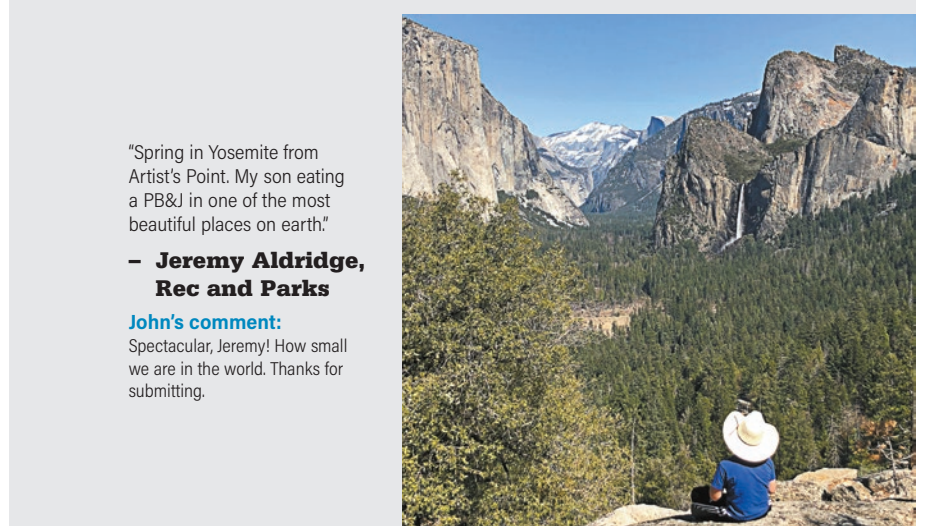
**John's comment:** An explosion of color and pattern – what photography was made for. Well done, Larklyn!



“Our annual 2017 club trip traveling up to Zermatt, Switzerland, home of the Matterhorn Mountain.”

– **Deborah Fore, Retired, LAPD**

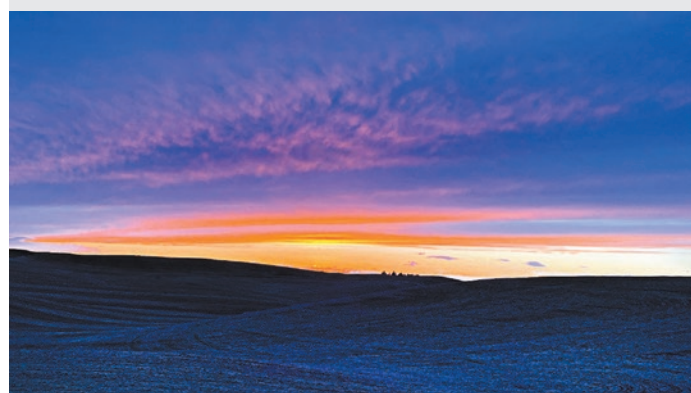
**John's comment:** Spring often brings contrasts, and you've captured them – the extensive snowcapped mountains, and the greenery, too. Thanks, Debora!



“Spring in Yosemite from Artist's Point. My son eating a PB&J in one of the most beautiful places on earth.”

– **Jeremy Aldridge, Rec and Parks**

**John's comment:** Spectacular, Jeremy! How small we are in the world. Thanks for submitting.



“We were blessed with an Easter light show!”

– **Jill Weismann, Club Member**

**John's comment:** Perfect Easter colors. Thanks, Jill!



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This month's contest theme:

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Submit your best photos of The Great Outdoors and be in the running for a prize.



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## Book That Library Visit

**This just in: Central Library, branches begin phased reopening May 3.**

**LIBRARY:** The Los Angeles Public Library launches the next phase of its rolling reopening May 3 with limited in-person services at the Central Library downtown and 37 branches across the City. (Total number of branches is 72; not all are reopening yet.) Libraries will offer select services that may include quick browsing, computer access, pickup of holds and mobile printing orders, checking out of materials inside libraries, and Library to Go contactless pickup services.

For a complete list of libraries and the services offered at each location, visit [lapl.org/reopening](http://lapl.org/reopening). You can also follow #LAPLreopen for updates.

This is the second phase in an ongoing reopening plan that is gradually restoring library services following the closure of all libraries last year due to the COVID-19 pandemic.



The Central Library downtown.

## Scenes From a Pandemic **PART 14**

*Alive!* continues its documentation of City employees as they take a multitude of measures to combat the COVID-19 pandemic. Here are entries from the Club and the City Twitter feeds about City Employees and Club Members at work during this trying time.

### LAPD/Dep. Chief Emada Tingirides



"Enjoyed walking a foot-beat today at South Park with @abc7jovana and the #lapdcp South Park Team."

Mar. 25

### LAPD/South Traffic



"CTSU officers ensuring safety for the return of students on the first day of school at Today's First Start Charter School. Please pay attention to your speed, the speed limit is 25 mph in a school zone. @LAPD\_CaptPonce @LapdWoodyard @LAPDBlakechow @LAPDHQ"

Mar.30

### Public Works/ Sanitation and Environment



"Diverse and versatile LASAN employees provide essential services around the clock to 4 million Angelenos throughout the city."

Mar. 26

### LAPD/HQ



"This afternoon LAPD Chief Moore joined the Chinese Chamber of Commerce for a foot beat in Chinatown. The message to our AAPI community has been, and will continue to be—we are here for you, we are here together."

April 1

### LAPD/Communications



"Our 9-1-1 dispatchers were fur-tunate to receive a visit from a few lovable K-9s @k9meredith @k9nubbin. Our dispatchers work nonstop around the clock, even during the week that they are being celebrated. Also, thank you to our friends @southpasadenapd for the cupcakes."

April 11

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GENERAL SERVICES



Holiday lighting for Council District 14, Dec. 24, 2019

# LA ON DI

Three teams work together to light up City Hall with an astonishing variety of colors and designs.

## Have you noticed? City Hall has never looked better ... or brighter.

If you've been downtown, or if you've watched the news pretty much any week, you will have seen City Hall lit very dramatically and beautifully. The LA landmark might be bathed in the colors of the U.S. flag; or colors representing Filipino, Italian, or Asian-American heritage; or colors to bring awareness to issues including the 19th amendment giving women the right to vote; or memorials for hometown heroes including Kobe Bryant or the Dodgers winning the World Series.

Your eyes are not betraying you. It is different. And beautiful. The Club certainly noticed.

The new illuminations – officially the City Hall Lighting Project – is the product of three teams at General Services – Special Services, Construction

Forces, and Building Maintenance. In cooperation with the Mayor's Office, General Services wanted to take advantage of the huge leaps in illumination technology over the past decade and improve on the colored-gel-based system that had been in place roughly since Project Restore rebuilt City Hall around 2000. Working with the Mayor and Council, General Services obtained funding to implement energy saving, state-of-the-art lighting technology at this iconic building over two years beginning in 2018. Kelly Cooper (now Retired) led the work of Construction Forces to bring this project to completion, giving the Building Maintenance crew led by India Griffin the ability to change the building's color while also continuing to offer classic white.

Completed in 2019, the City Hall Lighting Project stands out as one of the City's most visible upgrades. The building, wearing one of its many custom designs, is shown frequently

on national TV news as whatever we as a City mourning on that day.

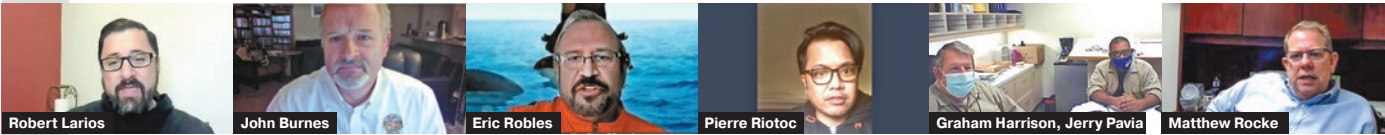
In this month's feature, we look at how the project came about, how it's a source of pride, and how it's a source of joy that an illumination be (only).

(*Alive!* thanks Valeria, General Manager, Melody M... General Manager; a... Special Services, all... Club Members; and P... Associates for their va... tion and assistance.)



Construction Crew  
General Services' The team, pictured (from left) Jerry P... Harrison, Construc... Mike Luna, Electr...

## The *Alive!* Interview



# Coloring the LA Sky

On April 6, Club COO Robert Larios and *Alive!* editor John Burnes interviewed team members who managed the City Hall lighting project and built the system. Interviewed from Special Services, Construction Forces and Building Maintenance within General Services were: Graham Harrison, Construction Project Coordinator, 24 years of City service; Club Member; Jerry Pavia, Electrical Foreman Lead, 4 years (35 years with Local 11); Brian Baltazar, Management Analyst, 4 years; Pierre Riotoc, Assistant Director, Special Services; 16 years; Eric Robles, Chief Management Analyst, Special Services, 22 years, Club Member; and Matthew Rocke, Building Maintenance District Supervisor, 15 years.

