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From left:  
Johnathon Truong  
and Carlos Aldape  
at the Wilmington  
Drain, where they  
saved a man's life.

# Life Savers

**PUBLIC WORKS**



While working to keep us safe from pollutants, two LA Sanitation and Environment employees save a man from drowning.



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# Different Take, Same Hope

I send greetings from me, Robert Larios – alternatively known as the always-cooking Chef Larios, the waiting-for-reopening Sports Dude, the Discount King of the past, and solidly the Club’s Chief Operating Officer. I’m writing **John Hawkins’** blog this month, in what social media would call a takeover, a different take on matters. As Chef Larios would say, I hope it’s to your taste.

John’s been writing his blog in these pages for nearly 20 years now, and it’s high time he gets a break. (I have much practice, of course, as I’ve been penning “Cooking With the Club” entrée entries for the same amount of time.) As our society and association endeavor to transition past the worst part of the pandemic and into the gradual opening up, the boss gets to take a breath. So *vamos!*

I was overjoyed when Club Member **Pamela Perez** at Sanitation and Environment informed us of the exquisite life-saving exploits of **Carlos Aldape** and **Johnathon Truong**. While doing their jobs and protecting Angelenos from pollutants in the rainwater runoff, they pulled a drowning man out of the basin. That was precisely the tale we needed to hear after a year of pandemic panic. As Carlos explains, duty exceeds that of his work tasks. Duty



From left: Carlos Aldape, Lab Tech; *Alive!* editor John Burnes; and Johnathon Truong, Chemist, at the Wilmington Drain.

calls for watching out for one another, and paying forward the goodness of life. I concur. Thank you for the reminder, Carlos.

In helping to interview Carlos, I was struck at what an enjoyable and satisfying experience it turned out to be. I trust reading this month’s powerful cover feature will be the same for you.

One additional note about the feature – it might have set an *Alive!* record for the number of Johns involved: life-

# ROBERT’S BLOG

by Robert Larios, COO, The Club

saver Johnathon Truong; **Jon Ball**, Johnathon’s and Carlos’ supervisor; and of course *Alive!* editor **John Burnes**. The Johns were wild on this one.



I wish a happy retirement to loquacious **Linda Rorex**, one-time *Alive!* reviewer, who just said goodbye after 30 years of City service. We never got to say a proper thank you to our reviewers after we “retired” that section a few years ago, so I will do so as I see their names cross my desk.

As I complete this month’s blog takeover, I thank you, Club Members, for this was most enjoyable. I wish you hope in the new things in life: springtime, a ranch-ful of fresh avocados, USC basketball (who would have guessed), and Club services and discounts that we continually renew for you. Let’s take care of one other like Carlos and Johnathon did. I will see you soon. *Adelante.*

*Robert Larios*

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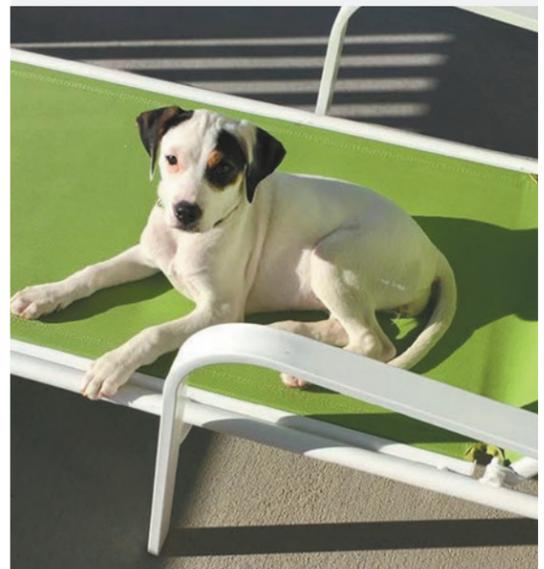
### Post Your Graduation Pics!

You can't celebrate in real life because of the pandemic, but you can celebrate in the pages of *Alive!*. Submit pics online: [alive.employeesclub.com/graduations/](http://alive.employeesclub.com/graduations/)



### John's Picture Perfect

We've posted all your pet photos from this month's contest, including the honorable mentions.



### Cooking With the Club

Chef Larios offers another *robusto* Italian classic with a zucchini pomodoro penne bake.



**Coloring Contest WIN!**



# Coloring

with **The Clubs** for Kids

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LAFD, LAPD

# St. Baldrick's Goes Online

Annual fundraiser fighting childhood cancers adds virtual tool for giving.

St. Baldrick's head-shaving parties – a significant national charitable event for the LAFD and LAPD – have gone virtual for 2021. In normal times, St. Baldrick's invites people to have their heads shaved bald, and to raise sponsors for their endeavor. The event raises funds nationally to fight childhood cancers.

A final virtual head-shave party to encourage giving remains. It's scheduled for April 11. The party will be hosted by nationally known motivational speaking duo Matt Matkovich and Phil Januszewski from M&P Presentations LLC. Educators by day, motivational speakers by night, you'll love the energy and excitement they'll bring to your head-shaving experience.

**To register:** [stbaldricks.org/get-involved](http://stbaldricks.org/get-involved)

Local organizers say they have raised more than \$1 million over the previous 17 years. The local event is part of the nationwide St. Baldrick's Foundation.

The Club has been an official sponsor the past 17 years.

**For further information on local interest, please contact:**  
Lt. Greg Doyle at (818) 634-6127; or  
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- Their future plans (briefly)
- The name and department of the Club member they're related to, and how they are related



**To send a digital photo and your message, go to:**  
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## St. Baldrick's Virtual Head-Shave Parties!

Hosted by Matt and Phil from M&P Presentations LLC

Sunday, March 14  
Sunday, March 28  
Sunday, April 11  
10am PT | 1pm ET

Fundraise and shave to #ConquerKidsCancer

# Pay Tribute to Your Mom!

**CLUB MEMBERS:** Pay tribute to your mom this Mother's Day with a photo and message of lifelong love, published in *Alive!*

**In our May issue, we'll print a photo of you and your mom (or just your mom) ... and a two- or three-sentence message of Happy Mother's Day from you. Your tribute will also appear on Web *Alive!*, starting just before Mothers Day.**

**Send in your digital photos and your message now!**

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## Tell Us **NEW!** More About Mom

As part of our Mother's Day messages feature, we're asking for a little bit more:

**Tell us more about Mom** – what makes her special, a funny or heartbreaking story, a unique memory, a personal tidbit ... **you tell us.**

There are no prizes. We just want to create a positive story at a time we can all use it.

When you submit your Mother's Day picture and message online, there will be an additional section where you can send your loving memories.

**NOTE:** We'll print what we have space for in the printed *Alive!*, then include all submissions in the Web *Alive!* version. And we're placing a limit of 200 characters, so use them wisely.



# Alive! AROUND THE WORLD

## Wine, Socially Distanced

Intrepid traveler Capt. Michael Barnes, Retired, Harbor, tours Central Coast wineries during a relatively low point in the pandemic.



It was time for a safe-distance adventure. Like most of the civilized world, we have been staying close to home and making sorties like unemployed bank robbers only for groceries and to replenish our supply of icy cold adult beverages. But with the cool fall weather we decided to pack up our masks and hand sanitizers and accompany my wife's cousin on an adventure to the California's wineries around Paso Robles. Being a successful Italian restaurateur here in Southern California, he had been invited to visit the Daou Family Estates winery as their guest, so we tagged along. It was so nice to see the green rolling hills and open blue skies once again. Safe distancing was hardly a problem as most of the country roads had little or no traffic.

Upon arriving in Paso Robles we stayed in the delightful Paso Robles Inn that was once popular with John Wayne. In fact there is a life-

sized statue of him outside the Cattleman's restaurant.

All the staff adhered to the safety rules of taking temperatures and wearing masks. The rooms were very clean and looked over a peaceful koi pond.

The hotel faces the town's central park complete with bandstand, and is surrounded by numerous bars, restaurants and wine-tasting rooms, most of which were open but void of people.

Unlike the restaurants and bars down south, where to obtain a drink we would have to buy a meal, not so here. The Street Side Ale House and eatery was more than happy to serve us a couple of rounds of cocktails before we took off to visit the Bethel Road Gin distillery. Here we not only tasted flights of their wine, but also assorted flights of their very interesting home-made spirits.

Our next stop was the Wine Shine distillery in Tin City, which is part of a collection of bars, restaurants tasting rooms and distilleries. From here it was a short ride back to Paso Robles via the Calwise distillery. Upon entering town, we spotted a band playing on the back of a flatbed truck behind the Pine Street Saloon.

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## LAPD

# Three 911 Operators Retire

PSRs Teresa Jacobs, Roni Speller, Yul Johnson retire from LAPD/Communications.

Recently, three Police Service Reps (911 Operators) retired. In January, PSR III Teresa Jacobs retired after 25 years of City service. March 13, Sr. PSR I Yul Johnson retired after 32 years of City service. And on March 16, PSR III Desiree "Roni" Speller's retirement was celebrated after 23 years of City service.

*Thanks to all three for your service, and congratulations on your retirements.*



PSR III Teresa Jacobs



PSR III Desiree "Roni" Speller



Sr. PSR I Yul Johnson



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FOR RETIRED CITY EMPLOYEES:

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The LACERS team has set up a Website to help answer all your questions. Head to [lacers.org/paystub-codes-defined](http://lacers.org/paystub-codes-defined) to view a sample paystub and descriptions for each code.



We've included a sample below to help guide you through the Website that explains each numbered code.

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2 Pension			10 State Income Tax With			22 Spousal Support		
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4 ERISA Reduction			12 Taxable Health Subsidy			24 Disability Loan		
5 DRO Reduction			13 Med Part B Reimb.			25 Benefit Overpay Collect.		
6 Benefit Underpay Adj.			14 Med Part B Reimb. Adj.			26 ACESBA		
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Payroll Message:

FOR RETIRED CITY EMPLOYEES:

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LACERS Well programs help fuel wellbeing.

Did you know that all LACERS Well activities have gone virtual in the past year? No matter where you live, you are able to join in on the fun!

The LACERS Well program continues to build upon the five influences of wellbeing: purpose, social engagement, finances, health and community.

