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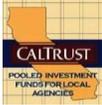
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City Managers with Oakland in Their Service History

Founded in the 19th century, Oakland grew rapidly and reached a population of 384,575 in 1950. The 2010 census puts today's Oakland population at 390,724. In the early years Oakland became a heavy industry town with some civic boosters dubbing it the "Detroit of the West." **Richard A. Walker** of the University of California, Berkeley, Geography Department, wrote an unpublished paper of interest entitled: "Oakland: Dark Star in an Expanding Universe." It provides interesting reading and can be found on-line. In 1931, **Joseph R. Knowland**, owner of the Oakland Tribune and a 6-terms Congressman, helped push through a Charter reform establishing the City Manager form of government. In 1933, **John F. Hassler**, a banker, was appointed the first City Manager, and served in that post for the next 20-some-years.



La Mirada Assistant to the City Manager/City Clerk **Anne Haraksin** and Diamond Bar City Manager **James DeStefano** pose together following the April 28th meeting of the City Managers'/Administrators' Committee of the California Contract Cities Association in Monterey Park. Anne is a Diamond Bar city staff alumnus. Committee Chair **Mark R. Alexander**, La Cañada Flintridge City Manager presided at the meeting, and Calabasas City Manager **Tony Corrales** was elected to serve as Chair for the coming year.

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In 1943 Oakland had 44 canneries. Oakland became a center for metal-working, machinery and vehicles. Caterpillar (originally Henry Holt) tractor, Judson steel, Jacuzzi pumps, Hall-Scott motors, Jensen creamery machinery and Marchand calculator were among the "home-grown" Oakland companies. Some of the biggest names in American industry joined them by building Oakland facilities, including: Westinghouse, General Motors, Victor and others.

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Once again our primary research tool is the Who's Who Directory of ICMA. Some of the listings are meager and incomplete, and some managers are not listed at all. We do the best we can with the information at hand and our natural time constraints. We understand that we will miss some folks, and we apologize up front. We hope you enjoy this listing of California City Managers who have the City of Oakland in their work history.

P. Lamont Ewell has returned to Oakland as the city's Interim City Manager. The ICMA Who's Who lists his first position as Acting City Manager in Oakland in 1997. He actually had been the Oakland Fire Chief for about four-years starting in 1991 before serving as interim and Acting City Manager from 1995 to 1997. That year (1997), Lamont moved east to serve as the City Manager in Durham, North Carolina. In 2001 he returned to California to take the San Diego Assistant City Manager post, and he was elevated to City Manager in 2004. Lamont moved northerly to be Santa Monica City Manager in 2006. He left Santa Monica in 2009, served as the Interim Chief Administrative Officer in Culver City for 90-days in 2010, and was appointed to his current assignment this year. He has a BS from the University of Phoenix and an MA from the University of Maryland.

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In 1972 **Michael Garvey** took an Administrative Analyst position in the City of Oakland. Mike worked there for about four years, and then in 1976 moved east to become a Community Service Specialist for the State of Wisconsin. Mike returned to the Pacific Coast in 1977 when he was appointed Assistant County Manager in Mendocino County. In 1983 Mike was appointed City Administrator in San Anselmo, where he worked for about four-years before he began his 18-year tenure as the San Carlos City Manager. Mike resigned from his San Carlos post in 2005 to work on innovative and creative programs in the local government arena. He currently serves as a Senior Advisor for ICMA. Mike has a BS from Loyola University and an MPA from California State University. In 2003 Mike was presented a 30-year ICMA Service Award. Mike was the President of the City Managers' Department of the League of California Cities in 1995-1996. He is a past participant in the ICMA Exchange Program to the United Kingdom. Mike is currently on the ICMA International Committee; a participant with the Legacy Leaders, and ICMA Knowledge Network Leaders. In November, 2003 Mike was diagnosed with Lymphoma and underwent 6 months of chemotherapy and radiation treatment, and was pronounced "cured" in May, 2004. Mike is a recipient of the Bay Area Chapter of ASPA's "Outstanding Administrator of the Year" Award.