***Alive!*: Thanks everyone for talking to us today. First, give us a quick update on how you got to your current position. Go ahead, Matt.**

**Matthew Rocke:** I worked as a union electrician at Disney. Came here to the City and worked as a hall hire out at the Airport. I worked on the lighting and the pylons there. That was in 2008. And then came here in 2009 and been in the Building Maintenance Division ever since.

**How about you, Pierre?**

**Pierre Riotoc:** Before the City, I worked in a couple places. I was always in manufacturing and the aerospace industry as a project manager or in that capacity. When I came to the City, I started off in the Building Emergency Education Program. I moved around a little bit to Budget and Finance and Procurement, and now I'm working with Special Services.

**I guess you've done a lot of projects with the City.**

**Pierre:** I'm in charge of the Filming and Building Emergency Education Program as well as Special Events. Because we're Special Services, we also do special projects.

**Pierre and Eric Robles have helped the Employees Club in the past with a Special Event, our annual meeting event at City Hall.**

**Pierre:** Yes! We schedule or manage events in the Civic Center. We missed you last year because of COVID, when it was canceled, right?

**Yes.**

**Pierre:** Before COVID City Hall saw almost daily events there, maybe around 100 to 150 events a year in that facility. And then we would do events in the forecourt and large events like Made in America and the First Amendments demonstrations and organized rallies. I believe we did a big event for the LA Times food

writer Jonathan Gold after his passing. We lit the buildings in gold for that.

**Thanks! How about you, Brian?**

**Brian Baltazar:** I graduated from Long Beach State and then basically skipped around from city to city working in Buena Park, Whittier, Anaheim and Long Beach, and now I'm in L.A. I started in 2017 and it looks like it's going to be my long-term career move.

**Thanks, Eric?**

**Eric Robles:** Sure. Before the City I worked in law firm management, and I was a general manager of a glass-manufacturing company producing glass and AD specialty items. Just before the City, I was Executive Director of a law firm. With the City, I started with the Special Events Unit. I evolved through that operation and took on Building Emergency Education and Emergency Operations Planning, along with other units such as office management and the City conference center, mail services and the credential and access unit.

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**ALIVE! FEATURE**

# SPLAY

## City Hall in Colors.

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... and Eric Robles, Director,  
... at General Services and  
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Construction Forces was one of three teams that built the City Hall Lighting Project. Next to some of the lighting fixtures above the fourth floor of City Hall, included ... (Lead Electrician, 4 years of City service (35 years at the Hiring Hall); Graham ... (Construction Project Coordinator, 24 years, Club Member; Paul Martinez, Electrician, 2 years; ... (Electrician, 5 years, 20 years with the Hiring Hall); and Chad Hutson, Electrician, 2 years.



Pride Day, June 2019



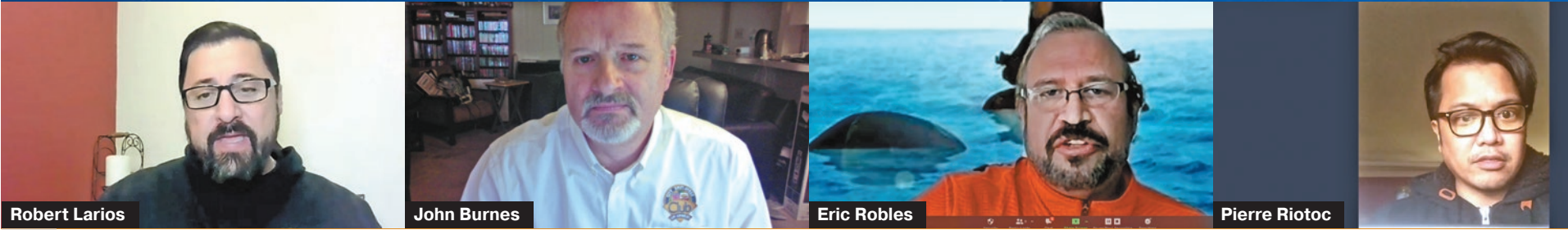
Peace in Armenia and Artsakh, Oct: 14, 2020



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# LA ON DISPLAY



## The *Alive!* Interview

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Our Special Services Division has a broad range of scope. As Pierre mentioned, we get Special Projects that don't fit into other General Services Divisions, but kind of overlap. Most of what Special Services does is not only interface with our elected officials and other out-facing groups, but we'll coordinate with our divisions internally as well to facilitate what's needed or coordinate the efforts. I've been doing that pretty much since I was at GSD. My role has built from there. I started as a Management Assistant, then to Management Analyst, and then moved my way up to the position I have now.

### Got it. Jerry?

**Jerry Pavia:** When I was in IBEW, Local 11, I ran two major projects in Downtown L.A. I helped build the first Interstate Tower and the Gas Company Tower. I worked at Miller Brewery and helped design the Miller Draft line. Right before coming to the City I helped build the Walking Dead attraction and the Harry Potter ride at Universal Studios. Those were my last big projects before coming to the City.

### Wow. Is the City Hall lighting project the first thing you did when you joined the City? Or have you done other things?

**Jerry:** I was here back in 1999 when they restored City Hall for the fire alarm. And that's where I met Graham.

### Was that Project Restore?

**Jerry:** Yes. And I worked around in the City. I'm familiar with a lot of the locations and buildings because I spent a lot of years in Downtown L.A. working on them.

### Right. And finally Graham.

**Graham Harrison:** I was dispatched from Local 11 in 1997 working on the City Hall East Restack, which was in preparation for

the City Hall restoration. We were making room for the Councilmembers and different people who were occupying City Hall. Then in 2000 to 2005, I worked at City Hall on the restoration. That's when I became a regular Electrician with the City. I was promoted to Senior in about 2005 and then more recently to Electrician Supervisor around 2015. And since then, our division has had me construction managing some of the more complex electrical jobs, including the P4 ITA server room, the Data Center ATSAC and of course the LED lighting at City Hall.

## Increasingly Lit

**Now let's talk about the City Hall lighting project. What were the efforts in the past? Not just the general building lighting for safety, but the big-scope feature lighting that we have now.**

**Eric:** I started, right when the building was reopening after restoration. Going back to that time, we would get a few requests to try to light City Hall, and the majority of the time it meant having to bring in actual light rigging to overlap with existing lights. It was like a theatrical uplighting of colors. That was mostly because the heat on the existing lights did not allow for the colored gels. At the time the gels couldn't handle the high-intensity heat that came off of the lights. But that evolved into having the capability of using gels, and we would be asked to place gels on top of existing lights to color the building.

**Matthew:** Basically from the building maintenance perspective, Eric or Pierre would give us a request to light the building. We knew it was coming but it always seemed to come at the last moment. We'd have a vendor come out, they'd bring hundreds of lights and they'd stretch extension cords; they'd have extensive safety issues to deal with. They had to lean off the side of the building. And then they'd get the colors out and they didn't always hit the mark on the color.

**Eric:** They got as close as they could, but it wasn't exact. It was always a challenge to match, or approximate, a color.

**Matthew:** We had a lot of man-hours setting it up, and the teardown would be another day. In between you'd have issues with, maybe somebody tripped over a cord or a breaker tripped or something like that.

**Graham:** I was really glad Peter Rogers from our contractor Forman and Associates was able to fill in some of this. Peter wrote that City Hall building in 1928 was the lone exception to the City's rule that no building should be higher than 150 feet. That held until the 1960s, making it the tallest in the region for nearly 40 years and visible from larger parts of the City.

Over the many years, many lighting technologies were used to illuminate the building's exterior and seasonally for special events, and the flood lighting was colored using theatrical colored lights like Eric said. Yeah, this was time consuming, etc. In 2014, the City began the project to explore new ways of lighting the building to save energy and to give the building a dramatic new look with the ability to change color while continuing to also offer the classic white light for the building.

**Matthew:** For most of those years the only thing that stood out as far as lighting was the Lindbergh light. That was the only thing that was notable.

**Eric:** The Lindbergh Beacon on top of City Hall. It was lit every once in a while as well. It was reinstalled during Project Restore.

**Graham:** During Project Restore we had a helicopter set it from above.

**Whose idea was it to go to the next step back in 2014? Was it an ongoing maintenance kind of a question, or more than that?**

**Eric:** It was more of a collaboration and a team of everybody involved that knew that it needed to be done, and could be done with existing technology. Each division had a perspective of being able to see the progression of that light system from the efficiency that Graham mentioned to the requests that come through the Special Events or the Facilities to do things. It was more of a collaboration of everybody seeing the need and moving it forward.

