



62 Years of Dedicated Service  
to L.A. County Retirees

# RELAC newsletter

Your Pension and Health Care Watchdog

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## President's Message

by Dave Muir

### Coronavirus Crisis and LACERA's Investment Portfolio

LACERA's investment portfolio is well-positioned to weather the current coronavirus crisis. In May 2018, under the able and professional guidance of Jonathan Grabel, LACERA's chief investment officer, the Board of Investments adopted a major redesign of the investment portfolio. The revised asset allocation reduces the level of overall risk and positions the portfolio to withstand significant shocks to the economy and downturns in the investment markets.

As explained by Mr. Grabel, the redesign was implemented with three goals in mind: (1) provide long-term growth in order to pay benefits in the future, (2) provide risk mitigating characteristics, which are particularly important in times of market volatility, and (3) provide continuous liquidity to ensure the ability to pay current benefits. The revised asset allocation is designed to weather market shocks while also allowing LACERA to take advantage of long-term growth trends. The biggest reduction was in public equities, which went from an actual of 48% in late 2017 to a target of 35% today.

Mr. Grabel noted that the sharp and steep decline of global equity markets has investors speculating on the duration of the market sell-off and its eventual recovery. According to research conducted by Bloomberg, since the 1980s there have been three other periods in which the Dow Jones Industrial Average (Dow) lost more than 25% from prior peaks, as illustrated in Chart 1 on page seven of the newsletter. On average, U.S. stock markets have taken 39 months to recover from bottom to peak. However, in each of the prior two declines, the market took 48 months to recoup losses.

The ability to pay benefits as they become due is of primary importance in the design of the portfolio. The asset allocation calls for holding cash, targeted at .5% of the total portfolio. Any amount in excess of the targeted .5% is invested in a cash "overlay" program that allows for a larger return without sacrificing safety or liquidity.

LACERA's total fund balance on Jan. 1, 2020 was \$62 billion. The fund balance on March 17, 2020 was \$53.6 billion, a loss of 12%. During the same period, the Dow Jones lost 27% and the S&P 500 lost 22%.

The average retirement allowance is \$4,297. LACERA's payroll (benefits paid) is \$300 million/month. The expert guidance of Mr. Grabel, the outstanding investment professionals under his leadership, and the oversight of the Board of Investments (of which I am a member) assures that our benefits are secure and will be paid on time in the future.

As always, thank you for your membership.

**YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT KEEPS RELAC STRONG AS YOUR PENSION  
AND HEALTH CARE WATCHDOG.**



### RELAC Continues to Operate Remotely

Immediately following Los Angeles County's mandate that residents stay at home and non-essential services cease business, RELAC closed its office. However, staff continues to collect our mail, and working from home, retrieve e-mails and phone calls remotely in order to serve our members.

The Board of Directors is conducting business via teleconferencing and video meetings.

If you have an issue or question that relates to RELAC membership, please feel free to call the office at (626) 308-0532 or (800) 537-3522 and leave a message. Remember to **always leave your current phone number** in case we need to call you for response or clarification of any kind. Keep us informed of any address, e-mail, or phone number changes. Feel free to e-mail us at admin@relac.org. **We will respond to you!**

If you need assistance in connection with your 1099R or health insurance coverage – contact LACERA at (626) 786-6464. Should you have questions regarding supplemental insurances purchased as a RELAC member through Pacific Group Agencies, call (800) 511-9065.

Stay safe, we care about you!



### Use Trusted Sources for Coronavirus Information

The County of Los Angeles has declared a local health emergency in response to the outbreak of respiratory disease caused by a coronavirus.

The County of Los Angeles, the County's Department of Public Health, and the federal Centers for Disease Control and Prevention are trusted resources to find out information about the coronavirus and each of their websites has important information, guidance, and advice on this emerging, rapidly evolving situation.

The web addresses for the three agencies are:

**L.A. County:** <https://lacounty.gov/covid19/>

**Public Health:**

[publichealth.lacounty.gov/media/Coronavirus/](http://publichealth.lacounty.gov/media/Coronavirus/)

**Centers for Disease Control and Prevention:**  
[cdc.gov/coronavirus/index.html](https://cdc.gov/coronavirus/index.html)

# Retirement Board

by Les Robbins  
Member, RELAC Board  
LACERA Board of Retirement



As many of you are aware, we have an election coming up this summer, August to be exact, where we will be voting on the retiree representatives from both the LACERA Board of Retirement and the Board of Investments. We have a primary and an alternate member on the Board of Retirement and just one member on the Board of Investments.

For the first time you will have three options on how you can vote. You will be able to vote online, over the phone, or by paper ballot (by request only). In May you will be notified by mail where you will be able to request a mail ballot. If you want to vote by mail, remember YOU MUST SPECIFICALLY REQUEST A BALLOT. If you choose to vote online, you must be sure that your "MY LACERA" account information is up-to-date. Should you have any questions about this, please contact LACERA at (800) 786-4646 or if you log on into your LACERA account you should be able to get information.

This is all new and I suspect that there will be a lot of hiccups as we move to this manner of voting. THIS WAS NOT LACERA'S OR RELAC'S IDEA, it came from the Board of Supervisors, so don't kill us if you have questions or concerns. If all else fails, just request a written ballot and you can vote in this election just like you have in the past. And remember that the addresses that ballots will be mailed to are those that you have ON FILE WITH LACERA. The County does not have this information; it uses the LACERA database.

Please vote, this is extremely important!

## LACERA Pension Fund Among Largest in the United States

LACERA ranked the 36th largest pension fund in the U.S., with assets of \$58.8 billion as of Sept. 30, 2019, in an annual survey by Pensions & Investments magazine. Ranked as Nos. 1, 2, and 3 were the Federal Retirement Thrift Fund (\$601 billion), California Public Employees (\$384.4 billion), and California State Teachers (\$243.3 billion).



# News From LACERA

by JJ Popowich  
Assistant Executive Officer



It's the evening of April 3 as I write this article. The world has changed a lot since the last RELAC newsletter and greatly impacted all of us. I send my best wishes out to each of you, hoping that the coronavirus (COVID-19) does not visit your door or those of your families and friends – and that all of us come out of this bizarre journey safely.

The COVID-19 pandemic has, of course, had an impact on LACERA. I won't address the financial impacts, as that is a moving target, but I can assure you that LACERA has prudently diversified its investments in a manner that is designed to help mitigate market downturns. We will be here, and we will continue to pay your benefits every month, just like always.

Instead, I would like to take a moment to address our operations. A pandemic is a special type of threat to any operation. You can't simply escape it by setting up in another location. It's an inescapable foe that can only be fought by taking steps to protect your organization's members and staff members as much as possible. This means leaders make difficult choices as the threat evolves into a bona fide emergency.

LACERA has had a disaster recovery plan and a business continuity plan for many years. About a year and a half ago, we began a project to review our plans and update them since they had become "dusty." As we began this process, we knew there were many types of threats, and we started with the most obvious one – an earthquake or other single isolated event. We knew we would have to plan for a pandemic, we just didn't start there.

LACERA has never had a teleworking program for a variety of reasons specific to how we run our organization. As such, when the pandemic hit and the "Safer at Home" order came out, we had to scramble to implement technological tools that would allow us to continue operations while respecting social distancing practices and the order to shelter at home.

As the COVID-19 pandemic worsened, we made several tough decisions to protect our members and staff members while continuing to provide services. At the same time, we focused on developing new ways to stay up and running.

One of our first decisions was to close our Member Services Center (MSC). In the 15 years I have been overseeing Member Services, we have never done this, and I never imagined we would – especially during our annual "March Madness" retirement spike. However, it was critical to protect both our members and staff members. When we closed the MSC, we quickly reached out to reschedule members with in-person appointments to phone counseling sessions.

Next, we restructured our workforce into four teams: a core group of staff members who needed to be in the office to keep business running; a group that could begin working from home; and two alternating teams that would work at home one week and at the office the next. The plan was to ensure that if one team was exposed to COVID-19, the second team could pick up the ball and keep things running.

This soon proved to be a solid decision, as the pandemic continued to grow and evolve from a threat to a catastrophic event. In a short period of time, we had several close calls in our facilities where staff members were potentially exposed to COVID-19 or were around family or friends who exhibited symptoms. Fortunately, as I write this, no staff members are known to have contracted COVID-19, and all their family and friends are OK, to the best of our knowledge. However, it was clear that had one of our staff become infected, entire work teams would have been compromised and lost while quarantined or self-isolating.

Despite the reduced workforce, we continued to get the job done. Our call centers continued to operate, our Benefits team continued to retire members and maintain account updates as requested, and our support services kept our organization functional. We are happy to report that all members who elected to retire by March 31 were processed.

But as the threat continued to expand rapidly and the number of internal incidences picked up, we made the next, most difficult decision: We reduced our presence at the office to the bare minimum, closing our onsite call centers and moving as many staff to working at home as possible. Unlike large financial corporations that have multiple call centers throughout the country, LACERA has only one location. Protecting our staff members so they could continue to provide some level of service was a priority. The alternative was to provide no service at all.

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# WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

February 2020 – March 2020

## RELAC Cancels Events Due to the Coronavirus Pandemic

RELAC values its mission to help our members keep connected to promote their health, well-being, happiness, and continued productivity. Regrettably, due to the coronavirus pandemic, we have reluctantly been forced to cancel or postpone the following events in the interest of the well-being of its membership, their families and our communities:

Golf tournament at the La Mirada Golf Course on April 13.

Regional luncheon in Lancaster on April 14.

March for Babies Walk – Rescheduled from April 25 at Grand Park in Los Angeles to Friday, May 15 as a virtual event.

General Membership Meeting at Torrance Community Center on June 3.

Dodger Night at Dodger Stadium on July 17.

The RELAC Board of Directors reminds you how important it is to comply with the recommendation of the Public Health Department and stay at home!