In response to the stress, the loss of connection and the overwhelming resource needs created by the COVID-19 pandemic, the LACERS Well and Champion teams have planned online activities and events to focus on social connectivity, community engagement and mental health/wellness strategies.

Visit [www.lacers.org/lacers-well-events](http://www.lacers.org/lacers-well-events) to see the list of online programs and register for upcoming LACERS Well events and activities to keep you connected with your LACERS family, engage with your community, and take care of yourself.



FOR ACTIVE CITY EMPLOYEES:

## Sign Up for Retirement Planning Webinar

Active employees, learn about your retirement options and benefits! The LACERS Member Engagement Team is offering Planning for Retirement webinars via Zoom in April.

Upcoming dates include (all these seminars begin at 9 a.m.):

- Sat., April 10
- Thurs., April 15
- Thurs., May 13
- Thurs., May 20
- Sat., May 22
- Thurs., June 10 (Tier 3)

For more information, visit [LACERS.org/attend-seminar](http://LACERS.org/attend-seminar). For quicker access, scan the QR code with the camera on your phone to bring you directly to the Website. LACERS looks forward to you joining in on a session!



CITY ATTORNEY

# Goodbye, Mary Clare

**Mary Clare Molidor retires from City Attorney after 42 years of City service.**

Mary Clare Molidor, Chief Assistant City Attorney; Chief of the Criminal and Special Litigation Branch; and part of the City Attorney’s Executive Team, retired March 11 after 42 years of City service.

She was responsible for overseeing the prosecution of all misdemeanor crimes and civil abatement actions within the City and working with the Managers of the Branch and Area Division, Safe Neighborhoods and Gang Division and the Complex and Special Litigation Division. She was instrumental in



City Attorney Mike Feuer and Mary Clare Molidor.

designing and implementing community justice programs that have received local, state and national recognition, and was a recipient of the Innovative Community Engagement Award from the Association of Prosecuting Attorneys.

City Attorney Mike Feuer wrote about Mary Clare’s retirement on Twitter:

“After an extraordinary career with the Los Angeles City Attorney’s Office, Mary Clare Molidor (I know folks call her ‘MC,’ but I’ve been calling her Mary Clare for 25

years and I’m not stopping now!) is retiring today after 42 years.

“She’s the first woman to lead our Criminal Branch, and in addition to other high-profile roles in our office, she’s been an amazing partner to many, many colleagues throughout the entire City family.

“Over the decades, so many of us have depended on her intelligence, exceptional legal skills, great judgment, remarkable institutional memory and – just about everything about her. In short, Mary Clare has shown us how to get things done. Angelenos are better off because of her.

“We’ll all miss her enormously, and I personally will always be grateful not only for her leadership, but for her quick wit, warmth and friendship.

“We wish Mary Clare lots of excitement (and a little relaxation) in whatever her next chapter holds. Thank you for everything, my friend.”

Congratulations on your great City career, Mary Clare, and enjoy your much-deserved retirement.

AIRPORTS

# Adios, Trailers



The new Airport Police headquarters along the Westchester Parkway is nearing completion.

**Airport Police’s new state-of-the-art headquarters on track for late summer opening.**

For the first time in Airport Police history, every part of the organization will be housed under one roof when its new \$220 million headquarters building opens in late summer.

The nearly 500,000 square foot facility, which is under construction on the Westchester Parkway and Loyola Boulevard adjoining LAX’s north runways, sits on 12 acres. It will consist of 165,000 square-foot headquarters building; a four-story, 340,000 square foot parking facility with 863 stalls; a firing range; K9 kennels; traffic and security team space; meeting/conference rooms; locker rooms; holding facilities; administrative offices; roll call facilities; training facilities; and functional outdoor spaces.

The new building will consolidate eight separate facilities, many of them trailers, into one campus. When fully occupied, the new headquarters will house more than 2,000 employees, both sworn and civilian.

*Alive!* hopes to have more on this important project after it opens.

## 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.



**Roy Lewis,**  
Public Works/Street Services, Retired after 35 years of City service.



**Gerard Watson,**  
DWP, Retired after 34 years of City service.



**Natalie J. Ricks,**  
DWP, Retired after 39 years of City service.



**Olivia G. Riter,**  
Airports, Retired after 33 years of City service.

**Larios in the City is also available on the *Alive!* website for viewing and sharing:**  
[alive.employeesclub.com/lariosinthecity](http://alive.employeesclub.com/lariosinthecity)

AIRPORTS

# Welcome, Officer Chen

**Airport Police welcomes new Officer.**



Officer K. Chen

On Nov. 20, Airport Police welcomed new Officer K. Chen, who graduated from the program at the LA Police Academy.

Officer Chen was welcomed onto the force by Airport Police Chief Cecil Rhambo.

Officer Chen then began a tour of duty in the Airport Police’s Field Training Program.

*Congratulations!*



Officer K. Chen is sworn in by Airport Police Chief Cecil Rhambo.



From left: Airport Police Chief Cecil Rhambo; Officer K. Chen; and LAPD Chief Michel Moore at the graduation ceremony, which was limited due to COVID protocols.

# Scenes From a Pandemic PART 13

*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.

### Harbor



“Today marks an important milestone for our essential workers who have been on the job every day since the pandemic began,” said Port of Los Angeles Executive Director Gene Seroka. “About 100K dedicated workers come to this Port complex daily. We must make the vaccine available to this entire workforce.”

Mar. 12

### LAPD Chief Michel Moore



“International Women’s Day to honor great achievements of women. I’m proud of the women serving in Los Angeles, both early pioneers and those today. From Alice Stebbins Wells to our newest recruit, policing builds critical trust with our communities. #lawpoa #lapdwomen #joinlapd”

Mar. 8

### Public Works/Sanitation and Environment



“Happy Friday! Shoutout to all the versatile LASAN women employees who make our organization one of the best in the world. From handling hazardous waste, to monitoring the environment, to keeping our streets clean, to disaster service work ... LASAN women do it all. Thank you!”

Mar. 12

### Council/Monica Rodriguez



“From Dereck Smith, SEIU2015: Thank you to @MRodCD7 for joining myself and @SEIU2015 members to spread the word about #vaccines! We’re working to make sure all caregivers know the facts and have the resources they need to get vaccinated. Together, #wecandoit!”

Mar. 11

### Public Works/Street Services, Councilman Mike Bonin



“Today we were honored to have Councilman @MikeBoninLA join our UFD crew planting trees on Culver Blvd in #cd11 this morning. StreetsLA improving the lives of all Angelenos. @GMsTREEsLA1H20 @LACityDPW @LACity”

Mar. 9



## John’s Picture Perfect Contest

Club Members only. Good luck!

**WIN**  
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The Club’s online photo contest, organized by CEO John Hawkins, now has a monthly theme.

Contest Theme: **Springtime**

Submit your best photos of springtime and be in the running for a prize.



Submit your photos online here:  
[alive.employeesclub.com/pictureperfect](http://alive.employeesclub.com/pictureperfect)

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LAPD

# A Final Shift With His Son

**Officer Doug Roach retires after 35 years of City service.**

Officer Doug Roach, Central Traffic Division, retired March 4 after 35 years of City service.

For his last day, he was pictured with his partner at Central Traffic, Officer Bill Brown. They have been partners for 29 years.

But Officer Roach reserved his final shift with his son, Officer Brandon Roach, 77th Division.

Well done all around. Congratulations on your retirement, Officer Roach!



From left: Officers Brandon Roach and Doug Roach.



From left: Officers Bill Brown and Doug Roach.



## John's Picture Perfect Contest

John Hawkins, Club CEO

Here are five winners with this month's theme: pets. We love all your pets, so we've posted all the entries online.

**Next month's theme: Springtime**



"Our dog, Cali, always liked to crawl into the ferns out front and discretely watch people come and go."

**- Andrew Redfield, Animal Services**

**John's comment:** I'm not sure what Cali was hiding from back there, or what the shenanigans were. She's up to something! But it feels like she's really part of nature. And I love the burst of color.

"Isabela and Leorey. My seven-year-old boy named the male pigeon after him. Leorey and Isabela now have a baby pigeon. That makes me a grandma pigeon now."

**- Christine Isidro, LAFD**

**John's comment:** I love the way these two pigeons look set against the textured white background. It makes for a much cleaner image, and it pulled in my interest. Well done!



"The picture was taken in my home. The name of the dog is Daisy. Daisy likes to rest on a lunch chair."

**- Javad Keshavarz, DWP**

**John's comment:** I love the simplicity and clean lines of this photo of Daisy, Javad. And the green chair, a fresh, bright color block against Daisy's fur, is perfect for a chill effect. Thanks for submitting!

"Fortunately I thoroughly checked the washing machine before hitting the start button."

**- Yves Didier, Airport Police**

**John's comment:** Having a cat hiding in the washing machine might be pain on laundry day, but the washer provides a perfect framing device for a photo. If you would've framed it from directly in front, it wouldn't be half as good. Well done!



"Finding comfort after the hospital visit - Marble and Rocket."

**- Maria Cervantes, LAPD**

**John's comment:** This is a classic, Maria - the black and white really shows off the texture of their fur, and their positioning really looks like the comfort is intentional. I'm betting that it was. Nice moment!



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Contest rules are at the bottom of the online entry form.

# ABOUT

## Sanitation's Watershed Protection Division

The two lifesavers, Carlos Aldape and Johnathon Truong, work for LA Sanitation and Environment's Watershed Protection Division. They were checking water quality monitoring equipment at the Wilmington Drain when they discovered a drowning man, and saved his life.



Johnathon Truong, Chemist, and Carlos Aldape, Lab Tech, taking water samples as part of their normal work duties.

LASAN's mission is to protect public health and the environment. Watershed Protection Division protects the beneficial uses of receiving waters while complying with all flood control and pollution abatement mandates. The program employs a multi-pronged approach to ensure the City of Los Angeles is in compliance with regulations and reduce the amount of pollution flowing into and through regional waterways.