**Graham:** Michael Samulon from the Mayor's Office was one of our main contributors around meetings and attended all our construction meetings. He really pushed the project and assisted with getting additional funding as we needed it.

**The Mayor's Office was certainly monitoring the progress of this project.**

**Graham:** They were very interested, yes.

## A Modern System

**Give us an overview of the system as it exists now.**

**Graham:** Sure. The project was done in phases, the first phase being the west side, the Spring Street side. We started the project in February 2019, and the deadline was to have the project, at least the west side of the building, done for the Gay Pride event which was I think the 1st of June.

**A quick deadline for permanently installed lights.**

**Graham:** Yes, just for the west side at that point. We had to figure out all our conduit runs, and we were trying to utilize the existing runs as much as we could. We also had to maintain the lighting to the rest of the building. We didn't want the building to go dark during the construction phase. We also had to run a lot of additional data conduits. The lights are controlled from a controller, but the controls weren't over the City network and there were a number of what are called data enablers that control specific banks of lighting.

**Right.**

**Graham:** So we had to find our routes for all the conduits to the data enablers so we could pull all the low-voltage controls to the data enablers and then add all the circuits that were needed to power up the new lights while keeping the existing lights going on the other sides of the building.

**Yeah. You can change the color. You don't have to put new gels in or anything like that.**

**Graham:** Correct.

According to Peter again, the first five floors were lit with color-controllable lights chosen for both performance and efficiency, to help the building meet the California Energy Code requirements of Title 24. One-hundred-sixty of the luminaires are mounted on the street level on the three sides of the building. The bulk of the building is illuminated with luminaires mounted on the fifth floor roof. Additional luminaires are mounted on the 10th, 12th and the 25th floors to reach the areas that couldn't be reached from the fifth-floor roof. The 10th floor features linear fixtures to provide high-lights, and the inset that begins on the 25th floor uses color-reach fixtures on all four sides. And the 26th floor observation deck is lit with compact color reaches. The top of the building is illuminated from the parapet, roughly what would be the 35th-floor-level of the building.

The controls form an integral part of the system with the building calendar and scheduler that automatically starts the day's event at sunset and turns off the system at sunrise. The system dims by 40 percent at 2 a.m. to save energy and still provide consistent appearance. The design assumes the building to be white unless a specific request is made for any given day or time. And to simplify programming further, a set of prebuilt settings was created with team colors from all the major local sports teams, the flags of more than 50 countries, most major holidays, seasonal events from the Fourth of July to Breast Cancer Awareness. The Pharos lighting control features are a custom user interface that allows users to select pre-programmed events or create a unique look for the building using point and click technology to apply them to different parts of the building.

## About Construction Forces

General Services' Construction Forces, one of three units that built the current City Hall lighting installation, plays a unique role in the department. The unit acts more like an outside contractor, bidding on City projects and providing maximum flexibility. It has helped built hundreds of projects across the City. For more information, check out our November 2014 cover story; find it on the *Alive!* archive at employeesclub.com. ■



## Lighting Fixtures



Some of the lighting fixtures used to illuminate City Hall.



**ALIVE! FEATURE**



**The *Alive!* Interview**

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**So all the lights are attached to the building. You don't have luminaries on any other buildings like City Hall East projecting on City Hall from a block or two away. Everything is uplit form the building itself.**

**Graham:** That's right.

**Who designs the look? Who designs the lighting settings?**

**Graham:** The Pharos lighting controller was pre-programmed with a lot of presets. But Matt Roche and his team can design a custom show if it were requested. Most of the shows are preprogrammed already in the system.

**Matthew:** Yeah, there have been a couple custom designs. Cory McGee is the Electrical Supervisor, and he receives most of those requests from Pierre and Eric. They give him a general idea of what they want and he'll give them a rendering. He can give them a rendering of what the building would look like in a couple of minutes. He sends it over to whomever wants to see it. They approve it. And then they send it back to Cory and then he inputs the instructions.

**Does Cory have a remote capability? Can he walk a couple blocks away with a laptop or a tablet and adjust it on the fly?**

**Matthew:** Yes, he can. He's done that quite a few times. He's made minor adjustments.

It's important to mention that they're LEDs. They're not gels at all. And there's a combination of four lights in each luminaire. One is white, and the others are the primary colors. They adjust the level of each one of those colors to derive whatever color is requested.

**I saw a photo that showed a big Batman logo projected on City Hall. Is the system capable of projecting specific graphics?**

**Eric:** No. That was not done by lighting. That's something different. That's projected by what is called a gobo. It's not part of the infrastructure that we have. That was brought in from the outside.

**Graham:** There is discussion about adding some gobos to project those images. I think we were talking about putting three of them in, but so far we haven't got any funding for them. We discussed it two years ago. But that was before the City hit a \$700 million deficit because of the pandemic.

**Usage**

**How many nights a week is it lit up, other than just the basic white? For special messaging.**

**Pierre:** It depends on what the elected officials want to light. It doesn't happen as often as you'd think. Maybe 10 to 20 times a year. The duration is typically the day of the event, which is one day, to a week.

**What's the process for submitting a request?**

**Eric:** Effectively, it comes from the elected officials to the Special Events Unit to start the process, and then information is passed along as far as the types of color as far as down to Building Maintenance. And the Council usually will get a motion for the lighting as well. How they facilitate it from their end is internal to them. We do not take requests from anyone other than elected officials.

**Graham:** Otherwise, you'd get everyone's birthday.

**Pierre:** Yes. All the lighting requests come from an elected official. Either the Mayor's Office or the City Council would be the ones asking for the lighting.

**Got it. Have you ever run into conflicts where two people want something on the same night?**

**Pierre:** More than you think, yes. That does happen. That just happened recently for the transgender lighting and Greek Independence. That was one of the conflicts of planning.

**And you just work it out I guess; like everything else in life, you just work it out.**

**What were the special challenges to implementing the current system?**

**Graham:** As always, working in an occupied building is always challenging. You're always going to upset somebody once you start a rotary hammer drilling in the concrete. But finding routes through our conduits...

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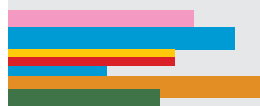
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**Special Services Crew**



General Services' Special Services crew was one of three teams that built the City Hall Lighting Fixture. The team includes (clockwise from top left) Eric Robles, Chief Management Analyst, Special Services, 22 years of City service; Brian Baltazar, Management Analyst, 4 years; Alejandra Alvarez, Management Assistant; and Pierre Riotoc, Assistant Director, 14 years.



**Lighting Up the City**

City Hall is not the only LA landmark to get the LED feature lighting treatment. Here are others:

**LAX Pylons**

The LAX Gateway Pylons have become a symbolic gateway to Los Angeles since they were first lit in August 2000 (and re-engineered in 2005), when they were the world's largest permanent public art lighting display. LED lights on the untitled work by artist Paul Tzanetopoulos are programmed to signal major local and international events when they're not showing their regular colorful patterns.



**Second Street Tunnel**

The Second Street Tunnel between Figueroa Street and Broadway under Bunker Hill (and leading Club Members right to the Club Store!) is getting the feature light treatment.



**Sixth Street Bridge**

The dramatic new Sixth Street Bridge replacement that's nearing completion over a bank of railroad tracks and the LA River will also be getting a dramatic feature light treatment. Renderings of the lighting are not available at press time, but here's a general rendering from our story on the bridge in June 2018.





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- CANCELED** Annual membership meeting  
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**LACERS BOARD UPDATE**

## COLA Adjustment Set; Goes Into Effect in July

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The LACERS Board has set the cost-of-living adjustment (COLA) to go into effect with the July pension payment based on the local Consumer Price Index (CPI) for the previous calendar year. For many members this will be a 2.5 percent increase.

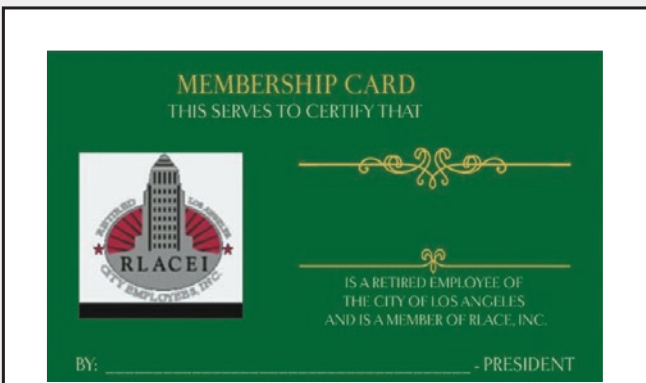
Having a COLA feature in our LACERS plan is important to protect the buying power of our pension check. Without this benefit our pension would be worth less each year because products like food and gasoline go up each year, and our same dollars would buy less.