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It was 1974 when **Dr. Roger L. Kemp** began his public service career in various technical position with the City of Oakland. In 1978 he was appointed Assistant to the City Manager in Oakland. Roger left

Oakland in 1979 when he was selected to serve as the City Manager in Seaside. In 1983 Roger moved to Southern California to take the Placentia City Administrator post, and he worked there until 1987 when he moved east to become the City Manager in Clifton, New Jersey. In 1993 Roger was appointed to the City Manager position in Meriden, Connecticut. After a dozen years in Meriden, Roger returned to California in 2005 to serve briefly as the City Manager in Vallejo. He returned to Connecticut in 2006 to take the Town Manager post in Berlin, Connecticut. Roger was a Fellow at the Academy of Political Science in New York starting in 2008, and beginning in 2009 Roger has been serving as President of Kemp Consulting in Connecticut. Roger earned a BS and MPA from San Diego State University, and a PhD and an MBA from Golden Gate University. Roger participated in the ICMA Exchange Program to Australia. He was the President of the Connecticut Town and City Management Association in 2002-2003 after working his way through the Executive Board Chairs. Roger continues to serve on the ICMA Governmental Affairs & Policy Committee and he is a Legacy Leader. Roger was the recipient of a 30-year ICMA Service Award in 2004. He has taught graduate seminars in the evening during his city management career in many schools, including: California State University, Fullerton; California State University, Long Beach; Golden Gate University; and the University of California, Irvine.

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Signs of the time: April, 2011

In 1968 **Jack Lam** went to work for Alameda County as a Planning Aide to start his public service career. Following graduation from the University of California, Berkeley in 1970, Jack took a Housing Intern position with the Oakland RDA in early 1971. Later that year he was hired back by Alameda County as a Planning Aide, and after a short stay there he was appointed Associate Planner in El Cerrito. In 1975 Jack took a similar post with Antioch, and in 1976 he was selected to be the Director of Community Development in Lompoc. In 1978 Jack joined then-City Manager **Lauren M. Wasserman's** Rancho Cucamonga staff as Deputy Executive Director of Community Development. He was elevated to Assistant City Manager in 1988 and in March, 1989 he became the Rancho Cucamonga City Manager, his current assignment. Jack earned a BA from the University of California, Berkeley and an MA from San Francisco State University. He received a 35-year ICMA Service award in 2006.



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Atascadero Assistant City Manager **Jim Lewis**, retired City Manager **Ed Wohlenberg**, and Atascadero City Manager **Wade McKinney**, the current President of CCMF, met during the annual meeting of the City Managers' Department of the League of California Cities to discuss plans for the CCMF Facebook page.

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In 1963 **Paul S. Ogden** began his public service career as a Right-of-Way Agent for the California Highway Department at the age of 24. In 1966 Paul joined the Oakland staff as a Real Estate Officer, and in 1973 he moved to Salinas as a Property Manager. In 1976 Paul was promoted to Senior Management Assistant in Salinas where he worked for about a half dozen years before being appointed to the Hollister City Manager position in 1982. After about 5-years in Hollister Paul returned to Salinas and spent the next 8-years as Assistant Development Director. In 1996 he was selected for the Auburn City Manager position, and he served in that post until 2003. He earned a BA at San Jose State University and an MPA from California State University, Hayward. In 1999 he was presented with a 35-year ICMA Service Award. Paul now 70 is the President of the Auburn Placer Performing Arts Center.

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Business Manager **John K. Sessions** of Fremont, where **Fred Diaz** is City Manager, began his public service career in 1991 as a Staff Analyst II with the League of California Cities. In 1995 Kelly was selected to be the Assistant to the City Manager in Clayton, and in 1998 he moved to the Assistant to the City Manager/Deputy City Clerk in the Town of Colma. In 2000 he became a Budget and Operations Analyst in Oakland, and was promoted to Principal Financial Analyst later that year. In 2002 Kelly was appointed to the Oakland Administrative Services Manager position. In 2004 he joined the Fremont staff in a Business Manager position. Kelly has a BA and MPA from Brigham Young University.