### Its different focuses:

- Low-Impact Development is a leading stormwater management strategy that seeks to mitigate the impacts of runoff and stormwater pollution as close to its source as possible.
- Green Infrastructure captures, cleans and infiltrates stormwater through the design of paved areas using permeable materials and drought-tolerant plants. Converting the City's paved areas from gray to green will reap multiple benefits.
- Proposition O authorizes the City to fund projects (up to \$500 million) that prevent and remove pollutants from the City's regional waterways and ocean, consequently protecting public safety and meeting Federal Clean Water Act regulations.
- The Enhanced Watershed Protection Management Program manages the collaboration of municipalities, non-governmental organizations and community members to develop and implement plans for LA's five watersheds.
- Environmental Compliance protects public health and safety and the environment through effective education, prevention, emergency response, criminal investigations and enforcement of federal, state and local laws.
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# Life



Johnathon Truong, Chemist, Public Works

### WHERE IT ALL HAPPENED

The spot where Johnathon (left) dove in to save a drowning man, and Carlos and a bystander helped pull them to shore.

### The *Alive!* Interview

# Our Human Duty

On March 9, Club COO Robert Larios and *Alive!* editor John Burnes interviewed one of the two men who saved a life, Carlos Aldape, Lab Tech, 3 years of City service; and his supervisor, Jon Ball, Environmental Supervisor II, 20 years. The second LASAN employee to participate in the extraordinary feat of saving the man's life, Johnathon Truong, chose not to participate in the interview, although he was happy to be photographed for this story. The interview took place via Zoom due to pandemic protocols.

**Alive!: First of all, congratulations for saving a life.**

**Carlos Aldape:** Thank you!

**We've been doing a lot of big stories on all the great things that City employees have been doing for the past year during the COVID lockdown. But we saw this story we knew it was time to lighten it up a little bit. For the record, Jon, you're working from home, and Carlos, as a Lab Tech, you still work in the office and in the field. Is that right?**

**Jon Ball:** Right.

**Carlos:** That's right.

**Good. So Carlos, tell us how you got to your current position.**

**Carlos:** After I graduated from college, I was working in healthcare and applying for many jobs. I landed in the City applying everybody else online, getting ready for testing, passing the test and then waiting for interviews.

**Got it. Okay. Where did you go to school?**

**Carlos:** UC Santa Barbara. Class of 2014.

**Are you from LA?**

**Carlos:** Yes.

**Jon, what's your career path?**

**Jon:** I came to the City as a Water Biologist in 2001. Basically the civil service exams had expired. So to be hired, I came

Photos by Summy Lam, Club Director of Marketing, and *Alive!* editor John Burnes

# Savers



Carlos Aldape,  
Lab Tech,  
Public Works

While working to keep us safe from pollutants, two LA Sanitation and Environment employees save a man from drowning.

Carlos Aldape and Johnathon Truong went to work Jan. 25, checking on automated equipment that monitors the City's watershed for pollutants at the Wilmington Drain. When they got there, they heard something they didn't expect – a man screaming for help. He was in the drain pool and drowning. They called 9-1-1 and then rescued him.

Saving a man's life might not be a part of what they do every day – Carlos is a Lab Tech and Johnathon is a Chemist. But it fits right into their mission, for the Watershed Protection Division monitors our City's water runoff to make sure it's within regulations for healthy living. For that one day, though, their mission became more acute and focused on keeping this one Angeleno safe.

In this feature, read all about the Watershed Protection Division's mission, that life-saving day, and what it means to have a duty to save lives and pay it forward. Congratulations to Carlos and Johnathon for their good deed, and for their lessons for all of us.



**LASAN workers rescue resident from drowning**



Johnathon Truong's and Carlos Aldape's heroic feat was featured on ITA's Channel 35.

in to what they call the emergency hire process, and I started in the Environmental Monitoring Division, which is basically LA Sanitation's laboratory facility. I started as a Water Biologist doing toxicity testing on wastewater effluent. I worked in the lab for about five years and then transferred to Watershed Protection, which is dealing with stormwater instead of wastewater, but it involved

a lot of the same type of issues. I came over as a supervising Water Biologist, a Sr. Water Biologist, and then over the years I moved into this position as an Environmental Supervisor. I oversee the same group that Carlos is in. We're the Pollution Assessment Section. We take care of all the water quality monitoring on behalf of the watershed program.

### When you're working in the office, do you both work out of Hyperion?

**Jon:** We have a small lab facility in our office. We take most of the samples that we collect to the same lab where I used to work, the Environmental Monitoring Division. It's located at the Hyperion Treatment Plant. They process the samples. Our group will do testing in the field with different instruments and take different kinds of measurements and observations. And when we get the results back from the lab, we interpret the data and report it to the regulators who mandate the monitoring programs that we have.

### The Division

#### Jon, give us a picture of the Watershed Protection Division and what it does.

**Jon:** Sure. There are different groups in Watershed Protection, and ours is the Water Quality Monitoring group.

Overall, Watershed Protection is about maintaining and protecting the health of the City's watersheds. That includes LA River, Ballona Creek, some of our lakes, such as Echo Park Lake, Dominguez Channel and Santa Monica Bay. It's basically anywhere there's a stormdrain system

that drains from City jurisdiction. That water ends up in those water bodies that I mentioned, so our division's all about protecting those and ensuring that the health for people who might recreate in those water bodies.

Another group in Watershed Protection Division would be Public Education. That's all about informing the public of ways that they can help improve water quality and the quality of stormwater runoff and larger environmental issues.

In addition to those, we have an enforcement section that inspects various facilities and businesses that operate in the City of Los Angeles to make sure that they're following the protocols for reducing runoff and keeping contamination away from the storm drain system.

There are also a lot of engineers and folks who are involved in implementing water quality improvement projects that either capture stormwater and treat it, or capture water and use it for other beneficial uses such as irrigation of parklands and things like that.

I should back out one level and give you a big picture: Our program protects the quality of water in our watersheds, but it also complies with our stormwater permit, a regulatory permit that allows us to discharge our stormwater into waters of the state. And, part of that is all the different programs I mentioned. I need to mention others, too. There's a Low Impact Development



The *Alive!* Zoom interview, clockwise from top left: Robert Larios, Club COO; John Burnes, *Alive!* editor; Carlos Aldape, Lab Tech; and Jon Ball, Environmental Supervisor II.

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## The *Alive!* Interview

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section, which established an ordinance so new developments have to incorporate best management practices that either treat and release stormwater or keep it onsite so that it doesn't enter into our waterways when it rains. There's a lot going on.

### Yeah. There certainly is. Your compliance, is that with the State of California, with the US federal government or both?

**Jon:** Ultimately it's with the EPA, and it's based on the Clean Water Act requirements. There's the National Pollutant Discharged Elimination System permit, that's NPDES. There's a permit that applies to all of the storm drains in Los Angeles County, and I said, for us to release stormwater runoff into waters of the state, we have to apply and abide by that permit. Ultimately, it's all about protecting human health and the environment. So that's the big picture.

## More Life Saving

### Sanitation's Johnathon Truong and Carlos Aldape weren't the only City employees who recently saved a life.

On Feb. 7, Super Bowl Sunday, South Officers Winkler and Diaz heard the Officer broadcast: "Advise the RA (ambulance), she's giving birth." The Officers were on patrol when they came across a woman giving birth. Thanks to their quick action, both



mom and baby are doing well.

Well done, Officers! And thanks to @LAPD HQ for the heads-up. ■

Dash-cam photos of the South LA scene where two LAPD Officers helped deliver a baby in a car.



In April 2018, Jesse Hernandez, 13, fell into a sewage line near Griffith Park and was trapped for more than 12 hours before being rescued by a team of employees from Sanitation, the LAFD, the LAPD, Rec and Parks, the DWP, Public Works/Engineering, Public Works/Contract Administration, and other departments inside and external to the City.

The rescue captured the City's attention. "I thought I was going to die," young Jessie said after being rescued on Easter Monday.



At the Mayor's press conference in April 2018 after Jesse Hernandez, 13 (at the podium, and front row, second from left) was rescued.

The LAFD said at the time that it had 2,400 feet of pipe had been inspected when a manhole cover in a highway median was opened so a camera could be dropped into the pipe. That's when Jessie was rescued.

The LAFD noted the "excellent teamwork" among agencies that made the rescue happen. ■



## Busy Season

### Carlos, what are your job duties leading into a major rainstorm like we have this week, and then what do you do during and after such an event?

**Carlos:** From October to April, that's our storm season, when we prepare for every rainfall within the City of LA. We have our own monitoring program, which includes what we're going to be analyzing for, where we're going to be analyzing, and so on. For example, today we have our own forecast. We use these National Weather Service website. We look to see how heavy it's going to rain and what time approximately it will start, because



From left: Carlos Aldape and Johnathon Truong check the automated sampler that collects water from the Wilmington Drain for testing.

sometimes the storm shifts. Then we get a pretty good picture of how it's going to rain. If it's going to be in a hard threats area and a 70 percent chance of rain and a quarter inch of rainfall, that's when we're going to start to deploy teams to prepare and collect the samples. Usually we prepare all the bottles and all the paperwork. We tell the lab that we're going to be collecting all these samples by this day, and also we give word to all our supervisors and managers from our group to give us the okay to go ahead. Once we get approval from everybody, we start doing paperwork and preparing bottles and equipment. Our group, which is probably 10 people or 15 people, prepares all of that. Once we're done with prep, our storm coordinator will tell us to collect samples at a certain time and location. We don't miss any of the rain.

### This is your busy season.

**Carlos:** Oh, yes.

**Jon:** We have to collect samples from three storm events per year, and this year has been a pretty tough year because we haven't had a lot of rain. We have to target whatever storms become available. The equipment that Carlos is referring to is automated equipment that collect samples over time during the course of the rainstorm. That allows us to get a better picture of not a snapshot in time but the amount of pollution that's coming over the course of the storm.

### In a typical storm, Carlos, how many stations will you be expected to monitor or visit?

**Carlos:** There are a lot. With the auto sampler sites that Jon referred to, I'm going to say maybe 100 or more?

**Jon:** It's 35 sites with these automated samplers, and other sites that are not automated. Those require in-person visits during the storm. We split it among different teams, and I think Johnathon and Carlos on that particular day were at the Wilmington Drain, which is a tributary to Machado Lake.