It is important to note that “your mileage may vary” as to whether the change in the CPI reflects your situation since we all are different, and the CPI is set for the average consumer. Let’s see how this works out. If the CPI uses the assumption that a person buys a new car and takes a driving vacation, that may not apply to you. Instead, you take an international trip, and that is not part of the assumption. If so, then your own inflation costs would differ from the CPI because you are not the typical consumer.

The CPI for the Los Angeles-Long Beach-Anaheim area (our CPI) was 1.6 percent, so all Tier 1 and Tier 3 (members who entered the system on or after Feb. 21, 2016) will receive at least that amount. However, most members qualified for a larger COLA with the use of a COLA bank.

Tier 1 members receive a COLA set by the CPI up to 3.0 percent. Any excess more than 3.0 percent goes to a COLA bank to be used in future years when the CPI is less than 3.0 percent. Tier 3 members receive a COLA up to 2.0 percent and do not have a COLA bank.

This year, members who retired before July 2, 1980 receive a 3.0 percent COLA. Those retiring from July 2, 1980 to June 30, 2018 will receive 2.5 percent. Those retiring from July 1, 2018 to June 30, 2019 will receive 1.7 percent, and those on or after July 1, 2020 will receive 1.6 percent. The COLA for a partial year will be prorated. ●



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**RETIREES UPDATE**

## Fiduciary: What It Means, Why It Matters

by Tom Moutes, RLACEI Legislative Director  
Email: [Tom.Moutes@RLACEI.org](mailto:Tom.Moutes@RLACEI.org)



Tom Moutes

You’ve probably heard the word “fiduciary.” This month, we’ll talk about it – what it means, and why it matters.

**What Does Fiduciary Mean?**

Wikipedia defines a fiduciary as “a person who holds a legal or ethical relationship of trust with one or more other parties (person or group of persons). Typically, a fiduciary prudently takes care of money or other assets for another person.” Wikipedia is not always as accurate as a dictionary, but in this case it is.

**Why Are Fiduciaries Important to LACERS?**

Theoretically, as it relates to LACERS, fiduciaries will always put the interests of LACERS members first. High-ranking LACERS staff and LACERS Board Members are fiduciaries. Their primary duty is required to be to the members of LACERS. The California Constitution indicates that “a retirement board’s duty to its participants and their beneficiaries shall take precedence over any other duty.” Because LACERS Board Members have a legal requirement to be fiduciaries, theoretically, they could be sued if they act contrary to their fiduciary duty.

**Are City Councilmembers Fiduciaries to LACERS Members?**

No, City Councilmembers are not fiduciaries to LACERS members and, therefore, have no duty to put the interests of LACERS members ahead of any other interests.

**Why Is This Important?**

When the City Councilmembers pass motions directed at LACERS, such as the recent motions requesting divestment from certain industries and to reduce healthcare costs, they don’t have to take LACERS members into consideration. You would hope the City Council would take City employees and Retirees into consideration as Councilmembers count on us to make the City operate efficiently, and it is the City Council that adopted the retirement benefits we have been promised. But the bottom line is, despite the lip service it serves up, the Council is not required to – and often does not take us – into consideration.

**How Can Retirees Help Ensure the Right Things Happen?**

Retirees can contact Council offices and provide public comments when issues impacting us are being considered by the City Council. Retirees also can hold the LACERS Board accountable by providing public comments. To some extent, the City Council and the LACERS Board take actions based on who is paying attention and who is making noise. It is time for us to make more noise!

Please keep informed of important issues that could impact your benefits by reading *Alive!* articles and checking the RLACEI Website and Facebook page. ●

## A Word on COVID-19

By the end of April, it is estimated that half of U.S. adults are expected to have received at least one dose of a coronavirus vaccine. This is good news if we are expected to return to activities we enjoyed before the pandemic hit and changed our lifestyles.

The RLACEI Board looks forward to seeing Retirees very soon, and look forward to a well-deserved and fun-filled picnic outing in August where we can meet in person and see friends and co-workers who have been distanced from us for the past year. Let’s have some fun!

As always, continue to stay safe, stay healthy and stay well, both physically and mentally. ●



## To Be or Not To Be ... A Curmudgeon

by Dennis Harding, RLACEI Entertainment Director



Dennis Harding

It may surprise some of you who know me, but some in my family, including my wife, think that I am a curmudgeon. In fact, some of my sisters say I am an award-winning curmudgeon, second only to my brother Bill, that is, who is a true gold medal-winning one. And well deserved I might say.

Anyway, am I a curmudgeon because I have spoken to one of my neighbors only twice in 30 years, mostly because the first time I spoke to him he showed me his one-million-candle-power flashlight that he uses at night in the desert to signal to the aliens that are orbiting the earth, even though they won't come down because his "leader" is the only one that can call them down? Or another neighbor to whom I have only spoken a few times in more than 15 years, mostly because his house has been raided by the police twice? I have no idea why nor do I want to find out. Or how 'bout the old guy who

lives by himself in a large compound with several buildings who I seldom see, and if I do, I have been known to go the other way? Binge watching old Criminal Minds TV shows has me wondering if he has captives over there ... so he's either a mass murderer or a challenger to Brother Bill's gold medal curmudgeon award. And isn't it reasonable to try to ignore the lady in line ahead of me at the grocery store who spontaneously starts telling of her personal problems with her husband and gripes about her kids?

Listen, I've heard enough sniveling during my years as a prisoner counselor at the Fort Ord Stockade while I was in the Army many years ago. (Might I have gotten curmudgeon credentials back then and not realized it?) Anyway, I think I am a reasonably normal guy who is friendly when friendly is called for but not interested in socializing with total strangers, weirdos, or wackos. I don't think that keeping to oneself is being curmudgeonly. And complaining a little sometimes about this or that, or him or her, or those or they or them, or ... well, who doesn't.

So does that make me a curmudgeon? Nah, I don't think so, but now about my brother Bill ...

## Phil Resigns From the Board



Phil Orland

Board Director Phil Orland resigned from the Board effective March 2021. Phil began his second term serving on the Board in November 2018. He was active with the Board serving as 2nd Vice President and Golf Tournament Chairperson.

Phil began his City career as a Recreation Leader and retired from Recreation and Parks as a Principal Recreation Supervisor in January 2010 after serving 36 years with the City.

The Board wishes Phil much success in his retirement and thanks him for his contributions to the Board and the Los Angeles City retirement community. ■

## Facebook Giveaway

### Winners

Have you joined RLACEI or followed the RLACEI Facebook page? Why not? You could win a prize!

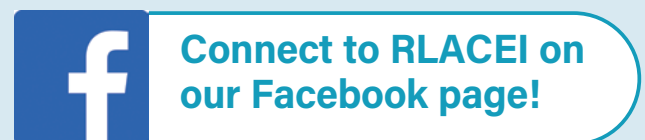
Here are the winners from April. See the ad below for more information.

#### New RLACEI Members

- |                    |                    |
|--------------------|--------------------|
| Mary E. Carter     | Aida E. Pedroza    |
| Rushmore Cervantes | Cynthia Reed       |
| Lupe Durazo        | Georgina Tellechia |
| Anthony Garcia     | Jill Woo           |
| Erwin Gee          |                    |

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**Other City Retirees:**

Like us on Facebook and join RLACEI

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#### FIRST 50 WIN

Target \$25 gift card

#### 51-100 WIN

\$5 gift card  
(See's or Starbucks)

#### 101-150 WIN

RLACEI reusable cloth bag



**Find us:** Log on to Facebook, then search for RLACEI

**Join at:** RLACEI.org  
(must be Retired City employee)



# RLACEI 2021 Summer Picnic

*Open to all Retired Los Angeles City Employees, Inc. members!*

**Thursday, Aug. 5, 2021**  
11:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

Location to be Announced

**RSVP to (800) 678-4145 Ext.701**

RSVP no later than July 31, 2021.

- EVENT SUBJECT TO CANCELLATION.
- Limit one (1) RLACEI member plus one (1) guest at no cost.

**We look forward to seeing you!**







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Member Services Counselor  
cmartin@employeesclub.com  
Ext. 136



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# CLUB SPORTS

News from Sports Leagues sponsored by the Employees Club of California

# We'll Be Back!

**M**issing Club Sports? So are we! We'll be back when masking up, putting on the gloves, flattening the curve and being safe at home are about *softball*, not battling the pandemic!