If you must venture out for essential services, use gloves and masks if you can. We recognize that isolation can be a very difficult time and encourage you to go out into your own backyard when the weather permits – play a little music, read a book, work a crossword puzzle, make those phone calls you have been meaning to make but for which you haven't carved out the time. Stay as engaged as you can without physical contact – Be safe - Isolate!

### Happy Birthday, RELAC Centenarians

Happy birthday to our members who will be 100 and older in May and June.

May

**Marguerite R. Spears**, 103

Community Development, May 5, 1917

**Mary E. Allen**, 100

Municipal Court, May 19, 1920

**Henriette Simon**, 100

Otis Art Institute, May 22, 1920

**F. Jewell Langner**, 100

Health Services, May 31, 1920

June

**Margie Yoshizumi**, 100

Public Social Services, June 7, 1920

**Johnson Anderson**, 106

Sheriff, June 14, 1914

**Charlotte F. Hammett**, 104

LAC+USC Medical Center, June 25, 1916

**Assessor** – Marietta Price

**Children & Family Services** – Elena Catbagan, Helene Handler, Darcy Hastings

**Child Support Services** – Victoria Slater

**District Attorney** – Pamela Bozanich

**Fire** – Norman Ortner, Joseph Steed, Mark Valance

**Harbor/UCLA Medical Center** – Anita Schumacher

**Health Services** – Marylou Clymore, Lucy Gomez, Carolyn Rhee

**Internal Services** – Esperanza J. Davila, Ann B. Kim, Penny King

**LAC+USC Medical Center** – Sandra Kritier

**Mental Health** – Gloria Brown, Cinderella Cernik, Gerald Cernik, Gladys Platts

**Probation** – Evelyn Olivas, Lena Virgil, Diane Williams

**Public Health** – Doris Jones-Anderson

**Public Library** – Bruce Gross

**Public Social Services** – John Armour, Edwina Benson-Higgins, Linda Hawes, Urbano Martinez, Norma Parra

**Registrar** – Sherry Green

**Sheriff** – Deborah Alvarez, Jeffrey Collins, Stephen Herrel, Joseph Leyva, Mara Rhone, Kei Sakita, Carole Sanford, Christopher Young

**Superior Court** – Vivian Carlson, Huong Nguyen, Dennis Villa

**Treasurer/-Tax Collector** – Cecelia Buys

**Workforce, Aging & Comm. Services** – Nancy Cadena Perez

**Department Not Designated** – Margaret Heeb, Philimene Lillio

**New Associate Members** – Derrick G. Anderson, Gretchen Armour, Jude Buhler, Alexander Buys, Patricia Chisam, Segundo Davila, Erica Herrel, Darlene K. Leyva, Joseph Lillio, Toni O. Martinez, George Parra, Jane Yoshie Sakita, Derek W. Slater, Erin Valance, Robert Woodhouse, Paul Younger

**New Affiliate (Active) Members** – Raul Garcia, Public Social Services

## Thanks for New Member Referrals

We would like to thank the five members who recruited colleagues to join RELAC during February and March 2020. Due to our aging membership, we must remain vigilant in signing up new members in order to remain a strong organization to protect your hard-earned pension and health benefits. We are the only organization that exclusively serves the interests of Los Angeles County retirees, so help us help you. For membership applications and brochures, call the RELAC office at (800) 537-3522, e-mail [admin@relac.org](mailto:admin@relac.org) or go online at [www.relac.org](http://www.relac.org). Be sure to tell the new member to put your name on the application as making the referral.

Our thanks to these RELAC members (shown in bold) for referring new members (shown in italics):

**Kevin Ford**, *Vivian Carlson*, Superior Court

**Elizabeth Eberhard**, *Lucy Gomez*, Health Services

**Charles Gross**, *Bruce Gross*, Public Library

**Joe Kelly**, *Cecilia Buys*, Treasurer-Tax Collector

**Debbie Migliaro**, *Raul Garcia*, Public Social Services

## WHERE ARE YOU?

We continue our efforts to locate RELAC members for whom we have no current address, phone number, or e-mail address. Thanks to those of you who contacted your friends or family members whose name you saw listed in our last edition – it is helping! Here are a few more of those we would love to hear from. Call us at (800) 537-3522 or e-mail us at [admin@relac.org](mailto:admin@relac.org)!

**From Texas:**

Joseph L. Love of Grand Prairie, Arizona Lee of Mansfield, Manuel R. Agramonte of Houston and James E. Brazier of Beaumont.

**From Arizona:**

Chapman Fulmer of Fort Mojave; Bernadine Blucher of Sedona, Doreen Wade of Scottsdale, Albert E. German of Mesa and Leland Mathis of Queen Creek.

**From Utah:**

Joyce Werkern of South Jordan, Betty Brewer of Salt Lake City, Heinz Cuvelier of Provo, and Russell Holmes of Summit.

**From California:**

Helen B. Slem of Quartz Hill, Marcia Williams and Lois Selby of Lancaster; David B. Walker and Mary Louise Garner of Palmdale, and Joan Schiefelbine of Mammoth Lakes.

**And from various states:**

Patricia Goya of Kailua, Hawaii; Burton Denmark of Fort Collins, Colorado; Don A. Hansen of Boise, Idaho.



LACERA CEO Santos Kreimann



Fire Chief Daryl L. Osby, RELAC President Dave Muir, Public Defender Ricardo Garcia, Military & Veterans Affairs Director Ruth Wong, LACERA CEO Santos Kreimann, Treasurer-Tax Collector Keith Knox



RELAC member Phil Ow; Jing Hu, president of Chinese Employees Association.

## ANNUAL RECOGNITION LUNCHEON

by Evelyn Gutierrez, Chair  
Special Events & Luncheon Committee

RELAC's Annual Recognition Luncheon held on February 20, 2020 at the Almansor Court in Alhambra featured a "double hitter" program. Keynote Speaker Public Defender Ricardo Garcia shared information on the department's "Holistic Advocacy" for adults experiencing homelessness and long-term economic and social exclusion.

In addition, new LACERA CEO Santos Kreimann presented a comprehensive overview of LACERA's vision for the future and expanded support for families in need of enhanced survivor benefits. Members also enthusiastically welcomed Ernie Perez and the TSA Chorus (Transportation Security Administration) and their inspirational musical tribute to our nation and our veterans.

Leading the Pledge of Allegiance, Brigadier General (Ret.) Ruth Wong, Air Force also saluted our veteran members in the audience. RELAC members were recognized for their generosity and support as participants in the annual March for Babies walk, having raised over \$5,300 in 2019 and for supporting the County's LA Found program, which provides tracking bracelets for people with dementia.

A great time was had by all who attended. If you were unable to attend, we missed you and hope that next year you can join us in reconnecting with friends and co-workers at our annual "get-together" luncheon.

See you soon.



RELAC Vice President Brian Berger, March of Dimes manager Amy Dittmore, RELAC President Dave Muir.



Health Services retirees Patti Sweet, Barry Hunt, Christine Rufolo, Norma Jacobs, Carolyn Rhee.



Veteran members in attendance.



Chief Administrative Office trainees from early '70s: Roy Hanson, Bob Helmar, Dean Smith, Barry Hunt.



Public Defender Ricardo Garcia.



Sandra Ha, president of Vietnamese Employees Association; Pauline Oghenekohwo, president of African American Employees Association.



Ernie Perez & TSA singers



Liz Baca, Alternate Public Defender Robert Meneses

Photos by Epifanio "Epi" Peinado, Phil Ow, Norm Braverman.

# What's Happening?

by Evelyn Gutierrez, Chair  
Special Events Committee



## "SAFER AT HOME"

On behalf of your RELAC Board of Directors, we thank you for supporting the County's recent request that you remain safe and well in your homes. The recent coronavirus "Safer at Home" Public Health order affects us all, including your RELAC office staff.

As an option to this column's information on special events available for your enjoyment, the following virtual offerings are shared:

### March for Babies Virtual Walk

RELAC's March for Babies Team will continue to support the March of Dimes **May 15 Virtual Event**. Team donors can help RELAC raise funds for medical research through June 30. For MOD updates, visit our website or [www.marchforbabies.org/Team/RELAC](http://www.marchforbabies.org/Team/RELAC).

### LACMA @ Home

The L.A. County Museum of Art is inviting you to visit LACMA @ Home for at-home viewing of museum offerings. You can [Watch, Listen, Read, Learn and Browse](#) LACMA's collections, exhibitions and archives at home.

### L.A. County Parks

Visit the County Parks website for current updates regarding temporary closures on golf courses, trails, park programs, etc. Visit [parks.lacounty.gov](http://parks.lacounty.gov).

### LA County Library

Your library card is your key to Library "Access from Home" offerings. Library digital resources are available 24/7, all you need is your library card number and PIN. You can read eBooks, listen to audiobooks, stream movies, access digital magazines and stream music at home.

### Library Update:

Due dates on borrowed material will be extended, no late fines will be assessed, and customers can return materials when the libraries reopen.

If possible, **stay connected** to your County family by calling a friend, writing a letter, sending a card to a homebound friend or text others.

We care about your health and wellness.

**Stay safe, Stay healthy, Stay at home.**

For updated information, visit [www.relac.org](http://www.relac.org).



## Letters To The Editor Write On!

To RELAC officers and members - thank you for the 18-month pocket calendar; I always keep it in my purse for all appointments and celebrations. I never leave the house without it. Thank you for your kindness.

**Olga Lederer, Covina, California**

Dear RELAC, thank you for all the work you do on our behalf! Love.

**Louise B. Gulartie, Tujunga, California**

Hi RELAC. Thank you for all you do for the retirees and spouses, we really appreciate it. I want to thank all the firefighters that have given their lives to fight all the brush fires for last year and this coming year. You are the hero and I give a lot of respect and a big thank you.

**Gloria Boothe, Wilmington, California**

Thank you for all you do for keeping us retirees informed. The medical coverage is such a Blessing!