### And that's an auto sampler?

**Carlos:** Yes, correct.

## Saving a Life

### That leads very nicely into what happened on that day. Carlos, go ahead and tell us what happened on that day, Jan. 25, when you were checking the automated sampler at the Wilmington Drain, in anticipation of an upcoming storm.

**Carlos:** We were preparing for storm event number two of the year for us. We went there to do maintenance, but before that we went to Machado Lake to collect water quality samples. Once we finished collecting samples, we went to the Wilmington Drain to check if our equipment was in good shape, if it was properly working and so on.



Carlos Aldape (center) and Johnathon Truong (right) on the slope leading to where Johnathon dove in to rescue the man. (*Alive!* editor John Burnes is taking photos at left.)

# Life Savers

We parked at the Wilmington Drain near our auto sampler. Once we exited our cars, we heard some screaming something was going on. It wasn't a simple "help" or something. It was more than one yell.

### It sounds like a real struggle was going on.

**Carlos:** Exactly. It was pretty loud. We barely see people there because it's gated. That's why we were worried. We went to look to find out where it was coming from. We spotted this person in the water at the Wilmington Drain, where water gets pooled before hitting the Machado Lake. We saw the person in there, and right away we called 911 to send help.

### While you were waiting for 911 to come, what did you and Johnathon do?

**Carlos:** Johnathon went to go check on the person. Johnathon called out to the man from the shore, but he jumped in only after he saw that the man's struggling had increased to the point where his head was below the water for longer periods of time. It could have been a fatal situation. There's a lot of sediment and mud at the bottom of the Wilmington Drain. That mud is very mushy, and you sink in. Sometimes we collect sediment in there to test for toxics or metals.

### Did you put waders on?

**Carlos:** No, whatever we were wearing. Johnathon got into the water. I provided help with rope to keep both of them afloat.

The water was all the way to the chest. I had the rope with me, so I threw it out at them. Johnathon hung onto it, and then the person grabbed onto the rope, too. There was also a bystander there by then. He was helping me bring them to dry land.

### What was the man's condition?

**Carlos:** Well, I believe he was chugging water while he was asking for help. It was a life/death situation for him.

### What do you think he was doing there? Was he bathing? Or swimming?

**Carlos:** We were asking him questions. He said he was taking a bath. He was hesitating to answer. He had some fear.

### And Johnathon ingested some water in his rescue?

**Carlos:** Yes, that's what he told us. He went to a doctor, he got tested twice. He went into quarantine, and now he's doing great.

## Happy Coincidence

### Are you trained for anything like this to happen? Do you ever think that when you go to a body of water or anything like that, that you might save human life? Were you prepared for this?

**Carlos:** Actually I was. Before I joined the City, when I was working in healthcare, I was an EMT for an emergency services company.

### Wow, really?

**Carlos:** Yes. During the EMT training, they taught us everything to do in these situations. I have some experience. I pretty much knew what to do.

### That's amazing, that you had a sense of how to take care of things. Had you handled something like this before?

**Carlos:** Yes, we experienced all kinds of stuff.

### Did you ever think that, as a Lab Tech, working in LA Sanitation and Environment, that you'd be using those skills?

**Carlos:** I was not expecting this, but it's expect the unexpected!

### We presume that this person was suffering from homelessness?

**Carlos:** Yes, that's what he appeared to be. He was carrying a suitcase, which he left on scene. When the LAFD was assessing him, he said he was fine and walked away. He forgot his suitcase.

He said he was doing good, and there didn't appear to be any health issues, so he walked away.

### Have you had any contact with him since then?

**Carlos:** Not really. Since this event happened, I've been back to the Wilmington Drain maybe twice, and I haven't seen him there.

### It was probably very scary for him.

**Carlos:** Yes, maybe.

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**PUBLIC WORKS**

# Ohaji Abdallah: Engineer of the Year

**Engineering's Ohaji Abdallah is honored.**



Ohaji Abdallah, Nov. 2011

Ohaji Abdallah, Architecture Associate IV/ Project Manager I, in Public Works/Engineering's Architecture Division, was named the 2021 recipient of Engineering's Rory M. Shaw Outstanding Employee Award.

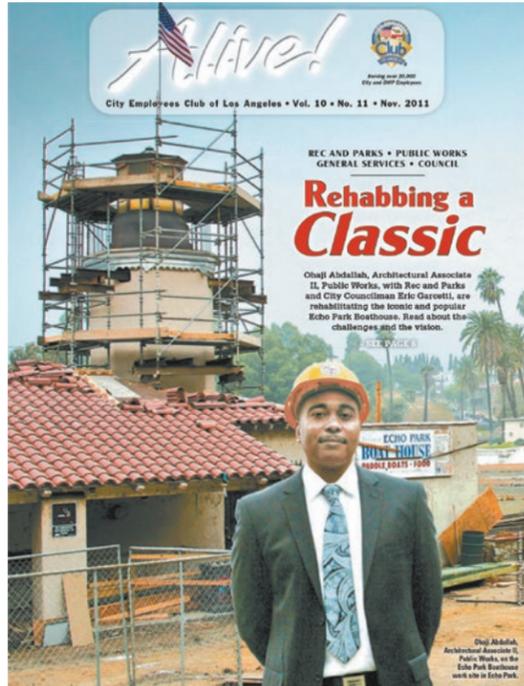
He was presented the award during a Board of Public Works meeting in March.

Each year, Engineering gives out the award to honor Rory M. Shaw, who died on duty in the storms of 2005, and to recognize the dedication and excellence in leadership exemplified by Shaw during his 14 years with Engineering.

Ohaji has worked with Engineering since 2001 and has led multiple, significant projects, such as the \$50 million Rancho Cienega Sports Complex, the \$20 million Pacoima Neighborhood City Hall, \$15 million Central Avenue Neighborhood City Hall, and the \$3.6 million Estelle Van Meter Multipurpose Center.

Ohaji graduated from Prairie View A&M University in Texas with a degree in architecture.

Congratulations, Ohaji, from the Club!



Ohaji Abdallah, this year's Engineer of the Year, pictured on the Nov. 2011 cover of *Alive!* during the rebuilding of the Echo Park Lake boathouse.

**LAPD**

Top photo courtesy Sgt. Gordon Helper



# Officer Anzora, End of Watch

**Officer Jose Anzora succumbs after being struck by a vehicle.**

Officer II Jose Anzora, who was struck by a vehicle while conducting traffic control Feb. 26, died of his injuries March 3. The Officer, 31, had 11 years of City service.

"Our deepest condolences go out to Officer Anzora's wife, family, colleagues and friends in this most difficult time," the LAPD wrote in a statement. "His passing is a loss for not only his brothers and sisters in the LAPD, but for the people of Los Angeles for whom he gave his life."

Officer Anzora, who spent most of his career in the Newton Division, was conducting traffic control for a separate accident near the intersection of Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard and Woodlawn Avenue, police said. He was struck during that operation, and died several days later. The driver of the vehicle that struck Officer Anzora was cooperating with police, the department said.

A procession was held following the announcement of his death. LAPD Officers and members from other law enforcement agencies lined the route as his body was taken from L.A. County/USC Medical Center to the county's coroner's office.

He is survived by his mother, his wife and other relatives. May he rest in peace. ■



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**2021 RETIREE EVENTS**

**CANCELED Annual membership meeting and picnic**  
 CANCELED due to L.A. City COVID-19 restrictions

**June 10 Annual Tom Stemnock Memorial Golf Tournament**  
 Alhambra Golf Course  
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**RETIREES UPDATE**

## Hard-Earned Benefits At Risk With Legislation

by Tom Moutes, RLACEI Legislative Director



Our retiree healthcare benefits are under attack by the City politicians. On a 14-0 vote, the City Council passed the Motion (Council file number 20-1606) that aims to reduce the City's healthcare costs for "current employees and retirees, especially those retirees who are not yet eligible for Medicare."

In last month's article ("Retiree Healthcare Is City Council Target"), I laid out the case for why political interference in the provision of LACERS retiree healthcare benefits is completely unnecessary. In short, the benefits are well funded and exceptionally well administered. Therefore, the Council's attempts to reduce our healthcare benefits are either ill-informed or purely political.

While we await the LACERS staff report to its Board on this matter and the eventual report back to Council by the LACERS staff, there is something you can do to help protect your hard-earned retiree health benefits. The most effective action at this time is to contact the Council offices to tell them:

- Hands off our hard-earned retiree healthcare benefits.
- Our retiree healthcare benefits are vested benefits for which many of us retirees paid an extra 4 percent of our paychecks to further ensure that those benefits would be there for us when we needed them.
- LACERS retiree health benefits are extremely well administered. They are not broken and do not need your political interference.

The most important Council offices to call are of those politicians who either presented or seconded the Motion that could reduce our benefits. Those offices include:

- Bob Blumenfield** (Co-presenter of the Motion)  
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- Paul Krekorian** (Co-presenter of the Motion)  
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- Paul Koretz** (Seconded the Motion)  
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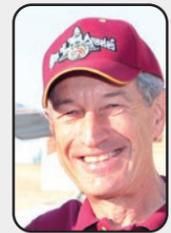
**RLACEI continues to fight this benefit-reducing Motion, but we need your help to protect your benefits. Please take a few minutes to contact these Council offices and let them know your thoughts. Through our collective efforts, we can protect our promised benefits that we all worked hard to earn.**

The latest information is available on RLACEI's Facebook page. ■

**LACERS BOARD UPDATE**

## TIPS Definition, and Why LACERS Invests in Them

by Michael R. Wilkinson, LACERS Commissioner



LACERS uses the principle of diversification in its investments to get a reasonable return without taking too much risk. In previous articles we have discussed using strategic asset allocation to get a complementary division of investments using a combination that includes assets such as traditional stocks and bonds along with other strategies such as real estate and private equity.

One of the concerns in investing money for a pension plan is handling the effects of inflation. As we all know as consumers, if the cost of living goes up, we fall behind if we do not get an increase. Our yearly LACERS COLA pegged to the local Cost of Living Index helps to keep us from losing money to inflation.