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Saxophonist **John Goss**, a veteran public manager, has been appointed Interim City Administrator in Carmel-by-the-Sea replacing the retiring **Richard Guillen**. John started his public service career in 1962 as an Administrative Intern in Phoenix, Arizona. In 1963 he joined the San Diego city staff as an Assistant Administrative Analyst, and in 1964 John moved north to be the Assistant to the City Manager in Fremont. John took the Assistant City Manager post in Alameda in 1967, and he was appointed Alameda City Manager in 1973. In 1980 John joined the Oakland city staff as the Director of General Services, and he served there until 1983 when he returned to Southern California to accept the appointment as Chula Vista City Manager. After John left Chula Vista in 1998 in a retirement mode, he returned to public service as the Interim Director of Planning/Assistant County Manager in San Bernardino County. John left the county service in 2004 and joined an executive recruitment and management consulting firm. He has a BA from California State University, Fresno and an MPA from **USC**. In 2004 John received a rare 40-year ICMA Service Award. He served as President of the City Managers' Department of the League of California Cities during 1993-1994. John was the 1991 recipient of the ICMA Mark E. Keane Award. He is still famous for his college band: "John Gauze and His Band Aids."



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Detroit Public Schools Emergency Financial Manager **Robert C. Bobb** joined the Kalamazoo, Michigan city staff as the Assistant Utilities Director in 1972 following about four years in the private sector. He became the Kalamazoo Assistant City Manager in 1974 and in 1976 he was appointed City Manager. In 1984 Robert came west to California to accept appointment as Santa Ana City Manager, and two years later he move back east to serve as the Richmond, Virginia City Manager where he served for about 11-years. Robert returned to California in 1997 to be the Oakland City Manager and Executive Director of the Oakland Redevelopment Agency. In 2003 he was appointed City Administrator in the District of Columbia (Washington, D.C.), and in 2009 he started his current assignment in Detroit. Robert has a BA from Grambling State University and an MBA from Western Michigan University. He also completed the certificate program for Senior Executives in State and Local Governments from Harvard University's John F. Kennedy School of Government, where he served as a member of the Executive Alumni Council. He served as the President of the National Forum for Black Public Administrators between 2001 and 2003. In 2002 he received an ICMA 30-year Service Award. He was ICMA's 2001 recipient of the In-Service Training Award in Memory of Clarence E. Ridley. He received the ICMA L.P. Cookingham Award for Career Development in 2001, and in 1991 he was honored with the William H. Hansell, Sr. Award issued by ICMA. In September, 1993, City & State Magazine named **Robert Bobb** as the "Most Valuable Public Official" among professional managers in the United States' local governments.



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University of the Pacific alumnus **Jerome Keithley** served as the President of the City Managers' Department of the League of California Cities in 1969-1970, while he was the Oakland City Manager. Jerome is a LIFE member of ICMA, and served as the West Coast Regional Vice President on the ICMA Executive Board in 1973-1975. The first position listed in the ICMA Who's Who Directory for Jerome is Assistant City Manager in Stockton in 1948. He was appointed Stockton City Manager in April, 1949. In June, 1950 he move to Palo Alto as City Manager and served there for nearly 16-years. In January, 1966 Jerome was appointed Oakland City Manager and he served there for a half-dozen years before moving to Southern California as the Glendale City Manager in 1972. He retired in June, 1978. He earned a BA from the University of the Pacific in Stockton. His last listed address is in Scottsdale, Arizona.



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John A. Flores worked 30-years in municipal government before retiring at age 60 in 2006. The first job listed for John in the ICMA Who's Who Directory is Assistant to the City Manager in Oakland in September, 1976. In 1988 he was promoted to the Oakland Deputy City Manager post, but left the city that year to join the Emeryville staff as the City Manager. John served as the Emeryville City Manager until his retirement; some 18-years. He has a BA from San Jose State University and an MPA from Golden Coast University. John is currently listed as a Founding Supporter of the "Let's Go Oakland: Keep the A's." In January it was announced by Oakland officials that John has volunteered to serve as an adviser to the City Administrator's office responsible for Oakland's budget and economic Development.