**Dorothy Karsen, Orange City, Iowa**

Greetings! I look forward to receiving my RELAC newsletter bi-monthly. You do a great job. Didn't notice Spring Drawing opportunity at first glimpse. Good thing I checked again. God bless all of you.

**Myrna-Joy Pugh, Los Angeles, California**

I read in the RELAC newsletter that our former co-worker and assistant director at Senior and Community Services Larry Johnson passed away at age 79. Larry, rest in peace and condolences to your family. You were a good man. I encourage County workers, past and present, to become a member of RELAC. They keep us all up-to-date as to what's happening in County government upfront and behind the scenes.

**Bill Yaney, San Pedro, California**

You did a masterful job of editing the article (on Ted Lumpkin, Jr.). RELAC is very fortunate to have you as editor!

**Jason H. Williams, Los Angeles, California**

I was sorry to hear of the passing of Chuck Leonard. I knew him very well. He was always cheerful, with a wonderful smile.

**Harry Hufford, Santa Rosa, California**

## Sheriff Retirees Plan 41<sup>ST</sup> Annual Reunion

Retirees of the L.A. County Sheriff's Department are planning their 41<sup>st</sup> annual reunion for June 21-26 at the Inter Mountain Fairgrounds in McArthur, California. Should the event need to be cancelled due to the coronavirus pandemic, notice will be provided on RELAC's website and Facebook page.

All retirees of the department, including civilian, and their traveling companions are invited to the event. The registration fee is \$10 per person, paid upon check-in. The fairgrounds is located on Highway 299, approximately 70 miles east of Redding. This beautiful spot lies between the peaks of Mt. Lassen and Mt. Shasta.

Attendees may bring their RV, tent, or stay in one of the local hotels in Fall River Mills. Full hook-up camping, showers, laundry; and 30-amp and some 50-amp service is \$15 per night starting Friday prior to the event. Early camping arrivals prior to Friday will pay the normal campground rate.

Activities include golf tournaments at a championship 18-hole golf course, Bocce ball, card tournaments, potluck dinners, steak fry, a catered dinner, a pancake breakfast, fishing, Casino nearby, sightseeing or just relaxation. Newly retired and surviving spouses and family are especially welcome.

To RSVP or obtain additional information, contact:

Charlie or Linda Englebart at (562) 889-3757 – [Pt4charlie@aol.com](mailto:Pt4charlie@aol.com)

Tom Sargent (530) 243-8982 – [tsgt907@charter.net](mailto:tsgt907@charter.net)

Richard or Judy Smith (626) 444-0686 – [retiredstars@earthlink.net](mailto:retiredstars@earthlink.net)

## FOR SALE

**TWO COMPANION MAUSOLEUM CRYPTS** at the San Fernando Mission Cemetery. Each companion crypt holds two caskets or urns. Includes one crypt plate each, one insert each, one vase each. Located next to each other, are at prime location height, approximately five feet from ground. Asking market price at \$20,000 each companion crypt. If interested, please contact Laura at (626) 222-3040.

**THREE SINGLE CEMETERY PLOTS**, Rose Hills Memorial Park. \$ 6,000 each. For more information send an e-mail to: [Piva940@yahoo.com](mailto:Piva940@yahoo.com). Attention to Ali.

# Meet Your New RELAC Directors

*On kayak trip down the L.A. River*

*With wife and children*

## JOE KELLY

I am bi-coastal, a New Yorker, born in Queens New York, one of the five boroughs that constitute New York City, and an Angeleno. I am the youngest of seven, and I have a twin sister who lives in Chicago. My father was a public servant – for 30 years he was a captain



of the Staten Island Ferry Boat that ran from the tip of Manhattan to Staten Island. My mom tended to duties in the home. Today, there are 40 of us in my family, counting my siblings, my nieces and nephews, my great nieces and nephews, and spouses. My parents are both deceased.

My parents always stressed the value of education and the importance of a strong work ethic. In high school I read an article in the New York Times about a common trait among successful people who worked on “Wall Street” – they had all started in the mailrooms of their respective firms. So, I went to the public library, got a book on boutique Wall Street firms, and I wrote a letter to the president of 10 firms I selected asking for a summer job in their mailroom. One responded and I went for an interview. I got the job, and I was later told that I was a very good mail boy because I remembered where each person wanted her or his mail placed. (The fact is, I didn’t remember it. I wrote it down in a small notebook and referred to it constantly.)

Six months later, in my final year in high school, the firm called to ask if I had an interest in working in its Paris office that summer. I was to staff a telex room, typing buy and sell stock and bond orders from Paris to New York. They asked if I could type, and I responded, “Yes, I can.” I lied – I couldn’t type a thing. But I went back to the library, took out a book on how to teach yourself to type, rented an IBM Selectric II typewriter and for 90 minutes a day for the next four months I taught myself to type. That summer, and every summer during college, I worked for that firm in its Paris office. I had enrolled in New York University to be an accountant, but after my first summer in Paris, I returned and changed my major to art history. My story is one of many stories that speak to why public libraries matter – they change lives.

After graduating, I leveraged my summer experiences to land a finance analyst position at Morgan Stanley, where I stayed for eight years, in progressively responsible positions, before moving to Los Angeles. By that time, I had come “out” as gay, and my partner at the time was a film and television director, and we found that more and more of his time was spent here in Los Angeles. I resigned from Morgan Stanley to pursue graduate studies at what is now the Sol Price School at the University of Southern California, and we both moved to Los Angeles.

After graduating from grad school, I was recruited by the L.A. County Auditor-Controller’s Office and worked for a number of years in the Audit Division. An assistant director position became available in the Treasurer-Tax Collector’s Office and I applied for it and was hired. That position led to chief deputy and then in 2014 to treasurer-tax collector. As treasurer-tax collector, I served as the ex officio trustee on each of the two boards that govern LACERA, the Board of Retirement and Board of Investments, pursuant to state law.

Switching gears, I live in the Franklin Hills neighborhood of Los Feliz, in the City of Los Angeles in an 864-square-foot California bungalow that is nearly 100 years old. I retained an architect to design a “tiny house” of 256 square feet to be built as an attachment to my house, and I hope to obtain that building permit soon. My California friends can’t believe I live in such a small house, while my New York friends

## EPIFANIO (EPI) PEINADO

I am a local, born and raised in Los Angeles’ Lincoln Heights community, a few miles east of downtown L.A. My parents were from Mexico and immigrated to this county for a better life. My father worked in the trenches of the food industry and my mother was a homemaker. They managed to eke out an existence in Los Angeles and raised a family of seven boys. We knew early on that furthering our education would be the key to getting ahead, and I’m so proud to say that amongst my brothers and I, we have a Ph.D., three master degrees, and four bachelor degrees. My brothers and I all gravitated towards the security and stability of public service, and launched careers in government, education, and public safety.



My journey with the County of Los Angeles started in 1984, in what I then thought would be a two-year stint. Well, it turns out that I was blessed to have had a wonderful and fulfilling 34-year career with the County of Los Angeles, which included the privilege of serving the departments of Children & Family Services, Health Services, Office of Affirmative Action, Fire, and Human Resources. The pinnacle of my career was to have served as chief deputy to the director of personnel, Lisa M. Garrett, and work with a great Team HR in the Department of Human Resources (DHR).

I’ve had many highlights in my career, too many to mention. A couple of recent projects that I’m very proud of was the design, development, and implementation of the County’s Executive Leadership Development Program. We partnered with USC’s Sol Price School of Public Policy in rolling out this award-winning program. Many emerging leaders in the County have taken advantage of this program and it has led to advancement opportunities for participants. I’m also very proud of Team DHR’s work on the County’s Pilot Temporary Services Registry – or – TempLA!, a program that has allowed employment-insecure individuals to gain entry-level experience performing public service, in hopes of becoming permanent County employees.

I do have a County experience that stands out – it was the defense of a thesis! Or that’s the way I experienced it! Some years ago I was called to meet one-on-one with a member of the Board of Supervisors about a program developed by Team DHR, in which I was the lead manager. The supervisor insisted that no one else attend. This, it turned out, was a make-it or break-it career moment. It turned out to be one of the most challenging, intense and yet rewarding meetings that I had experienced – and up to this point in my career, I had had many. I remember that as I was walked out of the supervisor’s office, a senior staff in attendance said that it was one of the best one-on-one meetings they had witnessed with the supervisor. It confirmed for me that there is no substitute for benefits of teamwork and rigors of subject matter expertise.

None of my career achievements would have been possible without having worked with wonderful mentors and great staff; I have been blessed to have had both in abundance throughout my career. I’m reminded that we are at our best when we are working together towards a common goal. That said, my biggest blessing was meeting, then marrying, Charlene Dimas-Peinado. She has inspired me to be better every day. She is a servant-leader in her own sphere of community-based child and family mental health services in Los Angeles. She also serves the broader community in a variety of ways, one of which is as a commissioner of the County’s Natural History Museum. We are looking forward to celebrating our 30-year wedding anniversary in June. Our children have also been the source of inspiration in my career and pride as a parent. Our son, Esteban, is a recent graduate from Santa Clara University and our daughter, Belen, is a senior and in her final year at the University of San Francisco – each will create their own path and we are confident that they have the values and skills to do well in life.

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In the span of a few weeks, our Systems team developed a secure work-at-home access portal for our service units, and work units developed new procedures and rules. While these are big accomplishments, made possible by the hard work and cooperation of Systems and other divisions, it is just the beginning of the telework program.

COVID-19 has tested, and continues to test, LACERA, but we remain on the job. Although our call center was closed and our ability to interact with members was hindered, we still took messages, called members back, answered e-mails and secure messages, and continued to process work. When calling members back from home, our staff volunteered to use their personal cellphones. Unfortunately, because these calls showed up as masked numbers and many members did not answer, those callbacks resulted in staff leaving voicemails, thus restarting the cycle.