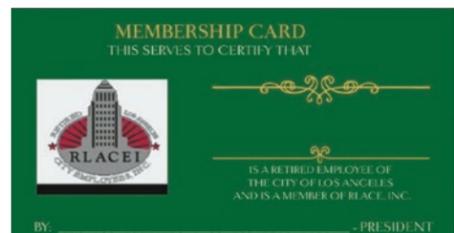
LACERS invests in high-quality bonds such as ultra-safe US Treasury securities as part of our diversified investments. These bonds are favored because they are backed with the full faith and credit of the US government. Bonds are also popular because of the need to make regular pension roll payments. However, bonds lose value when interest rates go up.

Let us look at an example. If you bought a bond paying 3 percent interest and then the interest rate on new bonds went up to 4 percent, the older 3 percent bonds would lose value. Why is that? No one wants to buy an existing bond paying 3 percent when the current rate is 4 percent. The holder of the lower-paying 3 percent bond must drop the price and take a loss if the holder wants to sell the bond.

What if there were a product that had the interest-paying ability of a regular bond, but with inflation protection? That is exactly what the US government created in 1997 when it began issuing Treasury-Inflation Protected Securities (TIPS).

TIPS make interest payments that start lower than a regular bond, but they come with an inflation adjustment that causes both the value of the bond and the total interest payment to go up in times of inflation and down in deflationary times. Why wouldn't you want all your bonds to be TIPS? It sounds too good to be true. The answer is cost. You must pay for the inflation protection with lower returns if inflation is low. However, if inflation is high then the investment pays off handsomely and provides the protection that no regular investment grade bond can provide.

LACERS' current asset allocation target sets a 3.6 percent commitment of the entire fund to TIPS. In the most recent quarterly report (through Sept. 30, 2020), TIPS returned 11.0 percent for 1 year, 6.10 percent for 3 years and 4.80 percent for 5 years. While it is very satisfying to look at those returns, they are unlikely to repeat at that high level. However, TIPS will continue to be a part of the LACERS investment plan for the unique protection it offers to offset the destructive effects of inflation. ■



**Become an RLACEI Member**

RLACEI is dedicated to advocating for retiree interests. We are over 6,500 strong! Members of the Retired Los Angeles City Employees, Inc. enjoy all RLACEI events such as the golf tournament, member picnic and holiday party with FREE membership to the Employees Club with access to all group benefits (insurance, discounts, etc.).

**Reimbursement of dues for those joining January thru June 2021**

**Call (800) 678-4145 x717, or visit our website at RLACEI.ORG and join today!**

## A Word on COVID-19

Many of our members have reported that they have taken both their first and second vaccines. Others are still a little reluctant. Whatever your choice is, we are hoping that very soon we will be able to get out and socialize with family and friends, dine at restaurants, travel and just move about without reservations.

Until then, continue to stay safe, stay healthy and stay well both physically and mentally. ■

## Become an RLACEI Director!

**Get Involved. Stay Active. Stay Connected. Make a Difference.**



Contact Dennis Harding at (800) 678-4145 ext. 706, or [Dennis.Harding@RLACEI.org](mailto:Dennis.Harding@RLACEI.org). ■

# RLACEI

## Retirees on the Move - Meet David and Rosalia Rojas

By Beverly Clark, RLACEI Publicity Director

David and Rosalia "Rose" Rojas both worked for the City. Rose retired in 2010 with 33 years of City service, and David joined Rose and retired in 2011 with 20 years of service. David worked for the DWP, Harbor and the LAPD. Rose worked for Harbor, PW/Sanitation, Community Development and the LAPD. Both retired as Management Analyst IIs.

### Activities and Hobbies

David enjoys playing the trumpet and watching or attending as many L.A. Dodger games as possible. Rose has taken up painting, yoga and tai chi, and she is attempting to learn to play the piano (purchased with some of the early retirement incentive funds). They both support their high school *alma mater* football team – Banning Pilots of Wilmington.

They also enjoy keeping busy with babysitting grandkids and attending extracurricular activities (sports, music and school-related events). David hopes to resume deep-water aerobics once the pandemic is officially lifted.

They absolutely love their family of four children: Danielle, Rachel, Nicole and Vincent; and their 11 grandchildren: Jazmyne, Nina, Gabriel, Isaiah, Joshua, Adrian, Desiree, Andrew, John, Jacob and Evelyn.

Their travels have taken them to France (Paris), Spain (Marbella), Morocco (Tangiers), the Caribbean (St. Maarten), Mexico (Veracruz, Puerto Vallarta and Cabo San Lucas), Alaska, Hawaii (Kauai, Maui and Oahu), Yosemite, and Sedona, Ariz. Once it is safe to travel again, their plans include a Danube River cruise, a trip to Italy and eventually to the Northeast for the changing of the leaves. Both agree that these travel plans should put a sizable dent in their bucket list of places to visit.

### Involvement

David served as a LACERS *Well* Champion briefly but relinquished the position due to personal commitments. He also served as a Reserve Sergeant for the City of Norwalk Public Safety Department for several years. Both David and Rose were members of AARP.



David and Rose at Sunday champagne brunch celebrating their 40-year anniversary aboard the *Endless Dreams*, Newport Beach, Calif.

Before the pandemic, Rose helped with organizing tea parties at their church and was very involved with their senior center. She also attended health seminars, karaoke and social gatherings.

David plays the trumpet for Cerritos College Concert Band and Orchestra (currently on pandemic hiatus).

### Words of Wisdom

David encourages Retirees to enjoy themselves and make the most out of retirement – "you earned it!" For "those about to retire – don't be afraid and don't make excuses for not taking that important first step in the next chapter of your life. It's okay to let go." Rose recommends Retirees "attend all pre-retirement seminars you can, ask questions and understand your medical benefits, including Medicare."

### How did you prepare for retirement?

David: "Retirement came kind of unexpectedly; I just jumped into the deep end. I had an appointment to meet with a retirement counselor to discuss plans about retiring in about five years but was informed that there were pending changes in the retirement system benefits that might impact me later and that it would benefit me to retire sooner. So I did and retired on June 30, 2011."

Rose: I always planned to retire the minute I turned 55.

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## Neil Ricci, Rest in Peace



Neil Ricci

Longtime RLACEI Board Member Neil Ricci has passed away.

Neil died in February, having served on the RLACEI Board for many years. He resigned from the Board in December 2020 due to failing health. Neil expressed how much he enjoyed serving on the Board and was disappointed that he would no longer be able to serve.

Neil was kind and caring and had a special love for his prized Irish Setters. He also collected antique cars and was a great mechanic. His last department before he retired was with Public Works/Street Maintenance as a Information Systems Manager.

The Board sends its condolences to Neil's family and friends. ■

## 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 February and March. See the ad in this section for more information.

#### New RLACEI Members

Myrna Diaz  
Russell Ewald  
Karen Dienhart  
John Sapone

#### Facebook Followers

Sherrilynn Floyd Henry  
Wray Hollemon  
Linda Lanier

## 1st Annual Tom Stennock Memorial Golf Tournament

### Thursday, June 10, 2021

The 1st Annual Tom Stennock Memorial Golf Tournament sponsored by the Retired Los Angeles City Employees, Inc., will be held on Thursday, June 10, 2021 at the Alhambra Municipal Golf Course with a "Shotgun Start" at 7:30 a.m. The course is located at 630 South Almansor Street, Alhambra, CA 91801. Check in is at 7:00 a.m. SOFT SPIKES MANDATORY!

- The tournament is open to retired and active employees and friends. The cost is \$70 for RLACEI & City Employees Club members. All others pay \$80, which includes greens fees, carts, prizes and lunch at the Alhambra Court restaurant. Lunch only is \$25.00.
- Those interested in participating must complete the reservation form and mail it with your check made payable to: **RLACEI** by Thursday, May 27, 2021.
- Send check and registration form to Ruth Perry, RLACEI, Terminal Annex, P.O. Box 86264, CA 90086. For any questions, call Ruth Perry at (800) 678-4145 Ext. 717.

#### 2021 Golf Tournament Reservation Form

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

Amount Included \$ \_\_\_\_\_ \$70 for RLACEI and City Employees Club Members  
Luncheon Only: \$25 \$80 for all others

**Make checks payable to RLACEI. NOTICE: SOFT SPIKES MANDATORY!**

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			RLACEI	City Club		
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# Sign Up!

YOU COULD WIN A PRIZE



### TO ENTER:

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Like us on Facebook and join RLACEI

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\$5 gift card  
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#### 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

## Retirees on the Move — Continued from page 15



David and Rose with all their grandkids.

I postponed it a few months because the City was offering the early retirement incentive; it worked out well.

### What do you miss or don't miss about your years of service with the City?

David: "I miss the camaraderie with my co-workers the most, but I certainly don't miss the grind of the daily commutes and work deadlines."

Rose: "I miss talking with my work friends and having lunch with them; I don't miss getting up early or driving those freeways, especially in the rain!"

### As you reflect on your City career, would you have done anything differently?

David: "The only thing that I might have done differently is to have applied with the City much sooner in my life. Rose had been after me for several years to apply while I was still working in the private sector."

Rose: "Maybe I should have started saving money earlier in my career; it's harder to save later when you have kids and want to take them on vacation. Also, college tuitions can get expensive."

### How do you fill your days?

David: "Most of my pre-pandemic time was spent playing music, working as a Reserve Sergeant and chauffeuring the grandkids to and from elementary, middle and high schools, respectively. I also made a commitment to watch my grandson. Nowadays, most of my time is spent working on the proverbial 'Honey-Do' list, and I have become a full-time live-in handyman!"

Rose: "I've taken up gardening, which turned out to be more work than just planting a few seeds; I enjoy antique shopping and finding a bargain."

### If you could change one thing about retirement, what would that be?

David: "There's not a whole lot I would change about retired life. I'm pretty satisfied with the way things turned out, although there were a few minor bumps in the road along the way."

Rose: "I would have researched the Medicare process more thoroughly. The process was a little more cumbersome than expected, especially for those of us who didn't pay into Social Security."

### Since the shelter-in-place order, how has life changed for you, and are you bored?

David: "What I find most challenging is the self-confinement and not being able to do what I want when I want. Socializing with family and friends is kept to an absolute minimum – most interaction is done via telephone or e-mail since I'm not active

on the social media platform. I had time on my hands to clean out the garage and the patio. What I miss most is not being able to attend band/orchestra rehearsals and concert performances. I also miss the freedom of not being able to go in public without a mask and constantly being concerned about social distancing protocols. I wouldn't say that I'm bored; it's more like frustrated with the restrictions and all of the precautionary measures that have to be observed."