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Alameda's new City Manager **John Russo** comes to the position from being the elected City Attorney in Oakland. John is a Brooklyn, New York native. He served as a Legal Aid attorney in St. Louis, Missouri prior to moving to Oakland in 1987. John was elected to the Oakland City Council in 1994 where he served for six-years before being elected the first Oakland elected City Attorney in 2000. The League of California Cities honored John with the "Champion of Local Democracy Award" in 2004. In 2005 John was voted a Northern California Super Lawyer by his peers and the independent research of the *Law & Politics Magazine*. John served as the President of the League of California Cities during the period 2002-2003. John graduated with a BA from Yale University and earned his law degree from New York University School of Law. He takes over in Alameda from Interim City Manager **Lisa Goldman**, who also sits on the Alameda Public Utilities Board.

Cal-ICMA California Consortium A State Affiliate of ICMA

Cal-ICMA Senior Manager/Encore Manager Committee is hosting two important sessions for active managers who are considering retirement as well as "encore" managers who have already begun their next life phase. All are invited to attend a Senior Manager/Encore Manager Support Network Meeting and Wine and Cheese Gathering on **Friday, May 20**. Northern California's meeting will be at the **Livermore Library**. Southern California's event will be at the **Costa Mesa Community Recreation Center**.

The meetings will be 3 to 5 p.m. followed by the networking opportunity. The purpose of these two informal gatherings is to learn from each other, network and support colleagues as we all explore "encore" options.

The events are hosted by the Cal-ICMA Senior Manager/Encore Manager Committee as part of a series of support network meetings in both the north and the south. For meeting details and agenda for the **Livermore** session and to RSVP for the event, please contact

Frank Benest at frank@frankbenest.com.

For information on the **Costa Mesa** session and to RSVP, please contact **Rod Wood** at rjwood@rjwoodassociates.com.

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Marianna Marysheva-Martinez, 34, is the new Interim Town Manager in Mammoth Lakes. Marianna served as the Oakland Budget Director between 2000 and 2005. She next moved to Southern California where she served as Assistant City Manager in Lynwood. Marianna moved back to Oakland in 2008 to take the Assistant City Administrator post during then-Mayor Ron Dellums tenure. She is married to Redlands City Manager **Nabar Enrique Martinez**.



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John Francis Hassler, Oakland's first City Manager, was born on October 14, 1886 and died August 19, 1954 in Alameda. He served as Oakland City Manager from 1933 to 1954. Prior to his appointment John worked in the banking industry.

Many names of municipal managers and administrators were discovered during our research; many who are not listed in the ICMA Who's Who Directory. Former Interim City Administrator **Dan Lindheim**, who was previously a budget aide; **Deborah Edgerley**; **Cheryl Thompson**; **Gregory Hunter**; **Samee Roberts**, a marketing manager; **Ezra Rapport**, Chief Policy Analyst and Deputy City Manager; **Elizabeth Watson**; **Shirley Stubblefield**; **Sandra Nathan**, a former Director of Aging, Health and Human Services; **Wayne Thompson**; **Audree V. Jones-Taylor**; **William Noland**; and many more. A "Tip of the Cap" to all Oakland staff members and alumni.