This first full week of April we have doubled our capacity to work and serve our members remotely – just a week and a half after we transitioned our call centers. We continue to improve our capabilities and expand our capacity to serve our members. We are introducing a new way for members to return our messages and connect with a retirement benefits specialist on an appointment basis, and we are also developing a virtual call center to restore

our customer service abilities to near full-service functionality. We are targeting this service to be up and running by mid-April.

We recognize this has been extremely hard on those of you who need to reach out to us for service. We are committed and working as quickly as we can to restore our normal level of service. We also recognize the COVID-19 threat will be with us for some time. As we restore our services one by one, we will be sure to build them in a robust manner that will make our future customer service operations more nimble, flexible, and secure.

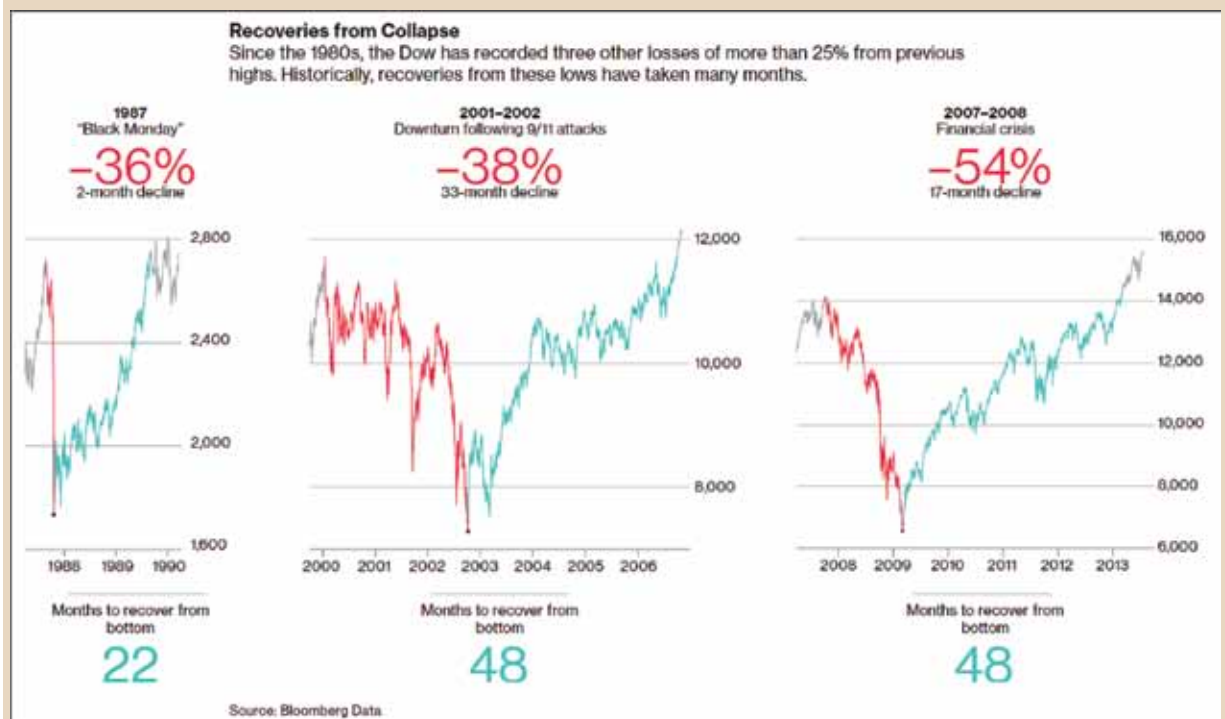
In closing, thank you for your patience and understanding. Many members we have spoken with have been supportive and understanding, and we appreciate it. We are focused on continually improving our ability to provide services to our members during this catastrophic event and beyond.

Through this public health and economic crisis, one thing remains constant and true about the LACERA team, our dedication to the financial well-being of our members and our commitment to our mission to produce, protect, and provide the promised benefits now and well into the future.

Stay safe and well.



## LACERA'S Investment Portfolio Recoveries





# Keeping Up With Retirees

We asked two RELAC members to let us know what they have been doing since retirement. Their articles follow.

With wife, Catherine



## ALICE PARKER

In February 1971, I started my County career with the Department of Personnel as an intermediate typist clerk. I worked in the Workers' Compensation Unit as the support clerk for seven Workers' Compensation claim examiners. I was responsible for sending out Workers' Compensation accept and denial letters to applicants that had filed a Workers' Compensation claim, and for setting up doctor appointments and paying mileage for claimants to attend their appointments.

Throughout the years I remained with the same County department, although we changed names several times. In later years I was promoted to a Workers' Compensation claim examiner, handling a vast number of employees in such departments as Sheriff, Fire and Marshall, and working closely with County Counsel as our legal advisor. During that time I attended night classes at Pasadena City College and received a certification in medical terminology, which I much needed when I had to rate a disability claim or a compromise and release claim for the amount of funds that were due to an applicant for the settlement of their disability case.

In the mid 1990s our Workers' Compensation section was contracted out to private insurance carriers and during that time our department name changed to RIMA. For about one year I traveled to Orange County to work with one of the private insurance companies that had obtained some of our cases to train them on the County procedures of handling Workers' Compensation claims.

Over the succeeding years our department name changed again to Department of Human Resources and during this time I progressed in various assignments to the level of Human Resources analyst, supervising the countywide Test Administration and Employment Information Office, providing service to the general public and all the departments, as well as testing thousands of clients seeking employment. During my County years I was an active member in the International Public Management Association for Human Resources and Western Region Intergovernmental Personnel Assessment Council and participated in the Southern California Public Management Association Human Resources Recruitment and Selection Workshop.

On Sept. 29, 2011, after serving Los Angeles County for 40 years, I decided to hang up my County hat, even though I loved my department, my great staff and my many friends. Right after my retirement day I wasted no time in traveling. I headed to Italy. I took a tour of Rome, Florence, Naples, Venice and several other cities while I was there. I have traveled to Barcelona, Marseille, Genoa, Valletta, and Spain. I go to Illinois twice annually to see my daughter and family. And before the coronavirus pandemic hit, I had plans to travel to Amsterdam and cruise the British Isles for seven days this summer and in November to cruise the Riviera for a friend's birthday party. In July 2021 I hope to be cruising to the Greek Isles, Montenegro, Corfu, Athens, Mykonos and Katakolon, Greece. There is no idle time on my calendar. When I'm not traveling, I spend a lot of time with my family, my two daughters, one grandson, one granddaughter, my five sisters and one brother. Every year at my home we always spend Thanksgiving together, along with my best friends. My hobbies are decorating "Places and Things," and tending to my plants and flowers.

I am an active member of the Los Angeles County African American Employee Association and work dutifully in assisting with the planning of our Black History Program that's presented to the public each year in the Board of Supervisors hearing room. I am also an active member of the Red Hat Society and the Black Professional Women in Touch Society. I am very much involved with my church and community work. I am now working on becoming a certified designer for staging homes and offices. As a retiree from the Great Los Angeles County, I'm thankful for the 40 years of rewarding values. When I was working I was able to reach out to the public and give assistance to others that were in need, and with the experience and expertise I gained as a County employee I am still able to use these values as a retiree. These are some of the useful rewards I gained as a County employee -- Love, Joy, Peace and Happiness. Many thanks to RELAC for looking out for the retirees' security.



## FRANK BATOR

I first saw Los Angeles in 1956 and fell in love at first sight. I had driven cross-country with a college buddy, driving straight through, sleepless, from Chicago. When I saw all those pastel-colored stucco houses in Hollywood I couldn't believe a city could be so beautiful. I didn't want to go back to the endless rows of brick houses I had known all my life. But I did go back to finish school before I joined the Navy. When they asked where I wanted to go, that was a no-brainer—I chose the naval station closest to LA—Long Beach. The Navy sent me on a Pacific world cruise to Sidney, Manila, Saigon, Hong Kong and several ports in Japan, and when I was discharged, I returned to Long Beach and worked in wholesale paper purchasing, metallurgical antique authentication, artificial kidney clinical trials and cardiac balloon catheter research.

When National Institutes of Health funding at the USC School of Medicine was reduced, I decided to look for a more stable work environment. I asked a friend who was working in social services about getting a job with the Department of Public Social Services. I started in the Bureau of Assistance Payments in 1979 and soon became an assistant to a division chief. From there I was promoted to administrative services manager 1 and then to administrative services II. I was fortunate throughout my career to work with many outstanding County employees, especially in the mid-1980s as DPSS was automating claims to the State of California for the first time. But years later, when I lost part of my hearing due to a mini-stroke, I knew it was time to bid adieu to DPSS.

While I was still working, my wife Catherine and I began to travel, mostly to Europe. We gravitated toward walking tours—England, Switzerland, France and Italy were some of our favorites. Our interest in ancient history prompted travels to Egypt and many Mediterranean countries. We continue to travel now that I'm retired, although these days it is mostly cruises. One non-cruise trip, one of the most unforgettable of a lifetime, was a week's stay in Churchill, Manitoba, Canada in 2017 to see the polar bears.

Shortly after I retired in 2011, Catherine began her campaign to convince me to move to San Francisco. I admit I was skeptical at first, but I'm now enjoying the Bay Area to the fullest. We find it so easy to get around on public transportation that we rarely use our car, but it does come in handy when we want to go to Wine Country or Gold Country.

As history buffs, we enjoy the San Francisco Historical Society, the California Historical Society and a lecture series called Humanities West that brings in academics from all over the country. As music lovers, we love the SF Opera. I have attended lectures at the Fromm Institute for Lifelong Learning at the University of San Francisco campus for six years and am continually amazed at the quality of the presentations. In addition, I enjoy classes at the UCSF Osher Mini Medical School. San Francisco has really delivered!