Rose: "I find housework both challenging and boring, but I try to do a little each day. We've done some work around the house to clear up clutter. I still talk to family and friends via telephone or e-mail. I miss hugging people, talking face-to-face (Zoom just doesn't do it for me), traveling or just going to the movie theater. Although COVID-19 has touched our family, like many others, I'm grateful for my husband, our health, children, grandkids and, of course, that check at the end of each month!"

### Additional Information

David says, "Although we've been married 43 years this year, we've actually known each other approximately 54 years since junior high school. We both graduated from the same high school, too."

David began his City career as a Security Officer and, after obtaining a Bachelor's degree in criminal justice from Cal State



David and Rose with best friends Jackie and Booker Stokes at a Christmas concert performance in Norco, Calif.

Long Beach, it enabled him to get promoted and eventually retire as a Management Analyst II. He took a break in service to teach for the LAUSD at the elementary school level but returned to the City for a better salary.

David served in the US Air Force and was honorably discharged after having achieved the rank of Sergeant. Although a Vietnam-era veteran, he never served in Vietnam, nor was he ever in a combat zone.

Their middle daughter, Rachel, retired from the Air Force in November 2020 after 21-plus years of service. Her tour in Iraq as a Bomb Squad specialist was probably the most agonizing period of their lives!

Their eldest daughter, Danielle, has followed in their footsteps and is a Management Assistant with the City.

The Rojases are enjoying their retirement and staying active and on the move! ■

## LAFD

# Four Retire

Four civilian employees of the LAFD retired in a ceremony held March 3 at City Hall East.

LAFD Chief Ralph Terrazas appeared in person to thank them for their careers, and wish them well in their retirements. Club COO Robert Larios spoke to the four by video.

### The Retirees:

Fernando Pecson, 35 years of City service, Club Member

My Banh, 33 years

Sylvia Mendoza, 38 years

Hank Murakami, 33 years, Club Member

The Club thanks Carmela Espiritu, Maria Lozano and Sylvia Mendoza for their assistance.



From left: Fernando Pecson, My Banh, Chief Ralph Terrazas, Sylvia Mendoza and Hank Murakami.

*Congratulations to all from the Club!  
Enjoy your retirements.*

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**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."



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**Apply Today**  
 on the *Alive!* Website:  
[alive.employeesclub.com/scholarship](http://alive.employeesclub.com/scholarship)

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

# Club Scholarship Accepting Applications

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

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.

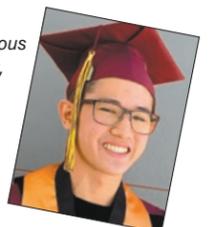


**ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS:**

- 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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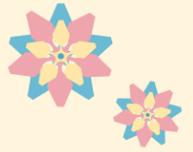
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- Graduations
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- Births