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Picking Up the Pieces: Heartfelt condolences to retired City Manager and California JPIA Executive Director **Bill Holt** and the entire Holt Family on the passing of **Sandra Louise Holt**. Sandie's long and courageous battle with cancer ended on April 30, 2011. La Cañada Flintridge City Manager **Mark Alexander** has requested help from the Department of Fish and Game regarding bear sightings in his city. A California Black reportedly ate 4-chickens in a La Cañada Flintridge backyard. Santa Clarita Public Information Officer **Gail Ortiz** is the 2011 recipient of the prestigious Paul B. Clark award presented by the California Association of Public Information Officials (CAPIO). Santa Clarita City Manager **Ken Pulskamp** credits Gail with contributing to many of the City's award winning successes. Glendora Deputy City Manager **Brenda Fischer** is the new City Manager in Maricopa, Arizona. She will be taking over from Interim City Manager **Vanessa Bueras**. Brenda signed a three-year employment agreement that extends until May, 1, 2014. Rancho Cucamonga Assistant City Manager **John Gillison**, a former City Manager in Sierra Madre, earned a Juris Doctorate from Western State University College of Law, and he is a Licensed California Attorney. Former Fremont Community Development Director **Jill Keimach** is the Town Manager in Moraga. Prior to Fremont Jill served in El Cerrito and with BART, ABAG and Wilmette, Illinois. The legislation to disincorporate the City of Vernon, a Charter City, passed the Assembly on a 60 to 7 vote. The author, Assembly Speaker **John Perez**, promised amendments preserving the City's utility rates and zoning; a little local government by the State. The author's efforts are aimed at addressing what he describes as "a pattern of unprecedented corruption" in Vernon. Kathy Kivley, 62, currently the Assistant City Manager in Delano, is the new City Manager in Atwater succeeding the retired City Manager **Greg Wellman**. Assistant City Manager **Stan Feathers** has been serving as Interim City Manager in Atwater. New Bishop City Administrator **James M. Southworth** previously was City Administrator in Monroe, Washington. Described as "a hundred miles from anywhere," Blythe's 21,000 people live across the

Colorado River from Arizona. Blythe City Manager is **David Lane**. Though hundreds of new homes are approved along with a Wal-Mart Supercenter, the building boom went bust. Blythe is looking to alternative energy for a brighter future. Work began last fall west of Blythe on what will be the largest solar energy project in the world. **Debbie Kurita** is a San Jose Sharks fan. Isleton City Manager **Bruce Pope** describes the Grand Jury's probe of a medical marijuana farm in the city this way: "My idea is that we should all dress up as witches and go testify, because that's what this is." Sacramento Interim City Manager **Gus Vina** has been selected to serve as the new Encinitas City Manager. Gus has served as Sacramento Assistant City Manager, Finance Director and Budget Manager. He is to start his new job in July. Effective June 20, 2011 **David Brennan**, a former Sebastopol City Manager, will succeed veteran City Manager **Gene Albaugh** of Nevada City upon his retirement. David previously served in Nevada County as Assistant County Administrator and then County Administrator (1993-1999). Prior to that he was the Assistant City Manager in Brentwood. Most recently David served as a Program Manager for the Sonoma County Regional Climate Protection Authority. With some feeling that Menlo Park Assistant City Manager **Starla Jerome-Robinson** should be elevated behind the July retirement of City Manager **Glen Rojas**, on a 3-2 vote the Council decided to retain an executive recruiter. **Bruce Ambo** has been selected as the new Deputy City Manager/Community Development Director in Scotts Valley where **Steve Ando** is City Manager. Scotts Valley Interim Community Development Director **Susan Westman** has retired. Former Livingston City Manager **Richard Warne**, 58, is the new City Manager in Twentynine Palms. **John Tooker** was Interim City Manager during the recruitment. Richard is a former Army Captain. "Cowboys and Chocolate:" The **19th Annual Chocolate Festival**, May 21 and 22, 2011 is in Oakdale. The Festival's main activities are located at the junction of Highways 120 and 108, surrounding Wood Park. This is the setting for a 5K & One Mile Fun Run, a Classic Car Show, and many other activities. Dixon City Manager **Nancy Huston** has accepted the Solano County Assistant County Administrator post. She has been Dixon City Manager since June, 2008.



Old pictures: **Jack Simpson** on Clear Lake; the late-**John W. Simpson** and his son Jack; and **Susan Simpson**.



Four of **Jack Simpson's** daughters are pictured here visiting during his long visit to the wonderful care of the Long Beach Memorial Medical Center.

(L to R): **Casey Simpson, Jacki "Cookie" Beebe, Samantha Simpson** and **Kellee Hearther**.