My latest project is with the UCSF Medical Center, where

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# RELAC Member Frank Bator Works to Improve Airline Experience for Seniors

*(Editor's Note: This story appeared in the San Francisco Chronicle on Dec. 21, 2019, before the coronavirus pandemic hit the United States. Though travel has been highly restricted, we are running the story because it features RELAC member Frank Bator's efforts to improve airline experiences for seniors.)*

by Mallory Moench

Frank Bator has sailed on the Nile, watched polar bears in Canada, and cruised around the British Isles — all after flying out of San Francisco International Airport in the past seven years. But when the 83-year-old San Franciscan's health took a turn for the worse this year, traveling got harder. "Our travel plans — they came to a screeching halt," Bator said.

In San Francisco, home to the seventh-busiest airport in the country, older adults are the fastest-growing population — despite the city's reputation as a magnet for young tech workers. By 2030, nearly 1 in 3 residents will be older than 60, the city predicts. And they like to travel. Half of Baby Boomers surveyed by AARP took an average of five trips this year. But flying can be stressful and hazardous. Two seniors died falling down airport escalators — one in Detroit, the other in Portland, Ore. — in the past two years, local TV stations reported. In less extreme cases, for people suffering from dementia, flying can be disorienting, and switching time zones throw off medication schedules. If travelers have trouble walking, they need to arrange for a wheelchair. If they depend on an oxygen tank, they have to get a portable plastic one.

"Patients are asking me (about traveling) at least once a week, telling me about a trip that they're planning. People want to go and see their family members, but they're afraid to plan," said Leah Witt, assistant clinical professor in geriatrics and pulmonary medicine at UCSF. "The sheer overwhelming challenge of planning a trip is too much for some people. Travel's not medical, but it certainly is a part of well-being, especially as people and families live further and further apart." Last year, Witt joined a collaboration with SFO to research ways to improve the travel experience for seniors. She had two goals: raise awareness for airport staff about how best to interact with the elderly and educate doctors on how to advise geriatric patients about travel. The research involved scouring for best practices from airports around the world and taking input from a focus group of travelers who have hearing and visual impairments. "It's definitely a growing demographic. The whole purpose of the project is to better serve that demographic," SFO Guest Service Manager Brian Poole said. The airport wants to ensure that its employees "stop and think about what they're doing, and know that people are not like us, they're not used to coming to the airport, and might need some extra help," Poole said.

Frequent flier Bator, who took four trips from SFO this year, sees room for improvement. He suggested making restroom signs more distinct, possibly with different colors, so they're easier to see. "For a senior that really needs to go, I think it would be helpful," he said. SFO spokesman Doug Yakel said the airport has installed large-scale restroom pictograms at restroom entrances to be more distinctive. Redesigned maps and signs in the new Harvey Milk Terminal 1 and Terminal 2 reference the nearest restroom using text and pictures; the idea is to provide travelers a better sense of where they are and how long it will take to get to other destinations. The airport is also installing large backlit maps at key locations.

Bator also suggested raising terminal seats so it's easier for an older person to use them. Yakel said SFO has been introducing seating of varying heights in all terminals, with six seating styles and heights at a single gate area at Terminal 1. Other changes will come slowly as the airport renovates Terminal 3, including adding a hearing loop, a frequency that travelers with hearing aids can tune to and listen for announcements.

A big challenge is getting through security screenings — which can be stressful even for the youngest and healthiest person. Bator had his hips and left knee replaced, so he sets off an alarm when walking through a traditional security scanner. So he always tells the first security agent he sees, and prefers the full-body scanner that can show where the metal is inside his body. If it isn't available, he has to be searched and on occasion has to take his shoes off. The Transportation Security Administration doesn't require travelers older than 75 to remove their shoes or light jacket unless they need additional screening. If they are unable to stand, TSA adjusts. Passengers with medical conditions or disabilities can get TSA PreCheck and don't have to remove shoes, laptops, liquids, belts, or light jackets. While rules are up to TSA, SFO has started to open more-advanced screening lanes in Terminals 1 and 3 to make the process easier, with more coming to other terminals, Yakel said. Bins are 25% bigger, and larger stainless steel countertops allow several passengers to place their items in bins at the same time. Automated conveyor belts pull bins into the X-ray machines and return them to the front of the line for passengers.

Another of Bator's challenges is getting to a ride-hailing pickup, because Uber and Lyft operate from a parking garage a walk away from the SFO arrivals terminal. All pickup areas comply with the Americans with Disabilities Act, and riders needing a wheelchair-accessible vehicle can always request curbside pickup, Yakel said. Passengers can also choose a premium service from Uber or Lyft to get picked up curbside.

SFO is also working on redesigning its accessibility website to make it more user-friendly, inclusive and comprehensive, with information about the airport and an elderly travel checklist. And starting in 2020, Witt will help lead monthly customer service training sessions on disability and cultural awareness, to help them be more aware of what aging passengers might need. It's not the first time the university or the airport have helped vulnerable populations. SFO runs annual flight simulations for hundreds of families with autistic children to make travel easier, and Witt has trained the San Francisco Police Department on how to approach the elderly. Now, they're coming together to tackle challenges for the growing number of older travelers.

In August, Bator was diagnosed with a spinal cord condition that sends pain shooting down his leg. Any travel plans are on hold for now as he heals. But his 72-year-old wife, Catherine, hopes he can recover in time to go to Paris in June to study French — flying out of SFO, of course.

## Travel tips for seniors

- Consult your doctor.
- Select accessibility options at booking and call your airline to make sure it can accommodate you.
- Bring medication in your carry-on in case your luggage gets lost.
- Remember that if you're 75 or older, you don't need to remove your shoes or light jacket in security lines. If you have a question about going through security and what you can bring, call the TSA Cares helpline: (855) 787-2227 from 6 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday through Friday, except federal holidays.
- If you need to use the bathroom frequently, choose an aisle seat near the restroom.
- Carry medical documents, including a list of health care providers, conditions, medications, allergies, insurance and life-sustaining wishes in case of emergency.

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I am working with the Geriatrics Department on an effort to make San Francisco International Airport more accessible to seniors. Our initial recommendations will be used to form a "watchdog" group of experienced senior travelers to advise airports nationally on the topic of age-friendly travel.

Thinking back now to my days at DPSS as I approached retirement, I remember I was worried that I would be bored without the responsibilities of a job. I could not have been more wrong!

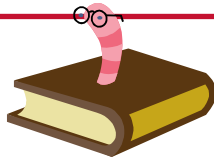
## Women Take Lead at Library

LA County Library has had eight library directors...and seven of them have been women. Starting with Celia Gleason in 1912 - *eight years before the 19th Amendment guaranteed women the right to vote* - through today, with Skye Patrick.

Gleason ordered the first book for the Los Angeles County Free Library system: *Little Women* by Louisa May Alcott.



LA County Library Directors: Celia Gleason (1912-1924), Skye Patrick (started 2016).



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I have always believed in counting my blessings, and where I can, pay it forward. During my County career I have trained thousands at every level and in every department, and have given my best HR advice to countless executives. I also looked for ways to have deeper impact in the County. I was proud to be an executive member of the County's Management Council and served for 10 years - I took great pride in being a presenter at seminars and conferences. I also strongly believe in serving our youth by sharing my time or treasure, especially those youths that are underserved. For many years, I participated in conferences at the University of California at Santa Barbara - my alma mater - and was speaker to yet-to-be first generation students to attend college. Before retiring, I signed up to participate in the DHR-operated County Employee Youth Mentoring Program and I now have the privilege to be a Catholic Big Brother mentor for a 12-year-old boy who lives in the north Long Beach area. I have hopes of inspiring him to be a first-generation college student and to positively impact his social/economic mobility.

Finally, it is my hope to be able to share my passion for serving others as a board member of RELAC. I'm honored to be a member of a board that sees its mission to be a source of advocacy, support, and betterment of retirees of the County of Los Angeles - the best county in the country.



## Cordova is CSULA's "Professor-for-a-Day"

Former County executive Richard Cordova was "professor for a day" at California State University, Los Angeles in February, speaking to 80 students and faculty in the Graduate and Undergraduate Healthcare Management Programs. Cordova worked for the Chief Administrative Office and Department of Health Services and was chief executive officer of LAC+USC Medical Center before leaving to join the private sector. He served as CEO of San Francisco Medical Center, Kaiser-Permanente of Southern California and the Children's Hospital of Los Angeles before retiring. Photo shows Cordova and faculty, including RELAC member Barry Hunt (at right of Cordova), a former County colleague and present member of the CSULA College of Business and Economics faculty.

## Home Transfers Between Parent & Child, Grandparent & Grandchild May Be Exempt From Tax Reassessment

Propositions 58 & 193 provide tax relief for property transfers between parents and children, and in some cases, from grandparents to grandchildren. Collectively, they make it easier to keep property in the family.

In general, Proposition 58 states that property transfers, from parent to child or child to parent, may be exempt from reassessment. Proposition 193 expands this tax relief to include transfers from grandparents to grandchildren.

In both cases, a claim must be filed within three years of the date of transfer to receive the full benefit of the exclusion. In addition to tax relief on the main home, you may claim an exemption on transfers of other property with an assessed value of up to \$1 million. The \$1 million exemption applies separately to each eligible person. A \$2 million limit applies to community property of an eligible married couple.

For more specific information regarding both exclusions, go to the County Assessor Office website at: <https://assessor.lacounty.gov/proposition-58-and-proposition-193/>

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are jealous that I have a table for two in my kitchen. It really is all about perspective.

I am currently single.

Things I enjoy in retirement are really good food and really good wine, vacations to national parks, day-long hikes here in Southern California, improving my American Sign Language skills (my best friend is deaf), reading, and getting to know and spend time with my great nieces and nephews. I am also excited about traveling in my retirement. Last fall I was sailing in the south of France and then spent several weeks in the archipelago that is The Republic of Malta where, among other things, I earned my journeyman falconer designation. (A falconer flies large birds for hunting purposes.)

I have tremendous admiration and respect for people who dedicate themselves to serving others, and that's what our County of Los Angeles retirees did when they were employed by the County. They were admirable public servants. I believe it was Grover Cleveland who said, "I consider the pension list of the republic to be a roll of honor."

I look forward to serving the members of RELAC.