## 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	NAME	TITLE	DEPT.	YEARS
Abracia Jr, Constancio	St. Svc. Investigator	Public Works	34	Howell, Janet M.	Mgmt. Analyst	LAPD	28	Rodriguez, Jesus H.	Water Distribution	DWP	N/D
Abston, Robert W.	Power Supply	DWP	N/D	Hrebek, Scott A.	Housing Inspector	Housing	29	Rodriguez, Kenneth L.	St. Svcs. Supv.	Public Works	31
Acuna, Dolly Dario	Crime/Intel Analyst	LAPD	33	Hudson, Wanda F.	Admin. Coord.	City Attorney	31	Rodriguez, Ronnie	Electrician Supv.	ITA	22
Adams, Gregory L.	Comm. Eng. Ass.	ITA	34	Hull, Thomas E.	Custodian Supv.	Airports	30	Rogers, Stanley D.	Mgmt. Analyst	LAPD	28
Ajibola, W. Kola	Civil Eng. Assoc.	Public Works	30	Irving, Donna Jean	Mgmt. Analyst	Conv. Center	15	Rojas, Daisy D.	Mgmt. Analyst	Aging	31
Apusen, Maria Quiambo	Sr. Accountant	Public Works	33	Isagulian, Albert	Trans. Eng. Assoc.	Transportation	31	Romero, Rolando	Survey Party Chief	Public Works	13
Astorga, Lily	Personnel Analyst	Rec and Parks	31	Israel, Marc A.	Rec. Supv.	Rec and Parks	39	Romero Navarro, Jose	City Planner	Planning	29
Audije, Bella	Sr. Auditor	Ec./Wrkfr. Dev.	17	Jeffers, Nancy	Mgmt. Analyst	Rec and Parks	26	Romero-Fuentes, Sonia	Metering Services	DWP	N/D
Austin, Richard E.	Labor Relations	DWP	N/D	Johnson, Arthur D.	Power Transmission	DWP	N/D	Rorex, Linda L.	Personnel Analyst	LAPD	30
Avanesian, Georgic	Civil Eng. Assoc.	Public Works	38	Juatco, Manuel M.	Const. Estimator	Housing	15	Rorex, Wayne	Sr. Mgmt. Analyst	LAPD	18
Avanesian, Haroot A.	Architectural Assoc.	Cultural Affairs	31	Jun, Eun J.	Tax Auditor	Finance	30	Roselius, David W.	St. Svcs. Supv.	Public Works	37
Avery, Debra	Ch. Clerk	LAPD	38	Kam, Gordon Erik	Transp. Eng. Assoc.	Transportation	32	Ruiz, Alejandro	Comm. Electrician	LAFD	27
Avilez, Patricia E.	Mgmt. Analyst	Animal Srv.	35	Kane, Anchalee Sivatrano	Matl. Test Eng. Assoc.	General Srv.	32	Rutan, William A.	Const. Estimator	General Srv.	19
Barcenas, Francisco	Equipment Operator	Public Works	32	Kavounas, Peter	Water Resources	DWP	N/D	Samsing, Kathleen	Systems Analyst	Ec./Wrkfr. Dev.	26
Barnes, Bryce V.	Sr. Carpenter	Zoo	21	Kawazoe, Paul Shizuo	Civil Eng. Assoc.	Public Works	36	San Agustin, Oscar S.	ITS	DWP	N/D
Barraza, Miguel	Sr. Carpenter	Public Works	33	King, Marianne	City Planning Assoc.	Planning	18	Sanchez, Norma A.	Systems Analyst	LAPD	30
Bauman, Terri	Metering Services	DWP	N/D	Lam, Tri N.	Systems Analyst	Animal Srv.	35	Sanchez, Oscar	Electrician Supv.	General Srv.	32
Baumgarten, Janice	Personnel Analyst	Personnel	38	Lee, Hae Sung	Info System Mgr.	ITA	30	Sanchez, Ricardo	Mgmt. Analyst	Transportation	30
Berriman, Clarita	Mgmt. Analyst	Public Works	20	Lee, Michael C.	Systems Analyst	Public Works	21	Sanchez, William B.	Tree Surgeon Supv.	Rec and Parks	35
Black, Victoria E.	Customer Service	DWP	N/D	Lee, Walter A.	Mech. Eng. Assoc.	General Srv.	36	Schultz, Mary	Const. Inspector	Public Works	14
Blair, Bruce Michael	Sr. Constr. Inspector	Public Works	30	Leflore, Patrice M.	Customer Service	DWP	N/D	Scimonetti, Priscilla	Mgmt. Analyst	LAPD	30
Blair, Pamela G.	Paralegal	City Attorney	19	Lerma, Graciela	Mgmt. Analyst	LAPD	30	Scott, Richard K.	Sr. Project Coord.	City Clerk	20
Brandon, Michael	Tax Compliance Off.	Finance	15	Lipton, Marc	Mgmt. Analyst	LAPD	20	Secor, Jeffrey L.	Carpenter Supv.	General Srv.	31
Brkic, Ferdo	Power Planning	DWP	N/D	Lombard, Amia Romero	Sr. Accountant	Finance	33	Seden, Randall S.	Comm. Electrician	LAFD	30
Brown, Darryl H.	Power New Business	DWP	N/D	Lope, Marcel R.	Mgmt. Analyst	LAPD	32	Shahbazian, Gaidzag	Programmer/Analyst	ITA	29
Buchheit, Margaret	Tax Compliance Off.	Finance	34	Lopez, John M.	Fleet Services	DWP	N/D	Shaw, Cynthia S.	ITS	DWP	N/D
Buck, Peggy	Payroll Analyst		35	Lopez, David G.	Water Distribution	DWP	N/D	Sherfey, Barbara Z.	Civil Eng. Assoc.	Public Works	30
Bunjac, David	Pr. Storekeeper	General Srv.	32	Lord III, Albert	Council Aide	Council	16	Shortall, Patrick K.	St. Svcs. Supv.	Public Works	30
Cabrera, Jose L.	Improv. Assessor Supv.	Public Works	30	Loyola, Lolita J.R.	Ch. Clerk	LAPD	30	Shibley, Mark J.	Improv. Assessor Supv.	Public Works	32
Caldera, Luisito S.	Housing Inspector	Housing	18	Lozano, Reynaldo	Equipment Operator	Public Works	34	Silva, Linda M.	Supply Chain	DWP	N/D
Campise, Ronald	Sr. Photographer	LAPD	27	Lucena, Lito Manuel	Workers Comp Analyst	Personnel	36	Simms, Antoine Pierre	St. Svcs. Investigator	Public Works	32
Carevich, Charles J.	Elevator Mechanic	General Srv.	34	Magro, Rainier	Survey Party Chief	Public Works	30	Singh, Leslie E.	Power New Business	DWP	N/D
Carivau, Jeff L.	Power New Business	DWP	N/D	Malcolm, Paul S.	Sr. Const. Inspector	Public Works	23	Siu, Larry Kwok Hung	Tax Compliance Ofcr.	Finance	34
Carreon, Emelyne R.	Sr. Systems Analyst	Public Works	37	Manosa, Carlos L.	Equipment Mechanic	General Srv.	28	Siyahian, Jerair S.	Const. Inspector	Public Works	21
Castro, Francisco	Programmer/Analyst	ITA	32	Manrique Dorantes, Gonzalo	Pr. Rec Supv.	Rec and Parks	35	Slatterbeck, Brian L.	Power Transmission	DWP	N/D
Castro, Sally Marie	Mayor Aide	Mayor's Office	41	Marucut, Amelia D.	Mgmt. Analyst	Ec./Wrkfr. Dev.	23	Smith, Denise K.	Mgmt. Analyst	LAPD	25
Centeno, Faye C.	Workers Comp Analyst	Personnel	21	Mascolo, Mario M.	Power Transmission	DWP	N/D	Smith, Ellaina Y.	Tax Compliance Ofcr.	Finance	36
Chacko, George P.	Sr. Accountant	Ec./Wrkfr. Dev.	30	May, Thomas Gregory	Comm. Elect. Supv.	ITA	23	Spencer, David K.	Signal System Supv.	Transportation	37
Chan, Joyce Fong Tsang	Sr. Accountant	El Pueblo	22	McCaleb, Cristy Anne	Mgmt. Analyst	LAPD	22	Statland, Danielle	Crime/Intel Analyst	LAPD	34
Chan, Michael	Equipment Mechanic	General Srv.	34	McCulloch, Daniel W.	Power Supply	DWP	N/D	Stichal, Robert	Photographer	LAPD	20
Charles, Timothy	Pr. Detention Officer	LAPD	30	McFaddin, Stephanie	Sr. St. Serv. Invest.	Public Works	30	Stiles, Michael H.	St. Ltg. Elect.	Public Works	30
Cheung, Daisy M.	Gen. Manager's Off.	DWP	N/D	McGovern, Daniel R.	Equipment Operator	Public Works	33	Strouse, Terrance A.	Inspector	Housing	16
Cisneros, Rito H.	Sr. Comm. Elec. Supv.	ITA	35	Meijer, Jack	Housing Inspector	Housing	20	Sugay, Susan B.	Civil Eng. Assoc.	Public Works	32
Clifton, Charles E.	Mgmt. Analyst	LAPD	31	Mendez, Roberto E.	Const. Inspector	Public Works	30	Sullivan, Michael S.	Power Executive Off.	DWP	N/D
Conaway, James	Equipment Mechanic	General Srv.	34	Militello, Martha Lucia	Crime/Intel. Analyst	LAPD	36	Sunico, Emma E.	Personnel Analyst	LAPD	33
Cornelius, Frank	St. Services Supv.	Public Works	32	Miller, David Eugene	Inspector	Housing	13	Syed, Naimuddin	Bulk Power	DWP	N/D
Cruz, Juan Eduardo	Pr. Detention Officer	LAPD	35	Miller, Jeff D.	Sr. Const. Inspector	Public Works	34	Tapie, Harold H.	Build. Repairer Supv.	General Srv.	34
Cullors, Paul D.	St. Services Supv.	Public Works	32	Milton, Stephanie R.	Customer Service	DWP	N/D	Thomas, Norman	Sr. Photographer	LAPD	26
Curti, Cynthia Lynn	Crime/Intel. Analyst	LAPD	35	Mohamadkhani, Shahrokh	Transp. Eng. Assoc.	Transportation	31	Thompson, Tonya	Mgmt. Analyst	LAPD	34
Daniels, Ali	St. Services Supv.	Public Works	34	Moini, Azadeh Abrishami	Civil Eng. Assoc.	Public Works	36	Thorstensen, Ricky	Emergency Mgt. Coord.	Zoo	32
De Pedro, Trina Verceles	Occ. Health Nurse	Personnel	20	Molato, Ricardo Santos	Transp. Eng. Assoc.	Transportation	29	Tiscareno, David	Water Engineering	DWP	N/D
Di Lullo, David R.	Comm. Electr. Supv.	ITA	38	Moline, Allan I.	Plumber Supv.	Rec and Parks	45	Tolentino, Hipolito N.	Water Quality	DWP	N/D
Diaz, Mariecriz	Mgmt. Analyst	Housing	35	Monson, Robert	Criminalist	LAPD	29	Trammell, Craig D.	Power New Business	DWP	N/D
Dinh, Thuy G.	St. Lighting Eng. Ass.	Public Works	38	Monterrosa Siemens, Clarissa	Inspector	Housing	13	Trevino, Elizabeth A.	Human Resources	DWP	N/D
Drew, Titus	St. Services Supt.	Public Works	34	Moore, Audrey Pickard	St. Svcs. Investigator	Public Works	31	Ubaldo, Louella Ozaeta	Pr. Accountant	Controller's Off.	19
Duarte, Rocky M.	Equipment Operator	Public Works	32	Morales, Edmundo R.	Power Planning	DWP	N/D	Untiedt, Bruce P.	Power Executive	DWP	N/D
Duran, John Russell	Equipment Operator	Public Works	32	Morales, Hector R.	Personnel Analyst	LAPD	33	Vale, Federico Villamin	Sr. Auditor	LAPD	26
Encinas, William	Signal Systems Supv.	Transportation	33	Moulder, Constance	Paralegal	City Attorney	22	Valenzuela, Thomas	Tree Surgeon Supv.	Public Works	36
Fetterhoff, Earl Sumner	Sr. Comm. Electrician	LAFD	19	Nabong, Wilma V.	Mgmt. Analyst	Transportation	21	Vasquez, Belinda C.	Ch. Clerk	LAPD	35
Finnigan, Michael J.	Fleet Services	DWP	N/D	Newlee, Chad E.	Power Safety	DWP	N/D	Villanueva, Emerita Cruz	Personnel Analyst	LAPD	18
Fleming, Lemuel A.	Pr. Detention Officer	LAPD	32	Ngo, Truc T.	Environmental Spec.	Public Works	31	Villanueva, Joaquin J.	St. Svcs. Supv.	Public Works	40
Forbes, William Peter	Equipment Mechanic	General Srv.	29	Nguyen, Philips	Geo. Info. Sys. Spec.	Public Works	22	Villarreal, Joe	St. Ltg. Electrician	Public Works	26
Frampton, Jo Ann	St. Services Invest.	Public Works	34	Nikcevic, Michael	Electrician	Rec and Parks	31	Villegas, Filiberto	St. Ltg. Eng. Assoc.	Public Works	31
Frierson, Ira Philemon	Systems Analyst	LAPD	30	Nuesca, Mark David	Geo. Info. Sys. Supv.	Public Works	33	Vocal, Alfredo S.	Mgmt. Analyst	Ec./Wrkfr. Dev.	26
Gamez, Roberto D.	Equipment Operator	Public Works	30	Oda, Robert S.	Pr. Civil Eng. Draft Tech.	Public Works	35	Vyas, Uma V.	Sr. Accountant	Transportation	21
Gan, Bien O.	Auditor	Transportation	31	Ogton, Horacio Hilotina	Mgmt. Analyst	Rec and Parks	22	Wake, Dennis Junji	Sr. Park Maint. Supv.	Public Works	30
Garcia, Alfredo T.	Asphalt Plant Supv.	Public Works	37	Orozco, Philip V.	Sr. Mgmt. Analyst	LAFD	30	Walker, Belinda D.	Water Quality	DWP	N/D
Garcia, Charles V.	Housing Inspector	Housing	35	Pacheco, Arturo	Tree Surgeon Supv.	Public Works	35	Walls, Timothy F.	Sr. St. Svcs. Invest.	Public Works	32
Garin, Celeste	Mgmt. Analyst	LAPD	25	Pacpaco, Geraldine B.	Mgmt. Analyst	Housing	14	Ward, Serena M.	Pr. Rec Supv.	Rec and Parks	32
Gee, Erwin Dean	Sr. Systems Analyst	LAPD	30	Padilla, Leopoldo	Rehab. Const. Spec.	Housing	32	Wasco, Edward S.	St. Ltg. Elect.	Public Works	38
Geldres, Miguel E.	Sr. Construction Insp.	Public Works	34	Padovano, Georgianna	Security Services	DWP	N/D	Werling, Kelly E.	Rec. Supv.	Rec and Parks	33
Gerrard, Christopher	Supply Chain	DWP	N/D	Palumbo, Joseph A.	Auto Body Repr. Supv.	General Srv.	35	Wesson, Herman	Councilmember	Council	19
Gibbs, Gary G.	ITS	DWP	N/D	Paneno, Marie Elise	Mgmt. Analyst	LAPD	31	White, Brian A.	Energy Generation	DWP	N/D
Gillis, Paul R.	Water Engineering	DWP	N/D	Patton, Stacy	St. Svcs. Supv.	Public Works	35	Williams, Eddie	Info. Sys. Oper. Mgr.	ITA	41
Gin, Patrice Sayo	Geo. Info. Sys. Supv.	Public Works	37	Perez, Jody Lynn	Parking Enforce. Mgr.	Transportation	30	Willis, James Stephen	Sr. Const. Inspector	Public Works	30
Ginger, Allen	St. Services Supv.	Public Works	35	Pham, Sinh D.	Civil Eng. Assoc.	Public Works	31	Windsor, James D.	St. Svcs. Supv.	Public Works	22
Gonzalez, Dacia E.	Exec. Admin. Asst.	LAFD	33	Phaneuf, Donald H.	Mgmt. Analyst	Cultural Affairs	31	Wong, Lois Y.	Personnel Analyst	LAPD	35
Gonzalez, Maria Elena	Systems Analyst	Housing	35	Pinon, Gloria M.	Mgmt. Analyst	City Clerk	35	Wong, Sabena	Mgmt. Analyst	ITA	30
Graff, Mark E.	Sr. Const. Inspector	Public Works	30	Pizana, Jovita Gilda	Crime/Intel. Analyst	LAPD	37	Woodson, Matthew R.	Power Const./Maint.	DWP	N/D
Graham, Patrick D.	Sr. Const. Inspector	Public Works	29	Quan, Robert	Mgmt. Analyst	LAPD	21	Wright, Louis M.	St. Ltg. Electrician	Public Works	28
Granados, Genaro	Equipment Operator	Public Works	34	Quezada, Lorenzo	Mgmt. Analyst	LAPD	25	Wu, Tom	Sr. Comm. Electrician	LAFD	36
Gray, Alison L.	ITS	DWP	N/D	Ramirez, Lucio S.	St. Svcs. Supv.	Public Works	32	Yee, Glenn Chester	St. Svcs. Investigator	Public Works	30
Gysin, Louis Clifford	St. Services Supv.	Public Works	25	Ramirez, Oscar G.	St. Ltg. Eng. Assoc.	Public Works	20	Yen, Chun Ming	Trans. Planning Ass.	Transportation	30
Ha, Vinh P.	Architectural Assoc.	Public Works	31	Rapko, Darin M.	Power Transmission	DWP	N/D	Yule, James D.	Comm. Electrician	ITA	43
Harris, Phillip B.	Equipment Mechanic	General Srv.	33	Raval, Bhikhu Vithalbhai	Mgmt. Analyst	LAPD	21	Zaldivar, Melita L.	Sr. Accountant	Public Works	14
Hasan, Kenneth F.	Env. Chem. Lab	DWP	N/D	Ray, Richard L.	Mgmt. Analyst	Dept. Disability	28	Zigtema, Bruce E.	Power Supply	DWP	N/D
Helfman, Judith	Mgmt. Analyst	LAPD	21	Reed, Cynthia La Cheryl	Pr. Detention Ofcr.	LAPD	30	Zikry, Mona Hanna	Mgmt. Analyst	LAPD	37
Hermoso, Virgilio Mojica	Sr. Comm. Electrician	ITA	17	Reutita, Alex Robert	Forensic Print Spec.	LAPD	26	Zimmerman, James K.	Power Transmission	DWP	N/D
Hernandez, Uriel	Equipment Operator	Public Works	33	Rhyme, Melinda J.	Mgmt. Analyst	LAPD	35				
Hernandez-Cuellar, Mariaelvia	Graphics Supv.	Planning	21	Ribelin, Robert E.	Power Supply	DWP	N/D				
Hidalgo, Frank J.	Fleet Services	DWP	N/D	Risam, Inder	Civil Eng. Assoc.	Public Works	31				
Hormozi, Katayoun Kathy	Systems Programmer	LAFD	31	Rivera, Edward	Inspector	Housing	31				