Seriously, though ... Club Members have written the Sports Dude (also known as Club COO Robert Larios) asking if there will still be a Club Sports League when the City opens up again.

Yes indeed! We love celebrating your lives, and Club Sports is a great way to do that.

We expect Club Sports to resume when the City Rec Centers could be reopened.

So for now, sit tight. Essential workers, keep doing your thing, and others, please stay safe with your family at home.

Until then, enjoy some softball and basketball photos from previous years.




**See you again when all this clears!**



**SOFTBALL PHOTOS ON FACEBOOK!**

The Club has hundreds of great action shots from this season and last on our Facebook page, and a season video on the Club's YouTube channel. Enjoy!



## Our Part of the Green Deal

**City creates new office for climate mobilization.**



Marta Segura

**PUBLIC WORKS:** In January, the City created a new office for managing its part of the national Green New Deal.

Los Angeles' first-ever Climate Emergency Mobilization Office (CEMO) inside Public Works is responsible for coordinating the actions of the Mayor's Office, City Council and community leaders to meet the commitments of L.A.'s Green New Deal. Marta Segura, a longtime environmental justice advocate and nonprofit adviser, has been named to lead the division.

"The climate crisis isn't a distant question, but an everyday reality for families, households, businesses, workers and frontline communities across Los Angeles — and our Climate Emergency Mobilization Office will be a source of solutions for this generational challenge," Mayor Garcetti said. "With a proven leader like Marta taking the reins, our City will stay

focused on the core promises of our vision: greater equity, lower emissions, a thriving economy, and a zero-carbon, green-energy future."

Championed by Councilmember Paul Koretz and the Leap LA coalition, the CEMO will work hand-in-hand with the Climate Emergency Commission, a group being established by the Mayor and City Council consisting of representatives from frontline communities and various climate, labor, and business leaders.

As the CEMO director, Segura will oversee the functions and policy recommendations of the office by liaising between community groups on behalf the Mayor's Office and City Council; prioritizing environmental justice and input from those most impacted by the climate emergency in policy and program implementation; building community and civic engagement to increase input from disadvantaged neighborhoods; and collaborating with advocates and local leaders on a strategic plan to mobilize city actions on climate and air quality, among other responsibilities as the office continues to expand.

Segura has spent decades designing programs and social change campaigns for underserved L.A. communities, with her powerful combination of environmental advocacy and passion for social justice. She founded the organization Segura Strategies 4 Good to focus her work on closing the social and health gaps in Los Angeles. She previously served as a member of the Los Angeles City Planning Commission and as District Director for then-City Council President Eric Garcetti. Over the course of her career, Marta has served as a program officer at the California Endowment and as associate director of Communities for a Better Environment, one of California's original statewide environmental justice organizations. She also holds a master's of public health degree from the University of California, Los Angeles.

"CEMO was created to respond to the worldwide climate crisis, and the hope that, in the short time we have to turn this disaster around, we can take dramatic steps and provide leadership not only in our own City, but as an example others can follow beyond our borders," said CEMO lead author Councilmember Paul Koretz. "The CEMO was formed in a unique partnership with the Leap LA Coalition to address the urgent need to mobilize all sectors of the City with leadership from the most impacted frontline, Indigenous and labor communities to address the imminent threats to human health, safety and the very habitability of our planet. I appreciate the support from my climate-focused colleagues: Council President Nury Martinez, co-author Councilmember Bob Blumenfeld, Budget Chair Councilmember Paul Krekorian, and Mayor Garcetti."

Look for *Alive!* to cover this new climate office in the future. Welcome aboard, Marta!

**Scan for Information:**



The new Office for managing City's portion of the Green New Deal will look at our shared natural and urban environment.





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[alive.employeesclub.com/scholarship](http://alive.employeesclub.com/scholarship)

**DEADLINE**  
**11:59 p.m.,**  
**June 30, 2021**

**ABOUT JOANNIE MUKAI**

Joannie Mukai was a pioneer as the LA Port's Director of Construction and Maintenance. A passionate supporter in the Employees Club and longtime Club Insurance Board Member, she died in March 2010. The Club's annual scholarship program was named in her honor. "She believed in education and training, and in preparing for success," Club CEO John Hawkins said. "That's what the Club Scholarship is all about, and we're delighted to name it after her. It's a perfect way to keep her memory alive."



# Club Scholarship Deadline Approaching

The 2021 Mukai Club Scholarship Program, which expects to grant 20 awards, is accepting applications.

**CLUB ANGELS:** The 2021 Mukai Club Scholarship Program, which expects to grant 20 awards, is now accepting applications. The Club expects to give each recipient a stipend of \$500.

The Joanie Mukai Club Scholarship program is part of the Club Angels outreach, which reflects the scholarships' nature of giving back.

**Preliminary Eligibility Check**

The scholarship program, named after the late Club Board Member Joannie Mukai, has revised its application process to add a simple, preliminary eligibility check to make sure candidates are eligible. Eligible candidates include Club Members, their spouses and their

children who are in college or will be attending an accredited college or university in Fall 2021.

**COVID-19**

If you've been accepted at a four-year university for this fall, but the school has decided to remain closed until January 2022 because of the coronavirus pandemic, that's okay. You still could be eligible for the Club Scholarship.

**Deadline**

All materials must be completed on the *Alive!* Website and submitted electronically by 11:59 p.m. June 30, 2021.

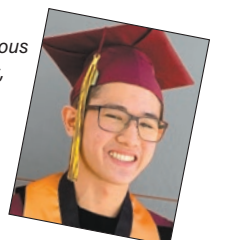


**ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS:**

- All Club Members and their spouses, and children of Club Members under the age of 25, are eligible to apply. Club Members must be in good standing.
- The successful candidate must attend an accredited college, university, or trade school full time in the fall 2021 semester. Current high school seniors matriculating to a four-year school in fall 2021 are eligible. *If the school of your choice expects to remain closed until January 2022 because of the coronavirus pandemic, you still could be eligible for Club Scholarship consideration.*
- Candidates will be judged for academic excellence, community service and financial need.
- Scholarships are expected to be awarded in equal amounts of \$500 (each).
- **Deadline:** Applications must be completed online at the *Alive!* Website and submitted electronically by 11:59 p.m. June 30, 2021. All applications must be completed in their entirety and submitted at that time to be eligible. Sorry, but the Club is not responsible for delays in delivery.
- Decisions will be made by Club personnel and will be considered final.
- Incomplete applications will not be accepted.

Send questions to the **Club Scholarship Committee:**  
[scholarship@employeesclub.com](mailto:scholarship@employeesclub.com)  
 or call: (213) 873-1843

**Ryan Facio**, a previous scholarship recipient, and the son of Brian Podolsky, Retired, Transportation, City of Los Angeles.



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## Special Achievement



Club intern Hannah Hawkins shipped thousands of packages to help Club Members, many of whom were retired and vulnerable.

## Thanks, Hannah!

The Club gives a big shoutout to intern Hannah Hawkins, a junior at Chaminade College Preparatory High School, for her amazing organizational skills as part of the Club Care Calls program, where Club staff called every one of our nearly 50,000 Members to make sure they were doing okay during the COVID lockdown. (It was an amazing project in which more than 30 Club staff participated.) We asked our Members if they needed anything; if they did, Hannah shipped it to them, courtesy the Club. She personally shipped more than 1,100 packages of 22,000 items – including 6,700 facemasks, 10,000 pairs of gloves, 650 rolls of toilet paper, and much more, to our Members, many of whom were Retired, isolated and vulnerable. Because of her tireless and passionate assistance during the five months of the program, we were able to help countless seniors. A deep thank-you to Hannah. She made the world a friendlier and more humane place. Dozens of Club staff made this program happen, but we simply couldn't have done it without her.

## Graduations



**Lucy Ruiz** graduated from Valley High School and plans to attend Cal State LA's nursing program to become a pediatric nurse. She's the daughter of Officer **Ignacio Ruiz, LAPD.**

**Everet Fink** graduated from College of the Canyons and plans to continue his education at Cal State Northridge to earn a Bachelor of Arts degree in criminology and justice studies. He's the son of **Ross Fink, DWP.**



**Alexa Frias** graduated from Burbank High School and plans to attend UCLA or Cal State Irvine in the fall, majoring in biology. Her career goal is to become a doctor. She's the daughter of **Angel Frias, Retired, Animal Services, and Catherine Frias, DWP.**

## Retirements

Here's a listing of all those who retired from the City this month. To all we say, welcome to the Best Years!