With wife,  
Lorraine



## Former Auditor-Controller Mark Bloodgood Dies at Age 94

*(Editor's Note: RELAC member Mark Bloodgood, who was the County's longest-serving auditor-controller, died Dec. 4, 2019, but the notice of his death did not appear on LACERA's monthly report until February 2020 so we were unaware of his passing until then. We reached out to the Auditor-Controller's Office for information and wish to thank Arlene Barrera, the County's new auditor-controller, for researching and writing this article. Our thanks also to Nancy Singer, Pat Miskovich and Marianne Reich for their assistance in providing information for the story.)*

*by Arlene Barrera, Los Angeles County Auditor-Controller*

Mark Bloodgood was born on Sept. 8, 1925 in Glendale, California. In his role as auditor-controller for over 23 years, Mark remains the longest tenured auditor-controller in Los Angeles County's history. He began his career in the Department of Auditor-Controller's Audit Division in 1948 and moved to the Executive Office as the executive assistant in 1961. Mark also served as chief deputy to Roscoe Hollinger before replacing his boss as auditor-controller in June 1967, a position he held until his retirement in November 1990.

Mark was a calm, kind, and very approachable gentleman who treated staff of all levels with respect and consideration. Former Chief Administrative Officer and friend Richard Dixon remembers being a very low-level worker when he first met Mark, who had already promoted to an executive position. Richard fondly remembers Mark as treating him with the same warm, helpful friendship when they first met as when Richard became CAO. Many staff who worked for Mark felt the same way about him.

Mark directed the Department of Auditor-Controller through a number of significant changes, even defending the department's authority to audit all County departments. In December 1986, newly elected Assessor John Lynch ordered Auditor-Controller staff out of his office, calling their audit disruptive. Mark agreed to allow the new assessor time to reorganize his office before resuming the audit. However, three months later, in a private conversation, Lynch informed Mark that the auditors could not return to his office without a court order. Even then, Lynch said he would fight the court order all the way to the Supreme Court. After gaining support from the Board of Supervisors, the audit resumed shortly after the conversation.

County employees began receiving their payroll via direct deposit under Mark. However, Mark's long-time secretary, Pat Miskovich was dispatched monthly to pick up his paper check because he did not trust the system.

Mark was an active member of the State Association of County Auditors (SACA), serving as president in 1981-

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## Longtime Court Commissioner Sam Bubrick Dies at Age 102

*(Editor's Note: Former L.A. County Commissioner Sam Bubrick, a RELAC member since 1984, died on March 23 at age 102. This story ran in the L.A. Times on May 16, 2007 when he was still working at age 90. Bubrick, a highly knowledgeable and no-nonsense commissioner who presided over 603 jury trials, earned the respect of those who worked for and alongside him at the Clara Shortridge Foltz Criminal Justice Center, where he*

*spent the majority of his career. He was a mentor to many and is remembered fondly by his colleagues.)*

*By Valerie Reitman  
Times Staff Writer*

The words "Happy Retirement" had been smudged off the huge sheet cake gracing the 13th floor courtroom's witness stand Tuesday. The baker got the "happy" right, but the "retirement" was a mistake. The cake was to celebrate the 90th birthday of Los Angeles County Superior Court Commissioner Sam Bubrick, who has no intention of retiring any time soon. Nor did anyone want to give him any ideas along those lines. "Every judge makes him promise not to," Judge Steven Van Sicklen told the more than 120 judges, attorneys and staffers who packed the benches and jury box of the criminal courtroom for the luncheon in Bubrick's honor.

They needn't have worried. Bubrick -- who is spry, razor sharp and looks at least two, maybe three decades younger than he is -- says he has no plans to give up the bench in the foreseeable future. He says he wouldn't know what to do with himself if he did. Why not retire and take some time to relax, a reporter asks, see the world, enjoy yourself? "Enjoy? Enjoy what?" he retorts in the grumpy-but-disarming manner that he's legendary for around the courthouse. "What the heck would I do with myself if I didn't have this place to go to?"

Since 1950, Bubrick has driven to work at Temple Avenue and Broadway in downtown Los Angeles. He graduated from law school at Loyola University at age 33. Before law school, he spent six years as an officer in the Army during World War II, stationed in England, France and Germany. He started his law career working with a criminal defense attorney in a building near the courthouse, defending drug dealers and accused murderers. One of his most notorious clients was Tex Watson, one of those convicted in murders committed by the Charles Manson family.

Bubrick was appointed to the bench in 1972. Commissioners are attorneys selected by the judges of a court to perform certain judicial duties. Bubrick was sworn in by Justice Joseph Wapner, who would later go on to fame on "The People's Court" television show. Over the next two decades, Bubrick would preside over more than 600 jury trials. He could be tough -- particularly on attorneys who tried to argue with him or questioned his judgment -- helping to earn the nickname "Hollerin' Sam."

As a young criminal defense lawyer, Peter Espinoza, now a fellow judge, recalled Bubrick chastising him for trying to extol the virtues of Espinoza's client, a drug dealer. "Counselor, I lived in a house built by heroin," Espinoza recalled Bubrick telling him, in a joking reference to the many drug dealers Bubrick had represented. Bubrick wasn't going to let anyone try to paint them as good people and waste his time; he wanted attorneys to argue the law. Espinoza said he took the advice "and we took our sentence."

Bubrick also isn't fond of backtalk from attorneys who don't agree with him. "I didn't mind raising my voice," Bubrick recalled after the party. "When I was a lawyer, nobody ever talked back to the judge." Bubrick tried to retire once -- when he was 75 -- so he and his wife could travel more and spend more time together. But shortly afterward, Harriet was diagnosed with brain cancer and died. It was two months shy of their 50th wedding anniversary. Bubrick threw himself back into work.

For the last 14 years, he has been reviewing writs of habeas corpus three days a week for Van Sicklen, the supervising judge of the criminal department. Bubrick's usually the first one in the office, driving from his Westwood home and arriving downtown by 6:30 a.m., sometimes griping that the courthouse elevators to his 13th-floor office are "powered by pigeons." One cup of coffee, and he dives into the petitions filed by prisoners who have been denied parole or have been given parole only to have the attorney general's office or Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger reject it.

It's frustrating work in some ways, Bubrick said, because the few petitions they accept are usually rejected, too. "It's political. Nobody wants to be subject to the Dukakis syndrome," he said, referring to a paroled prisoner who committed murder after his release while the former presidential candidate was governor of Massachusetts. Nevertheless, it's the kind of work that is essential to the judicial system, Van Sicklen said.

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# RETIREE NOTES



With Supervisor Janice Hahn



With Sheryl Spiller

## Steven Golightly Retires as Head of Child Support

by Evelyn Gutierrez  
RELAC Newsletter Committee

A festive and fun-filled celebration on Feb. 15 marked the retirement of Steven Golightly, PhD., director of L.A. County Child Support Services. Attended by County department heads, both active and retired, family, admiring County employees and friends, the celebration featured mistress of ceremonies Lisa Garrett, director of personnel. Garrett introduced County, state and national executives paying tribute to Golightly, the director of the largest locally-administered child support services department in the nation.

County Quality and Productivity Commission (QPC) members recognized Golightly as the recipient of its 2015 Silver Eagle Award for the "Predicting Prosperity. It's Just Analytical" program, which transformed the department's approach to case management. A playful skit by County CEO Sachi Hamai and retired County Treasurer-Tax Collector Joseph Kelly showcased Golightly's innovative use of a sophisticated predictive analytics model to forecast the outcomes of child support services casework.

During his public service career, Golightly was the recipient of the Child Support Directors Association of California Truly B. Knox award for outstanding contributions to the California Child Support Program, the American Society for Public Administration's Dykstra Award for Excellence in Government and the L.A. County QPC Chairman's Award for Leadership Excellence.

Closing the celebration, Golightly said, "I believe that it is a privilege and an honor to be able to help improve the quality of life for the children and families we touch every day in our work. As a public servant, I hope sharing the benefits of my experience will help my colleagues to provide better services to the public. Retiring from public service is not retiring from life. I am starting a new chapter and will now work on things I had put on hold."

Wishing Golightly, now a retired member of RELAC, a happy and healthy new chapter in life, QPC Commissioner and RELAC Board member Evelyn Gutierrez congratulated him on his accomplishments as a role model for County executives and managers. "Steven has truly enhanced the productivity and quality of service provided to the County's diverse and underserved communities. I wish Steven only the best as he begins the next amazing and rewarding phase of life."

Fellow retired County department head and RELAC Board member Kelly added, "Steven was committed to continuous learning and management training, both through the Management Council, which he led for many years, as well as the Leadership Development Program in the Child Support Services Department. A number of executive leaders in the child support services departments in this state also worked for Steven prior to assuming their respective positions, a testament to his ability to prepare the leaders of tomorrow. As an organization, we were so lucky to have him with us, and I wish him the best in his retirement."



Sachi Hamai, Joe Kelly

## John Wicker Retires as Head of Parks and Recreation

John Wicker's retirement celebration scheduled at the Arboretum & Botanic Garden for March 19 was to have been a tribute to his 40+ year public service career and his leadership as L.A. County's director of the Department of Parks & Recreation. However, due to the coronavirus "social distancing" order, his retirement celebration was cancelled. Disappointed colleagues, staff and friends expressed their best wishes through e-mail, texting and calls wishing Wicker the best in his retirement effective March 27.

A second disappointment was the cancellation of the Board of Supervisors presentation of his retirement scroll on Tuesday, March 17. Disappointed staff and friends again wished Wicker the best.