More Pieces Picked Up: Former Stockton City Manager **Mark Lewis** is the new City Administrator in Chowchilla. Riverbank has extend the employment agreement of Interim City Manager **Pam Carder**, 61, for an additional 90 days. Pam was retained for 30 days following action to place longtime City Manager **Rich Holmer**, 64, on paid administrative leave. Pam is a former Lathrop City Manager. Former Millbrae City Manager **Ralph Jaeck** appeared before the Council and explained the correct calculations determining his salary for retirement purposes and his pay-out. Ralph contends that the City owes him money but is not looking to pursue it. Retired veteran Salinas City Manager **Dave Mora** has retired as the ICMA West Coast Director. Effective May 2, recently retired Mountain View City Manager **Kevin Duggan** took over as ICMA West Coast Director. A "Tip of the Cap" to Stockton resident **Gregory Basso** for creating a very well-done video calling Forbes magazine's characterization of Stockton as "the most miserable city in America" dead wrong. A "Stockton is Magnificent" party was held on the Miracle Mile and pictures of the event are being sent to Forbes publisher **Steve Forbes**. **The Dipsea Race** is the oldest trail race in the America, first run in 1905. It is run every year on the second Sunday in June on a 7.4 mile course from Mill Valley to Stinson Beach. It is considered by many to be the most beautiful courses in the world. The stairs and steep trail make it a grueling and treacherous race. <http://www.dipsea.org/> Since Davis City Manager **Bill Emlen** left office, **Paul Navazio** has served as Interim City Manager. The City Council is considering how to proceed with a City Manager recruitment. Oakdale has fired City Manager **Steven L. Hallam**, 56. Steve went to Oakdale in 2001 from Turlock to be the City's Community Development Director. He became Oakdale City Manager in 2006.

According to Hercules Interim City Manager **Fred Delforchio**, Safeway has demonstrated interest in the 14-acre site at Sycamore and San Pablo Avenues. Oakland City Attorney **John Russo**, select to be the next Alameda City Manager is an avid Oakland "A's" fan. Martinez Assistant City Manager **Alan Shear** has a BA and an MPA from California State University, Long Beach. To start his career, Alan worked for the League of California Cities Los Angeles County Division for about a year, and then worked a couple years in the League's Sacramento office. Deputy Chief **Mark Hartwig**, 47, of the Rancho Cucamonga Fire Protection District has been tagged to serve as the Fire Chief of the San Bernardino County Fire Department.

CCCA City Managers Committee Meeting

La Cañada Flintridge City Manager **Mark Alexander** closed out his term as Committee Chair at the April 28 "contract cities" City Managers/Administrators Committee meeting. The main topic of discussion was participation in LA-RICS: Los Angeles Regional Interoperable Communications System. The process is underway to develop an integrated wireless voice and data communications system that will support more than 34,000 first responders and local mission-critical personnel within the 88-city region. Los Angeles County Chief Executive Officer **William T. Fujioka** is the Chair of the LA-RICS Joint Powers Authority Board of Directors. Presenters at the meeting included: **Scott Poster**, LA-RICS Task Force Leader; **Michael Thayer**, management consultant; **Erick Lee**, the Records & Jail Manager for the Beverly Hills Police Department, who serves on the LA-RICS Finance Committee; and Torrance City Manager **LeRoy Jackson**. Among those attending the meeting were: Retired City Manager **Bob Dickey**; La Mirada Assistant to the City Manager/City Clerk **Anne Haraksin**; Santa Clarita City Manager **Ken Pulskamp**; Santa Clarita Assistant City Manager **Ken Striplin**; Artesia City Manager **Maria Dadian**, committee past-Chair; **Lisa Guerrero** of the League of California Cities; Duarte City Manager **Darrell George**, a past-committee Chair; Diamond Bar City Manager **Jim DeStefano**; Palmdale Director of Public Safety and Community Relations **Anne Ambrose**; and Torrance City Manager **LeRoy Jackson**. Others there included: **Natalie Salazar** of LASD; **Ryder Smith** of Tripepi Smith & Associates; **Jose Vera** of Stone & Youngberg; **Matt Knabe** of Englander, Knabe & Allen; Executive Director **Sam Olivito** & **Tony Olivito** of the CCCA staff, and **Jack A. Simpson** of Trackdown.



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