NAME	TITLE	DEPT.	YEARS	NAME	TITLE	DEPT.	YEARS
Abrahamson, Derek J.	Power Supply	DWP	N/D	Lee, Gregory J.	Asst St. Lighting Elec.	Public Works	28
Acosta, Abel	Carpenter	Rec & Parks	26	Lee, Helen Kyung	Comm. Prog. Asst	Aging	18
Adajar, Grace C.	Retirement Plan	DWP	N/D	Lee, Lily Jacqueline	Risk & Ins. Asst	CAO	36
Aguet, Francis	Equip. Mechanic	LAPD	37	Lee, Paul On Kwok	Matl. Test. Tech.	Gen. Services	36
Albino, Lindsey D.	Painter Supv.	Rec & Parks	32	Leonard, Deborah A.	Power Executive Off.	DWP	N/D
Alpern, Russell	Motor Sweeper Op.	Public Works	35	Libby, John Neil	Pr. Clerk	LAPD	31
Alvarado, George	Sr. Roofer	Rec & Parks	29	Lim, Frank Winthrop	Pers. Records Supv.	Personnel	33
Ancheta, Gleycy T.	ITS	DWP	N/D	Liu, Zizhan	Engineering Designer	Public Works	17
Anderson, Mia Yvette	Payroll Supv.	Public Works	31	Loftin, Dale Allen	Signal System Elec.	Transportation	32
Anderson, Sheryl D.	Water Distribution	DWP	N/D	Logan, Janette Ann	Pr. Clerk	LAPD	39
Andrews, Ida L.	Legal Secretary	City Attorney	23	Lomeli, Armida O.	Exec. Admin. Asst.	LAPD	36
Arceo, Benefredo S.	Accountant	Public Works	26	Lopez, Guillermo	Sr. Painter	Rec & Parks	30
Arensdorff, Elsa	Legal Secretary	City Attorney	31	Lopez, Jose A.	Sr. Rec. Director	Rec & Parks	36
Autrey Jr, Benjamin L.	Water Distribution	DWP	N/D	Love Shallowhorn, Gail	Hearing Officer	City Attorney	31
Avila, Michael	Water Distribution	DWP	N/D	Lum, Donald J.	Signal System Elec.	Transportation	24
Bato, Emmanuel Junio	Sr. Admin. Clerk	LAPD	34	Luna, Maria Trinidad	Pr. Clerk	LAPD	24
Bell, Dwayne W.	Power Trans.	DWP	N/D	Lyman, Michelle M.	Dep. City Attorney	City Attorney	32
Berkley, Cherrie L.	JFB Facilities	DWP	N/D	Macias, Joe Michael	Signal System Elec.	Transportation	34
Bonilla, Edward J.	Facility Director	Rec & Parks	27	Mahaley, Theodore	Carpenter	Public Works	34
Boswell, Troy Curtis	Sr. Animal Cntrl Off.	Animal Services	33	Martinez, Domingo L.	Air Cond. Mechanic	Rec & Parks	34
Bowers, Barbara Ann	Sr. Traffic Supv.	Transportation	34	Martinez, James	Signal System Elec.	Transportation	26
Bowie, Toni Gayle	Sr. Traffic Supv.	Transportation	32	Maul, James Steven	Signal System Elec.	Transportation	35
Brooks, Delvin Maurice	Pr. Property Officer	LAPD	32	Maxcy, Michael James	Zoo Curator	Zoo	32
Brown, Earl Keith	Traffic Mark/Sign Supt.	Transportation	36	McGee, Sylvia	Pr. Clerk	LAPD	32
Brown, Gary Aaron	Equip. Mechanic	LAPD	30	McGovern, C.G.	Motor Sweeper Op.	Public Works	30
Broyard Sr., Kirk M.	Water Distribution	DWP	N/D	Mercado, Steven	Automotive Super.	LAPD	12
Bui, Graciela P.	Customer Service	DWP	N/D	Miguel, Edison V.	Power Supply	DWP	N/D
Burke, Rogelio B.	Motor Sweeper Op.	Public Works	32	Miller, Maryd	Sr. Project Asst.	Econ./Wrkfr. Dev.	17
Burks, James V.	Art Center Director	Cultural Affairs	35	Miller, Roderick M.	Municipal Officer	LAPD	5
Calda, Rosemarie G.	Pr. Fingerprint ID Expert	LAPD	36	Morley, Richard	Sr. Traffic Supv.	Transportation	27
Campbell, John Owen	Electrician	Rec & Parks	15	Motoyama, Tadashi	Photographer	Zoo	22
Campbell, Joy La Cheryl	Sr. Admin. Clerk	LAPD	15	Nagel, John B.	Power Trans.	DWP	N/D
Campos, Jose	Equip. Mechanic	LAPD	21	Natividad, Christine	Sr. Witness Ser. Coord.	City Attorney	30
Capone, Louise M.	Sr. Recreation Dir.	Rec & Parks	35	Nguyen, Cuc K.	Eng. Designer	Public Works	33
Carabantes, Jose M.	Civil Eng. Associate	Public Works	30	Nicholson, Jimmie	Motor Sweeper Op.	Public Works	35
Caruso, Deborah E.	Assistant GM	Personnel	32	Okazaki, Gail A.	Sr. Rec. Director	Rec & Parks	35
Casillas, Damaso	Motor Sweeper Op.	Public Works	24	Okray, John W.	Heavy Duty Equip. Mech.	Gen. Services	23
Cayot, Frederick I.	Water Distribution	DWP	N/D	Olaguez, Magdalena	Exec. Legal Secretary	City Attorney	25
Cendana, Victor	Mgmt. Analyst	Housing	32	Onate, Isabel	Project Coordinator	City Clerk	36
Chavez, Edward C.	Equipment Operator	Rec & Parks	31	Orona, Yung Hae Kim	Hearing Officer	City Attorney	30
Chavez, Hector E.	Air Cond. Mechanic	Gen. Services	33	Orosio, Wilfredo C.	Mech. Repairer	Rec & Parks	14
Chenore, Carolyn E.	Customer Service	DWP	N/D	Otis, Michael M.	Metering Services	DWP	N/D
Choe, Brian Y.	Comm. Electrician	ITA	21	Pankratz, David A.	Equip. Mechanic	Gen. Services	31
Chu, Winston W.	Field Engr. Aide	Public Works	22	Panov, Cornel Mihai	Photographer	LAPD	20
Cisneros, Gary W.	Equip. Mechanic	LAFD	22	Papa, Usha	Mgmt. Analyst	Personnel	15
Clark, Richard	Const. Inspector	Public Works	13	Pedroza, Aida E.	Mgmt. Analyst	LAPD	34
Collins, Angela Marie	Payroll Supv.	Public Works	32	Pennyjelly, Dianna	Exec. Admin. Asst.	ITA	40
Congdon, Edward A.	Power Planning	DWP	N/D	Perez, Sylvia E.	Sr. Storekeeper	Gen. Services	20
Cook, Anthony J.	Astronomical Observer	Rec & Parks	34	Pineda, Jorge L.	Water Operations	DWP	N/D
Corella, Rodrigo	Sr. Accountant	Public Works	15	Pittman, Mark K.	Heavy Duty Equip. Mech.	LAFD	26
Cornelius, Jacqueline	Exec. Admin. Asst.	Cultural Affairs	32	Poly, Karen Lynn	Registrar	Zoo	34
Corralajo, Anthony R.	Cement Finisher Supv.	Gen. Services	28	Primera, Javier F.	Env. Chem Lab	DWP	N/D
Da Silva, Robin Denise	Sr. Traffic Supv.	Transportation	35	Quesada, Elizabeth	Env. Chem Lab	Transportation	34
Daughtry, David. W.	Power Supply	DWP	N/D	Rader, Dennis	Field Engr. Aide	City Clerk	34
Davis, Iris Louise	Comm. Exec. Asst.	Rec & Parks	20	Radovic, Antonette	Facility Dir.	Rec & Parks	21
Dawkins, Maurice K.	Mgmt. Analyst	LAFD	40	Reed, Terrie Lynn	Pr. Clerk	Public Works	33
Dela Cruz, Wilma E.	Personnel Analyst	LAPD	34	Reyes, Jolene K.	Comm. Exec. Asst.	Personnel	41
Dixon, Benita C.	Sr. Recreation Dir.	Rec & Parks	35	Rezamand, Mohammad	Power C&M	DWP	N/D
Dixon, Don M.	Graphics Designer	Rec & Parks	29	Rideaux, Desiree M.	Sr. Park Ranger	Rec & Parks	17
Dixon, Steven Anthony	Sr. Traffic Supv.	Transportation	32	Rivera, Daniel C.	Auto Body Bldr/Repairer	Gen. Services	27
Dranow, James A.	Equip. Mechanic	Gen. Services	32	Roberts, Staci A.	Pr. Clerk	City Clerk	31
Drum, Myron David	Auto Body Bldr/Repairer	LAPD	19	Rodriguez, Marco	Equip. Mechanic	LAPD	22
Dubriel, Mary J.	Customer Service	DWP	N/D	Roman, Angie	Exec. Admin. Asst.	LAPD	45
Dumpit, David A.	Sr. Civil Engr. Draft Tech	Public Works	32	Roth, Howard E.	Material Test Tech.	Gen. Services	30
Duong Pee, Mee Tin	Sr. Admin. Clerk	LAPD	36	Rozier, Cornelia Ann	Sr. Traffic Supv.	Transportation	42
Durazo, Guadalupe	Hearing Reporter	Personnel	21	Ruiz, Aureliano M.	Motor Sweeper Op.	Public Works	36
Duroy, Rose Oliva	Accountant	Planning	20	Salinas, Emilio C.	Auto Painter	LAPD	29