**Wicker's e-mail to friends and colleagues follows:**  
*"As you know, due to the coronavirus pandemic, I cancelled my retirement party. Hopefully, I may be able to reschedule when things are better. In the meantime, my staff presented me with a gift from all of you. I am definitely going to use it and paddle around on our local lakes and beaches, when I can. I should have some extra time now. Thank you all for your generosity. The best gift of all has been your friendship. Los Angeles County has been my family for over 40 years. I will cherish the memories for the rest of my life."*



Wicker with gift from staff

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Bubrick's "heart is very big," Van Sicklen said, when his experiences might have turned it to stone. "It's full of gold. I wouldn't call it love, but respect -- respect for people in prison. He's exactly the person who should be doing this." Van Sicklen added that "most of us think we're important," only to come back from vacation and realize that everything went along just fine. Not so with Bubrick. "This is somebody who goes on vacation, and everybody realizes how much trouble they're in."

## Bloodgood continued from p.11

1982. In 1993, Mark played host to the organization's annual conference in Marina del Rey.

Mark passed away on Dec. 4, 2019 at the age of 94 in La Crescenta. He was preceded in death by his wife of 69 years, Lorraine, and he leaves behind two sons, five grandchildren and eight grandchildren. Mark will be missed by his many friends and colleagues, but his picture remains as a remembrance in the hallway where he spent his working days.

# PASSAGES

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## BIRTHDAYS:

He says he's older than we think: Former Supervisor **Pete Schabarum** celebrated his 91<sup>st</sup> birthday in January, not 90<sup>th</sup> as earlier reported.



Ketchum



Offenhauser



Penido



Kussman

## RETIREMENTS:

**John Wicker**, who was a 37-year employee of the Parks and Recreation Department (hired initially as a lake lifeguard) when he was named director in March 2016. Chief Executive Officer **Sachi Hamai** postponed her March 30 retirement through at least June, saying she and the Board of Supervisors agreed it was in the best interests of the County to have continuity of leadership during the coronavirus pandemic. **Fesia Davenport**, Hamai's chief deputy, had been designated by the Board to serve as acting CEO upon Hamai's departure, at salary of \$450,000.



Wicker

## DEATHS:

**Mark Bloodgood**, 94, auditor-controller from June 30, 1967 until his retirement on Dec. 3, 1990, with 42 years of County service. **Charles "Chuck" Leonard**, former driver to Chief Administrative Officer Art Will and aide in the Public Information Office, retiring in January 1990, who died in February after suffering a stroke approximately six months earlier. **Sam Bubrick**, 102, who as an attorney defended Tex Watson during the Charles Manson trial, before becoming a Superior Court commissioner in 1972. **Stuart Ketchum**, 93, director emeritus of the Music Center and key player in getting the Walt Disney Concert Hall built. **Russell Steven Kussman**, 71, a Superior Court judge from 2010-2016, after seven-year battle with lung cancer. **Joyce Penido**, 92, a Founder of the Music Center and member of the Blue Ribbon Committee and Center Theater Group. Dr. **Zack Haddad**, 82, director of allergy and immunology at LAC+USC Medical Center for 30 years. **Katherine Offenhauser**, 90, chairman of the Costume Counsel at the Museum of Art, and founding member of LACMA and the Music Center. East Los Angeles activist **Ralph Villalobos**, 100, who was involved with the creation of the Med Ocho ward at LAC+USC Medical Center, the first to offer Spanish language services at all levels of care to patients. Former Sheriff's Sgt. **Charles Lane**, who retired in 1990 after 22 years. **Lester Davidson**, 64, a County ocean lifeguard at Dockweiler and Torrance Beach for 40 years. **Norwin "Philip" Estepa**, longtime employee of the Board of Supervisors Executive Office Assessment Appeals Board, who previously worked for the Departments of Mental Health and Child Support. **Robert Bacharach**, 79, husband of Jacki Bacharach, long-time member of the Quality and Productivity Commission.



Bubrick



Leonard

## APPOINTMENTS:

**Tony Bell**, recently retired as assistant chief deputy/communications deputy to Supervisor Kathryn Barger, appointed by the supervisor to the Commission on Alcohol and Other Drugs. **Norma Garcia**, chief deputy director of the Parks and Recreation Department, named acting director, at salary of \$257,082, to replace retiring John Wicker. Garcia was a Board of Supervisors deputy before joining the department as assistant director. **Veronica Pawlowski**, an attorney in the County Counsel's Office who advised the Departments of Children and Family Services and Probation and the Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority, named justice deputy to Supervisor Sheila Kuehl.



Pawlowski

## HEALTH:

**Placido Domingo**, 79, former general director of the Los Angeles Opera, announced in late March he had tested positive for coronavirus and was in self-isolation with his family in Spain, just days after saying he would donate \$500,000 to sexual harassment eradication programs and a fund that helps opera employees in crisis, following the L.A. Opera and the American Guild of Musical Artists finding sexual harassment allegations against him to be credible.



Domingo

## ELECTIONS:

District Attorney **Jackie Lacey** narrowly failed to get a majority of the votes in the March election (receiving 49 percent), so faces a run-off in November against former San Francisco DA **George Gascon**, who got 28 percent. Supervisor **Mark Ridley-Thomas**, who is being termed out of his County position, is in a run-off with Grace Yoo for a seat on the Los Angeles City Council after getting 44 percent of the vote to Yoo's 24 percent. L.A. City Councilman **Herb Wesson** and state Sen. **Holly Mitchell** are in a run-off for Ridley-Thomas' seat on the Board of Supervisors after receiving 30 and 29 percent of the vote respectively. Supervisors **Janice Hahn** and **Kathryn Barger** were re-elected, getting 76 and 59 percent of the ballots respectively.



Wicker

## COURTS:

An administrative law judge recommended to the state medical board that Dr. **Guillermo Andres Cortes** lose his medical license for sexually assaulting a fellow doctor while he was working at LAC+USC Medical Center in 2015.



# Inside LA County

by Judy Hammond  
Newsletter Editor

Closed parks, golf courses, trails, beaches, libraries, senior centers, public buildings. Canceled events. Early release of prisoners. Daily press conferences. Working from home. All part of the new normal in Los Angeles County due to the coronavirus pandemic.

The County Health Agency is no more. It has been replaced by the Alliance for Health Integration. The mission is the same: coordinate the services across the Departments of Public Health, Mental Health and Health Services to foster stronger integration of care and programming. But instead of the directors of the three departments answering to the head of the Health Agency, who was hired by the Board of Supervisors, under the new structure the chief operating officer (COO) of the Alliance is hired by the department heads and reports to them. The directors of the three departments make up the Alliance governing board and will annually rotate the chair responsibilities, which will include facilitating Alliance meetings, ensuring timely response and follow-up on action items, serving as primary department director point of contact, and providing primary day-to-day support for the COO. The Health Agency was created in 2015 at the urging of then-Health Services Director Dr. Mitchell Katz, who became its first director (while continuing to head DHS) until he relocated to New York in 2018. Fred Leaf, who became interim director after Katz departed, recently retired. The three health departments represent one-third of the County's workforce and over one-third of the total County budget.

The MTA is moving forward with plans to extend the Gold Line to Whittier, connecting the eastern part of the County to downtown L.A., with hopes of completing the project before the 2028 Olympics.

Supervisors aren't happy with the focus of the 30-year-old Los Angeles Homeless Service Authority, asking that its structure be reviewed to include all the County's 88 cities in addressing homelessness.

The County has ended so-called "pile-on" administrative fees imposed on justice system fines, noting they can add up to thousands of dollars for a single conviction, unfairly burdening people, without helping the County as the revenue has gone to collection and enforcement costs. Of the average \$121 million assessed each year, only about \$4.5 million was actually collected. Supervisors said ending the fees will allow struggling individuals to get back on their feet and readjust to society while better spending taxpayer money.

Critics were unsuccessful in persuading the County Museum of Art to abandon its \$750 million project to revamp the campus by replacing four buildings with a single-story exhibition hall straddling Wilshire Boulevard. Demolition of the buildings began April 6 and is expected to be completed in late summer.

Ex-Sheriff Lee Baca lost his bid to be released from a Texas prison because of the coronavirus pandemic. A federal judge acknowledged that Baca, 77, had an increased risk of catching the virus in prison, but said releasing him would not mitigate the threat to his health because there is no safe haven from the disease. The judge also denied Baca's request to have his conviction and sentence vacated. Baca's attorney, who said Baca was in the late stages of Alzheimer's disease, indicated he would immediately appeal the ruling. As of April, Baca had served two months of his three-year sentence.

The Board of Supervisors unanimously approved release of \$15 million to allow the Natural History Museum to begin its \$60 million renovation plan, which includes a new entrance, a new 400-seat theater and event space to replace the closed 1960 Jean Delacour Auditorium, a second café and outdoor gathering spaces. The project is the first step in a 10-year plan that includes a redesign of the La Brea Tar Pits and the museum there. No date has been set for construction to begin.

The Board of Supervisors replaced the sheriff as head of disaster preparedness and response, naming the chief executive officer to be in charge. The sheriff claimed the

action was retaliation and a power grab, but supervisors said the realignment was consistent with how many other counties in the state operate and was taken after the 2018 Woolsey fire showed more centralized coordination was needed in crisis response.

An independent, outside firm will analyze the County's voting operation after the new \$300 million highly touted system implemented in March resulted in equipment failure, inadequate staffing, confusion, and more than four hours wait for some voters. Supervisors said they want the problem fixed before the November election.

Supervisors approved Care First, Jails Last and created a new office to advance the initiative to make incarceration "a last resort" and treatment a first priority for the jails, filled with homeless, mentally ill and those with drug and alcohol addictions.

A tax measure on the March ballot to provide funding to the Fire Department failed to get the needed two-thirds vote, garnering only 52.59 percent.

District Attorney Jackie Lacey said her office had secured the dismissal of 66,000 marijuana convictions dating back to 1961, erasing felony records of 22,000 people and resulting in 15,000 having no criminal record.

A firm that removes organs, bone, skin and other tissues from bodies in the county morgue before autopsies are done will now take photos of the bodies to preserve evidence after some medical examiners complained they sometimes could not determine the causes of death.

After years of negotiations failed, the County filed a lawsuit to force the Sanitation Districts of Los Angeles County to fulfill a decades-old obligation to fund a regional park in Hacienda Heights on the Puente Hills site that was once the nation's largest landfill.