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## In Memoriam

Our thoughts and condolences are with the family and friends of the following current and retired City employees who have passed away.

DEPARTMENT	YEARS OF SERVICE
<b>ACTIVE</b>	
Arellano, Gabriel A. Public Works	2
De Los Santos, Dexter LAPD	10
Duncan, Kevin E. Transportation	33
Ferrer, George B. General Services	17
Hampton, Percy L. DWP	33
Hanna III, Phil T. DWP	12
Hart, Diane N/D	N/D
Lee, Wai L. DWP	28
Lorenzo, Edgar E. DWP	23
Stinnett, Edwin R. General Services	2
Strohmeier, James L. Rec and Parks	24
Turner, Thomas L. Rec and Parks	20
Villalobos, Edmund E. DWP	14
Winton, Troy N. Public Works	8
Yaoprucke, Monchai Public Works	33

DEPARTMENT	YEARS OF SERVICE
<b>RETIRED</b>	
Anderson, Audrey R. N/D	N/D
Andrade, Ignacio C. DWP	30
Arviso, Ucefio P. N/D	N/D
Astorino, Peter N/D	N/D
Bishop, Dorrance C. DWP	12
Borrego, Joseph N/D	N/D
Bowers, Robert C. Public Works	26
Brittain, Marlin J. N/D	N/D
Brookins, Ralph W. N/D	N/D
Carter, Louis C. DWP	26
Carter, Wilson C. Public Works	25
Chiong, William DWP	12
Chou, Irving P. DWP	17
Christy, Lawrence D. DWP	16
Cleveland, John E. DWP	28
Connor Dominguez, Billie Library	44
Cooke, Peter E. DWP	30
Daniel, Ralph W. N/D	N/D
De Vera, Ruby B. Bldg. & Safety	16
Dorner, Louise M. N/D	N/D
Espy, Darrell R. Public Works	31
Fernandez, Nemesio N/D	N/D
Fletcher, Thomas H. Gen. Services	34

DEPARTMENT	YEARS OF SERVICE
Garrett, Claude T. DWP	30
Gibson, Ernest L. Public Works	31
Givens, Joe N/D	N/D
Gladney, Judge S. N/D	N/D
Gomez, Chris J. Public Works	27
Gonzaga, Cesar G. LAPD	14
Gordon, Elijah DWP	28
Grant, Thomas M. DWP	25
Greene, Patrick F. DWP	21
Guardiola, Abel DWP	47
Gunderson, Soon Joo Transportation	11
Haley, Ruthie L. N/D	N/D
Harkness, Dorothy M. DWP	32
Harrington, Neil Public Works	10
Hawkins, Charles C. N/D	N/D
Hogg, Leroy C. DWP	41
Horii, Robert S. N/D	N/D
Irigoyen, George A. DWP	29
Johnson, Brenda R. Gen. Services	24
Johnson, Brennan N/D	N/D
Johnson, Robert DWP	12
Jones, Carl F. DWP	28
Jones, Raymond C. LAPD	30
Kerns, James A. DWP	23
Keys, Carrie D. Airports	23
Knox, Sheila T. Personnel	36
Kuniyuki, Ronald M. N/D	N/D
Larkin, Elbert N/D	N/D
Lau, Peter C. DWP	18
Lee, A. Eugene N/D	N/D
Lee, Morris Bldg. & Safety	25
Lembke, Charles E. N/D	N/D
Lemellin, Margaret M. N/D	N/D
Lopez, Francisco Z. N/D	N/D
Lussky, Randolph H. N/D	N/D
Lyons, James J. Finance	23
Manooshian, Stephen DWP	20
Markman, Joseph N/D	N/D
McGlynn, Kenneth G. N/D	N/D
Mentley, Lee Cultural Affairs	5
Miller, David L. DWP	18
Mitchell, Hillard W. N/D	N/D

DEPARTMENT	YEARS OF SERVICE
Mitchem, Porter DWP	26
Montecino, Dena H. DWP	31
Nakayoshi, Nobuchi DWP	21
O'Brian, Dennis D. Airports	26
Olivier, Floyd R. DWP	28
Ortega, Joe M. DWP	30
Padilla, Rodolfo S. Rec and Parks	17
Paulson, Raymond E. DWP	34
Paredones, J. Luz Harbor	34
Pearson, Jackson N/D	N/D
Pello, Gene Gen. Services	11
Reed, Charles S. DWP	29
Richardson, Bassar DWP	24
Riggs, Harrison W. DWP	27
Robles, Manolo C. DWP	31
Romero, Elvira N/D	N/D
Rosales, Gustavo A. El Pueblo	10
Ross, Curtis L. N/D	N/D
Russell, Pat N/D	N/D
Salcido, Ralph G. DWP	27
Shaw, Peter J. N/D	N/D
Singer, Olga N/D	N/D
Stanfield, Edwin N/D	N/D
Stone, Linda Airports	29
Sweeney, Dudley Public Works	34
Tafur, Angel F. Gen. Services	37
Taylor, Geri N/D	N/D
Thompson, Stanley Public Works	16
Tiritilli, Robert A. DWP	35
Toledo, Alesandro B. Controller's Office	30
Torres, Francisca T. DWP	20
Travers, Sherry DWP	22
Tunstall, Luke A. N/D	N/D
Vanduvall, Orlo O. N/D	N/D
Villa, Martin H. DWP	34
Vogler, John H. DWP	28
Wight, Joan DWP	26
Williams, Floyd W. N/D	N/D
Yap, Victor A. DWP	27
Zarate, Ruben G. N/D	N/D

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## Graduations



Angel 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 Catherine Frias, DWP.



Désja Sheridan graduated from King Drew Medical Magnet High School. She plans to attend college and become a doctor. She's the daughter of Letotia McCall-Meekins, Public Works/Sanitation.

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Gilbert Barrera	Library	Christine Isidro	LAFD	Patrick Sanchez	DWP
Andres DeLattoya	Rec and Parks	Jenny Jacinto	PW/Sanitation	Guadalupe Sotomayor	Retired
Muhammad Faizan	DWP	Shah Jawahar	Public Works	John Sousa	Airport Police
Evelyn Fitzpatrick	Retired	Jacqueline Lopez	Rec and Parks	Than Tiet	DWP
Theresa Forand	DWP	Milagros Lumbang	Retired	Queenie Wong-Terry	Retired
Charles Garcia	Retired	Donald McAdams	Retired	Claudia Yopez	Airports
Carmen Gomez	Controller's Office	Sheldon Miller	Retired		

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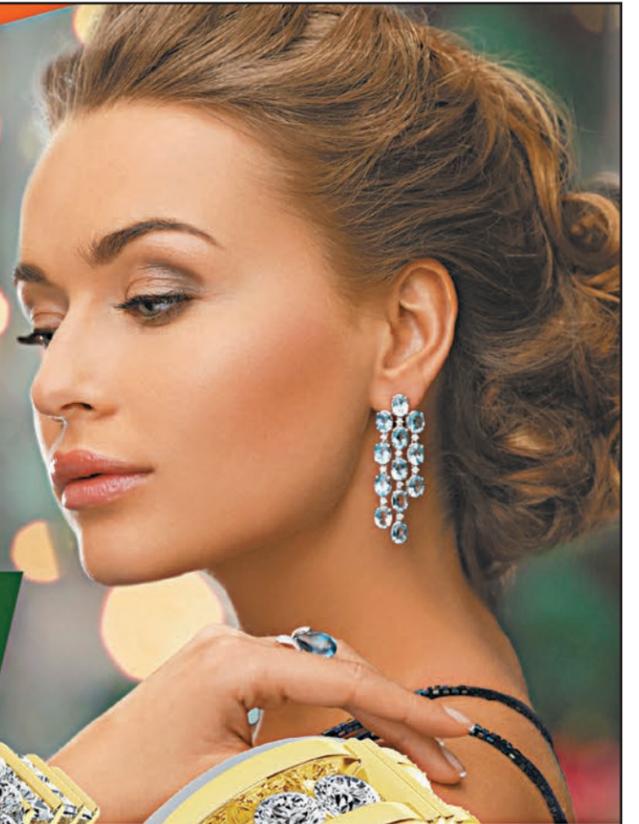
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