Escobedo, Linda	Pr. Clerk	City Attorney	30	Samaniego, Francisca	Customer Service	DWP	N/D
Feller, John S.	Auto Body Bldr/Repairer	LAPD	23	Samuel, Beverly Ann	Sr. Traffic Supv.	Transportation	31
Files, James Patrick	Equip. Repair Supv.	Gen. Services	30	Sanchez, Adrian	Sr. Accountant	Public Works	15
Fisher, Derrick S.	Power Constr./Maint.	DWP	N/D	Sanchez, Rudy	Motor Sweeper Op.	Public Works	22
Flint, Sonya P.	Exec. Admin. Asst.	Gen. Services	38	Sarabia, Gonzalo	Pre-Press Operator	Gen. Services	33
Flores, Cain	Equip. Specialist	Gen. Services	31	Seielstad, Michael G.	Fleet Services	DWP	N/D
Fontana, Larry A.	Sign Painter	Transportation	21	Schellinger, Robert	Asst. St. Lighting Elec.	Public Works	27
Fuentes, Fernando H.	Automotive Super.	Gen. Services	31	Schreck, Walter	Real Estate Assoc.	El Pueblo Mon.	12
Gaffney, Michael D.	Equipment Operator	Rec & Parks	31	Schultz, Kenneth D.	Comm. Elec.	ITA	23
Garcia, Aixa Lorena	Mgmt. Analyst	LAPD	30	Scott, David Earl	Signal System Elec.	Transportation	33
Garcia, Raul	St. Services Supt.	Public Works	36	Siebrandt, Penny A.	Golf Starter Supv.	Rec & Parks	31
Garcia, Soledad	Pr. Clerk	Public Works	31	Simpson, James Earl	Auto Body Bldr/Repairer	LAPD	33
Garcia, Sophia E.	Legal Secretary	City Attorney	31	Small-Carroll, Donna	Pr. Clerk	LAPD	34
Gaston, Gary W.	Motor Sweeper Op.	Public Works	30	Smith, Edison Linsford	Comm. Electrician	ITA	20
Gavidia, Wilfredo R.	Sr. Park Maint. Supv.	Zoo	34	Smith, Yolanda P.	Sr. Property Officer	LAPD	31
Gendjian, Hovhannes	Power C&M	DWP	N/D	Solorzano, Rafael	Civil Engr. Assoc.	Public Works	31
Gharib, Jeannie Grace	Exec. Admin. Asst.	LAPD	15	Sorrell, Leland R.	Electrician	Gen. Services	27
Gharibians, George T.	Sr. Civil Engr. Draft Tech	Public Works	33	Sparks, Fawnda G.	Sr. Traffic Supv.	Transportation	45
Gibbs, Mark Emory	Equip. Mechanic	LAPD	34	Stansell, Denise Marie	Sr. Recreation Dir.	Rec & Parks	33
Gonzalez, Jose A.	Power Trans.	DWP	N/D	Stinson, Grace Marie	Pr. Clerk	City Attorney	35
Gonzalez, Victor M.	Heavy Duty Equip. Mech.	Gen. Services	21	Stoicof, Petre Aurel	Equipment Mech.	LAPD	35
Gray, Charmaine L.	Exec. Legal Sec.	Public Acctblty	34	Stringer, Alfred L.	Motor Sweeper Op.	Public Works	21
Gray, Don R.	Equip. Mechanic	LAPD	15	Taylor, James L.	Equipment Mech.	LAFD	22
Gray, Louis T.	Sr. Traffic Supv.	Transportation	32	Tejada, Jose Roberto	Heavy Duty Equip. Mech.	Gen. Services	30
Grayson, Sonya Fay	Crime & Intel. Analyst	LAPD	34	Tharp, Charles O.	Automotive Supv.	LAPD	24
Green, Debra Levern	Mgmt. Analyst	LAPD	30	Tidwell, Birthella	Crime & Intel Analyst	LAPD	31
Grier, James R.	Power C&M	DWP	N/D	Tidwell, Don L.	Signal System Elec.	Transportation	33
Guerrero, Alonso M.	Heavy Duty Equip. Mech.	Gen. Services	27	Tilley, Scott Brian	Automotive Super.	LAPD	20
Guzman, Sergio	Sr. Park Maint. Supv.	Rec & Parks	37	Torres, Salvador R.	Equipment Operator	Public Works	39
Haas, Erich M.	Sr. Recreation Dir.	Rec & Parks	20	Toth, Joseph Alexander	Sr. Hvy Duty Equip. Mech.	LAFD	34
Hansen, Roland M.	Power Trans.	DWP	N/D	Tranchau, Jeannie	Legal Assistant	City Attorney	34
Harrington, Sean	Painter	Zoo	30	Trevino, Elizabeth Ann	Sr. Admin. Clerk	Personnel	15
Harris, Evan D.	Power Safety	DWP	N/D	Triana, Daniel	Heavy Duty Equip. Mech.	LAFD	26
Hauser, John	Machinist	Rec & Parks	32	Trombley, David. F.	JFB Facilities	DWP	N/D
Hayton, Timothy Scott	Equip. Mechanic	LAPD	22	Truong, Dieu C.	Equipment Mech.	LAPD	32
Hector, Sean D.	Pr. Security Officer	LAPD	30	Tsang, Simon T.	Power C&M	DWP	N/D
Hegedus, Janie	Commun. Elect.	ITA	22	Tso, Emelia Yeeman	Accountant	Housing	20
Hernandez, Elizabeth	Sr. Admin. Clerk	LAPD	41	Turnipseed, Pamela R.	Fingerprint ID Exp.	LAPD	35
Hernandez, Enrique	Zoo	Zoo	34	Tutungi, Alfred M.	Sr. Rec. Director	Rec & Parks	31
Hilario, Elmer A.	Mech. Repairer	Zoo	34	Ulbrich, Joanne	Park Services Supv.	Rec & Parks	27
Holcolm, Wallace	Power Supply	DWP	N/D	Urioste, Richard L.	Equipment Mechanic	Gen. Services	36
Holzschuh, Mark D.	Ch. Security Officer	LAPD	22	Varela Gaines, Ellen C.	Sr. Rec. Director	Rec & Parks	32
Holzschuh, Mark D.	Water Operations	DWP	N/D	Varnado, Garry A.	Power Trans.	DWP	N/D
Hsu, Chiun-Gwo S.	Water Resources	DWP	N/D	Vasquez, Anthony R.	Plumber	Gen. Services	36
Hunter, Kimberly Jade	Background Inv.	Personnel	18	Vaughn, Stuart R.	Art Center Director	Cultural Affairs	21
Hughes, Jimmy C.	Equip. Mechanic	Gen. Services	33	Vayner, Leonid	Mat. Test Eng. Assoc.	Gen. Services	30
Hurd, Bertha Ann	Investigator	City Attorney	18	Verduzco, Ruben M.	Elevator Repair Supv.	Gen. Services	31
Iglesias, Alejandro	Nutritionist	Aging	33	Wade, Velma J.	Sr. Traffic Supv.	Transportation	33
Ignacio, Mario C.	Automotive Super.	LAPD	30	Walker, Kathy Jeanette	Pers. Records Supv.	Personnel	39
Ito, Laura Aiko	Finance	DWP	N/D	Walton Joseph, Carolyn	Admin. Hearing Off.	Transportation	33
Jackson, Ronnie Lee	Assistant GM	ITA	31	Ward, Neal Patrick	Graphics Designer	Zoo	34
James, Pearlene	Sr. Str. Svcs. Invest.	Public Works	31	Wasop, Roxanne V.	Legal Secretary	City Attorney	30
James, Pearlene	Sr. Traffic Supv.	Transportation	48	Watson, Gerard	Water Operations	DWP	N/D
Jauregui, Victor	Sr. Recreation Dir.	Rec & Parks	36	Weissman, Paula S.	Pr. Clerk	LAPD	33
Jenkins, Charles D.	Signal System Elec.	Transportation	35	Weitzel, Donald E.	Heavy Duty Equip. Mech.	LAFD	35
Jenkins, Mark Edward	Cabinet Maker	LAPD	20	Williams, Tracy	City Planning Assoc.	Planning	35
Johnson, Edward	Council Aide	Council	15	Wilson, Terry G.	Background Invest.	Personnel Dept.	11
Jones-Hoard, Jacquelyn	Risk & Ins. Asst.	CAO	38	Wong Oyama, Betty	Analyst	NBHD Empmnt.	20
Jones, Alfred L.	Signal Sys. Electr.	Transportation	33	Wong, Gary N.	Heavy Duty Equip. Mech.	Gen. Services	39
Jones, Carl W.	Sr. Traffic Supv.	Transportation	42	Wright, Stanley	Motor Sweeper Op.	Public Works	28
Jones, Cortez Anthony	Sr. Traffic Supv.	Transportation	32	Wu, Bill Sung Sheng	Material Test. Tech.	Gen. Services	20
Kaiser, Max E.	Equipment Op.	Public Works	32	Yang, Mei Chi Lin	Sr. Admin. Clerk	LAPD	34
Kennedy, Mark A.	Water Distribution	DWP	N/D	Ybarra, David R.	Power Trans.	DWP	N/D
Kim, Jaewha Rosemary	Cust. Serv. Spec.	Finance	30	Young, Clarence	Motor Sweeper Op.	Public Works	30
Koretz, Gail	Mayor's Aide	Mayor's Office	17	Young, Thomas	Comm. Elec.	ITA	32
Lapp, Robert	Painter	Rec & Parks	20				
Laube, Fred K.	Motor Sweeper Op.	Public Works	33				
Lawler, John	Auto Body Rep. Supv.	LAFD	29				
Lay, Ben	Equip. Mechanic	Gen. Services	25				