The "blue economy" or "ocean economy" is now an official economic sector tracked in the County. A new report compiled at the Port of Los Angeles showed 117,000 workers are directly employed in the region's ocean economy in the County, with an additional 82,500 jobs sustained by the industry.

Supervisors instructed the County real estate division to look into acquiring Little Sisters of the Poor, which is seeking a new operator, in San Pedro to continue providing a home to low-income seniors.

How quickly we forget... Supervisor Janice Hahn's blog twice misspelled former Supervisor Pete Schabarum's name when announcing plans to construct a space for dogs to play off-leash at "Schbaurum" Park, with separate areas for large and small dogs and drinking fountains for humans and canines.

Supervisors awarded a \$2.4 million contract to begin a \$4 million renovation of the 51-year-old Norwalk regional library. Construction is expected to be completed by December, unless delays are caused by the coronavirus.

# IN MEMORIAM

*This list includes retired employees, both RELAC members and non-members.*

**Agricultural Comm./Wgts & Meas.** – Fedrick R. Cunningham, Emil A. Zolfeghri

**Ambulatory Care Network** – Esther G. Suarez

**Assessor** - Eileen C. Neri, Allan Solk, Frances A. Stiglich, Donald E. Woods

**Auditor - Controller** - Herbert T. Amano, Mark H. Bloodgood, Barbara Harshaw

**Beaches & Harbors** – Anderson L. Marshall Jr.

**Board of Supervisors** – Norwin P. Estepa, Christian James Mapa

**California Children's Services** - Maria Gastelum

**Chief Administrative Office** – Charles E. Leonard

**Chief Information Office** – Joe L. Arellano

**Child Support Services** - Charlotte A. Evans, Alejandro N. Resurreccion Jr., Natividad I. Santos

**Children & Family Services** - Helen J. Bryant, Tony Burescia, Luis Covarrubias, Tania Galoosian, Jessie K. Gould, Kathy E. Helgeson, Carmen Lucille Mason, James C. Moran, Lydia L. Ramirez-Sarratt, Beverly S. Sloane, Darrell R. Spitzer, Ayfen Tsao, Joseph F. Villagran, Ruth Vorbach

**Correctional Health** - Elisea L. Mahoney

**County Counsel** – Eugene S. Dayton

**District Attorney** - Joann Glidden, Robert F. Kuhnert, Ophelia Macias, John E. Naccarato, Robert N. Sweet

**Engineer Facility** - Robert J. Alexander, Haig Kechejian

**Flood Control District** - Patrick H. Emery, Alfred Muhlethaler, James G. Sears, Wm. H. Walder

**Fire** - Gregory K. Barton, Arthur B. Contessotto, Constante Del Castillo, Charles L. Hambleton, Howard B. Hastings, Ronald L. King, Kurt Lindebaum, Barton Joe McPherson, Charles G. Millard, Samuel C. Neubauer, Charles T. Orr Jr., John T. Pender, Charles G. Potter, Luke S. Salerno, Stephen S. Troeger, Walter W. Walker Jr.

**Forestry/ Fire Warden** - Howard B. Hastings, Charles G. Millard

**Harbor/UCLA Medical Center** - Paz G. Arevalo, Dante Boone, Wanda D. Bright, Estelita L. De Leos, Lucille Griffin, Irene Johnson, Juanita Kelly, Megumi T. Quesada

**Health Plan Administration** - Dorothy J. Rupkey, Helen M. Walker

**Health Services Administration** - Sadonya Antebi, Barbara Natalie Cota, Ida Garrett, Zack H. Haddad, Alicia M. King, Prinzola Mitchell, Lee Ethel Pickett, Barbara Jean Player, Lily. Y. Tommita, Gertrudes C. Verzos

**Internal Services** - Imogene E. Ansley, Allana L. Cook, Delores E. Evans, Leo Grim, James E. Hall, Clifford Hamilton Jr., George D. Harrison, Ruby V. Hill Walker, Alicia A. Jones, Dennis P. Keene, Albert W. Kim, Bruce L. McGinnis

**Juvenile Court Health Services** - Patricia A. Glenn

**King-Drew Medical Center** – La V. Bayliss-Allen, Ladeth T. Espiritu, Veronica J. Fortaleza, Lorena Franklin, Julius I. Fuller, Mary Herman, Luvenia M. Lusk, Janice L. Mitchell, Emma South, Julia B. Wilkins, John A. Williams, Benita L. Wright

**LAC+USC Medical Center** – Sawai Angsumalikul, Ruth Apollo, Mittie J. Arthur, Stephanie E. Blair, Mary Evelyn Brown, Hernan Cortez, Beatrice Gatzek, Donald R. Gill, Jimmy J. Gomez, Josephine Harris-Tharp, Gertie M. Hollie, Margaret O. Hurst, Matthew J. La Van, Claudia Lares, Joanne M. Le Compte, Lorenzo J. Lewis, Esther Martus, Michael A. Medici, Carmen Meza, June Nakatani, Irene Oliver, Yolanda Rengifo, Ramona Santistevan, Sara R. Sepulveda, Dorothy Nell Thomas, Angelina C. Trinidad, Arthur Y. Uyesato

**LACERA** - Jane Chan-Yu, Rachel Colon

**Medical Examiner-Coroner** – William E. Sherry, Doyle G. Tolbert

**Mental Health** - Margaret C. Molina, Joseph S. Troyan

**Museum of Art** - George P. Jones

**Olive View/UCLA Medical Center** - Philip A. Balch, Daniel Joseph Rossi, Maria A. Sanchez

**Parks and Recreation** - George Aceves, Margaret Bennett, Roy T. Ito, Lonnie Mason, Restie Noriega, Charles H. Wright

**Probation** - Charlie Baker Jr., Nathaniel Bowie, Howard E. Brooks, Leslie L. Carroll, Kevin L. Clark, Eduardo P. Cordero, Robert J. Disimone, Bryant Fannin, Harold A. Garrison Jr., Nathaniel Jackson, John A. Jasinski, Paigr Johnson, Angela C. Lyles, Adrienne D. Miller, Sharon Anne Outzen, Tyrone L. Perry, John W. Randall, Edward E. Reid, Margaret M. Stiffler, Joyce Thomas, Virgil A. Vasquez

**Public Health Program** - Alpha W. Bodden, Thelma Egnozzi, Sibyl E. Howard, Han Pae Kim, Chizuye Koki, William Logan, Teresa H. Pena, Levy M. Robinson, Stephanie C. Taylor, Evarista Tenchavez

**Public Library** - Payton Hamilton, Geneva M. Stoneham, Teresa T. Tarling

**Public Social Services** - Richard Alvarez, Mariam Ambartsumyan, Robert J. Anderson, Marjorie Berlin, Arlene Bonner, Georgia M. Brame, Eliza Calhoun, Jesse L. Carrington, Ngar M. Chan, Annie M. Chatman, Angelita P. Contreras, Angela Delgado, Marcia L. Doss, Doris Edwards, Glenadene Evans, Bennie J. Franklin, Maria Rosario A. Fujii, Bertha A. Higgins, Ruby Louise Howard, Charles R. Medlin Jr., Aida Montesinos, Rosalind Y. Murphy, Frances Navarro-Ross, Alexander Nguyen, Mauricio J. Perez, Jacqueline Oh, Thomas W. Pierce, Deborah Polee, Bernice Powell, Harry T. Postovoit, Susan L. Powell, Elvis Price, Ana M. Rafter, Gloria A. Rodriguez, Emalean Rowland, Felix J. Rusnak, Manuel J. Schonborn, Christopher D. Seals, Sidney L. Shirley, Margaret J. Smith, Verna L. Spears, Esther R. Sylvester, Leila M. Tavera, Cynthia L. Trojahn, Gahyle R. Unan, Ernest Wilson

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**Rancho Los Amigos Hospital** - Ana L. Castro, Phyllis A. Clarke, Lawrence F. Crawford, Rosie Hernandez, Belva Irene Miller, Doris Ervin Parran, Domitela Ross, Beverly Verdugo, Carmine P. Yadanza

**Reg-Recorder/County Clerk** - Margaret Guerra, Victor S. Nava

**Regional Planning** - Warner Kennedy

**Sheriff** - Floyd G. Autry, John Bartoline, Mary M. Berke, Emma M. Best, Martha H. Bravo, Russell Lewis Brown, Michael J. Dever, Thomas A. Dumas, John M. Duster, Richard R. Dyer, Diane M. Ecklund, Sandra L. Engelbart, Onne J. Garcia, Kathleen Mary Gillum, Michael R. Halloran, Hiroshi Isago, Reynold R. Itow, Ruby A. Kinkle, John H. Kocsis, Charles T. Lane, Gary G. Moore, Donald Neureither, Catharine K. Oshita, Paul G. Petredis, Matthew Seier, Katherine R. Vukovich, Donna J. West, Terrance K. Wiese, Laurie A. Wilson

**So. Cal. Air Pollution Control** - Robert G. Lunche

**South Bay Municipal Court** - Adrian V. Robinson

**Superior Court Human Resources** - Mary-Lou Weiland

**Superior Court/County Clerk** - Magdalena Booth, Sam Bublick, Catherine Carper, Justina R. Del Rosario, Santos Espinoza, Melanie A. Funches, Lewis C. Hays, Elaine B. Leili, Stephen Lowry, Herbert May, Lucy Morga, Julio C. Piedra, Cathy M. Randle Jones, Norma L. Smith

**Treasurer/ Tax Collector** - Melencio P. Alipio

**Women's Hospital** - Linnie T. Brooks

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## Events Cancelled

(Due to Coronavirus Pandemic)

### **Golf Tournament,**

La Mirada Golf Course, April 12

### **Regional Luncheon,**

Lancaster, April 14

### **General Membership Meeting,**

Torrance, June 3

### **Dodger Night,**

Dodger Stadium, July 17

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