N/D = not disclosed





# Happy Mother's Day

From the Club

"This photo is one of my favorites as it captures my mom's sense of humor and love of wine. Wishing you love and happiness as you richly deserve. From your kids and grandchildren."

**Arlene Herrero, Club Vice President of Business Development**



"Amazing mom and wife: Rosemary Deach. She's always there for us, always helpful, always patient and loving. Happy Mother's Day."  
**Derek Deach, DWP**

— COMING IN MAY —  
**MOTHER'S DAY ON WEB ALIVE!**  
It's not too late to publish a photo of you and your mom (or just your mom)... and a two-or three-sentence message of Happy Mother's Day. Submissions received by May 6 will appear on Web Alive!  
**To submit, go to:**  
[alive.employeesclub.com/mothersday](http://alive.employeesclub.com/mothersday)



"You're my one and only mom, and I'll always have a special place in my heart for you. Happy Mother's Day! Eres mi única madre y siempre tendrás un lugar especial en mi corazón para ti. ¡Feliz día de la madre!"  
**Robert Larios, Club COO**  
(pictured: Robert's mom and dad)



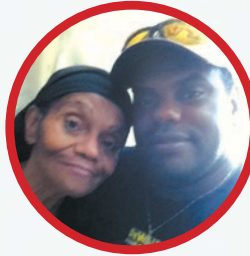
"My mom begged me to work in the USA 32 years ago to help our poor family in Manila. She was able to visit me in the USA in 2001 after my first visit in Manila. I visited her again in Manila in 2018 and toured Singapore and Malaysia with my sister and her husband. Not sure when I can see mom again."

**Miriam Cruz, Harbor**



"Happy Mother's Day to my one and only mom! You are the best, and you will always be loved! Thank you for raising me to be the man I am today!"

**Officer II Anselm Yu, LAPD**



"Happy Mother's Day, Mom. I love you and miss you."  
**Brandon Kemp, LAPD**



"To Kelley, the most awesome mother in the world! Vous serez pour toujours dans mon coeur et celui de nos enfants."

**John Hawkins, Club CEO**



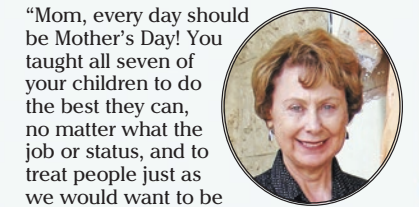
"Thank you for all the love and support you have given me over the years. You are the best mom in the world! I love you, Mom!"

**Officer Rosa San Martin, Airport Police**



"Feliz Dia de las Madres to our beautiful mother, Ana. Mother of eight, grandmother of 19, great-grandmother of two. We love you!"

**Ruth Perry, Retired, LACERS**



"Mom, every day should be Mother's Day! You taught all seven of your children to do the best they can, no matter what the job or status, and to treat people just as we would want to be treated. Thank you, Mom; you are my hero!"

**John Hawkins, President and CEO of the Club**

"Mom, thank you for always being there for me. Happy Mother's Day. You will always be my 'perfect fan.' I love you!"  
**Richard Gallegos, Public Works/Street Services**



"Horse and buggy, Model T to computers, you are still first and last. Your 104 years of life as a giver, not a taker, a great grandmother. Wow."

**Jimmy Williams, Retired, Rec and Parks**



"Thank you for guiding and loving us. Happy Mother's Day, Mom! You are our blessing."

**Candace Montgomery, DWP**



"One of the world's greatest mommies. You've always made the whole family feel so special by good advice. Luv and miss U."

**Jon Reed, Public Works/Sanitation and Environment**



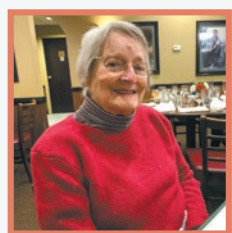
"Happy Mothers Day, Linda! You are so strong, brave and beautiful. We appreciate everything you do for us."

**Charles Garcia, Retired, Public Works/StreetsLA**



"The only thing better than having you for a mom is my children having you for a meemaw. My mom, Delores Wilson, deserves all the love and happiness this Mother's Day and always. She is our rock and anchor. She puts her happiness and wellbeing before her own. She is always calm, loving, helpful, beautiful and caring. I love her beyond measure, and I thank God for her every day."

**James Wilson, Public Works/Sanitation and Environment**



"At your favorite restaurant, where they seat you right away despite a 90-minute wait. They know who rules! Happy Mother's Day, Mom. You're the best ever."

**John Burnes, Alive! editor**



"Happy Mother's Day to my beautiful, wonderful mother. She made me who I am today. She is my best friend and my backbone. Nothing in life can replace her."

**Denise Green, Rec and Parks**



"Admiro a esa mujer, que nunca se canso de luchar por su familia y le agradezco a Dios por la Grand Madre que me dio la oportunidad de tener. Te amo <3"

**Maricela Romero-Zometa, General Services**



"I want to wish the best mom and wife a Happy Mother's Day. We love you for all you do for us."

**Rodney Gilbert, General Services**



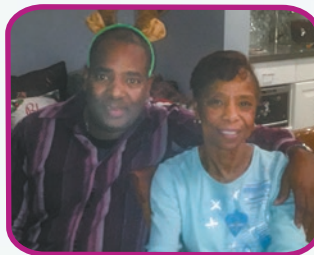
"Thank you, Mom, for always being my biggest supporter throughout my life. Words can never fully describe just how much you mean to me. I love you!"

**Emily Zavala, LAPD**



"Happy Mother's Day, bebe! Your first of many Mother's Days. Thank you for everything you do to make the family as happy as it is."

**Ronald Cortez, Club staff**



"I love you, Mom. Every day is Mother's Day and Christmas (her birthday) to me. I really treasure you and appreciate all you do!"

**Marcus Johnson, Public Works/Sanitation and Environment**



"Happy Mother's Day to an amazing friend, an awesome role model, and an even greater mother! Glad to be your son. I wouldn't trade you for the world."

**Isaiah Everett, DWP**



"Wonderful, caring, loving. Hard at times, but that's what made her great. You will be missed. Love you, 3/24/21."

**Rudy Ballesteros, Rec and Parks**



"To a very special woman/cook/boss, you do it all and keep on going. Happy Mother's Day! I love you Ma-Dool!"

**Willadean McDonald, General Services**



"Gracias mama por todo el amor y el interminable apoyo que siempre das. Que Dios te guarde siempre. Te queremos mucho. Feliz Dia Mama!"

**Ronald Cortez, Club staff**