

Public Works

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Goodbye, Charlie

Charlie Mims retires as Chief Construction Inspector after 47 years of City service.

Friends, family and coworkers threw a retirement dinner and reception Feb. 7 for Charlie Mims, Chief Construction Inspector, Public Works/Contract Administration.

The event was held at the J.W. Marriott at L.A. Live.

Charlie began his career at the DWP as part of survey crew and then as construction inspector of the Second Los Angeles Aqueduct Program.

He went to school at UC Santa Cruz and then went to work at Public Works/Contract Administration in 1970. He was promoted from Construction Inspector to Chief Construction Inspector, and then headed the Valley's Wastewater, Environmental Projects and Metropolitan Construction Divisions for 29 years.

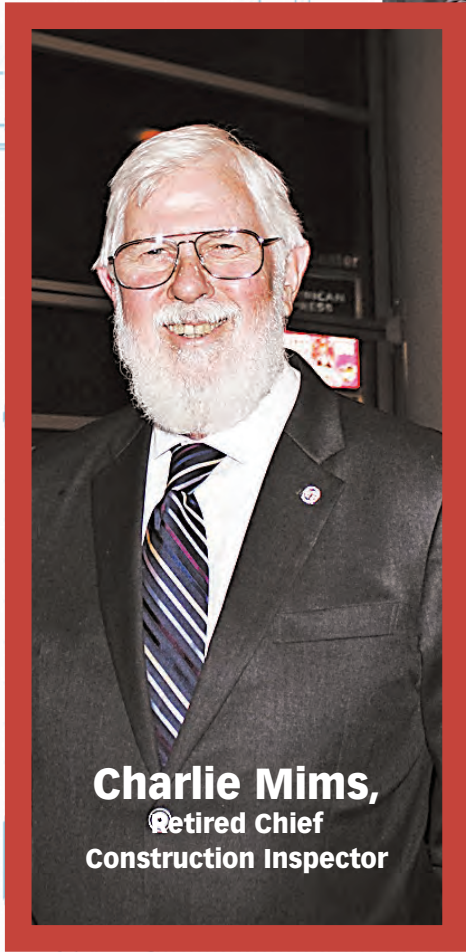
Charlie worked on various projects, including the rebuilding of the Hyperion Treatment Plant; the Echo Park Lake renovation projects in 1984 and 2012; the \$80 million Zoo construction program; and many others that have benefitted the people of Los Angeles.

He served as commissioner on Los Angeles City Employees Retirement Board from 1998 to 2003. He was a Commissioner on the Charter Reform Commission in 1998-99. He was elected president of American Construction Inspectors Association in 1990.

He served as president of the Greater Griffith Park Neighborhood Council, vice president of the Los Angeles City Historical Society, Chairman of the Franklin Hills Residents Association, and Chairman of the Federation of Hillside and Canyon Associations. He was awarded the prestigious Career Service Award in 2009 by Personnel.

He was the co-founder of the Los Angeles Professional Managers Association, and he serves on the executive board at SEIU Local 21.

Congratulations on a great career, Charlie, and the Club wishes you all the best in your retirement.



Charlie Mims,
Retired Chief
Construction Inspector



Los Angeles Public Library

Library's TOP 10

Here's what LA was reading, watching and listening to in February.

Lists are courtesy Los Angeles Public Library, Central library downtown and 72 branches combined.

Books loaned:

1. *The Burning Room*, Michael Connelly
2. *Gone Girl*, Gillian Flynn
3. *The Fault in Our Stars*, John Green
4. *Personal*, Lee Child
5. *The Maze Runner*, James Dashner
6. *Divergent*, Veronica Roth
7. *Yes Please*, Amy Poehler
8. *Fifty Shades of Grey*, E.L. James
9. *Private Vegas*, James Patterson
10. *Insurgent*, Veronica Roth

DVD's loaned

1. *Guardians of the Galaxy*
2. *Dawn of the Planet of the Apes*
3. *Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles*
4. *The Judge*
5. *Transformers: Age of Extinction*
6. *Maleficent*
7. *Sex Tape*
8. *22 Jump Street*
9. *Divergent*
10. *American Hustle*

Books downloaded

(e-books)

1. *Gone Girl*, Gillian Flynn
2. *All the Light We Cannot See*, Anthony Doerr
3. *Gone Girl*, Gillian Flynn (e-audiobook)
4. *The Girl on the Train*, Paula Hawkins
5. *The Goldfinch*, Donna Tartt
6. *Fifty Shades of Grey*, E.L. James
7. *Yes Please*, Amy Poehler
8. *The Burning Room*, Michael Connelly
9. *Unbroken*, Laura Hillenbrand
10. *The Husband's Secret*, Liane Moriarty

Download-and-Keep songs*

1. *Uptown Funk*, Mark Ronson featuring Bruno Mars
2. *Take Me to Church*, Hozier
3. *Elastic Heart*, Sia
4. *Heartbeat Song*, Kelly Clarkson
5. *Outside*, Calvin Harris featuring Ellie Goulding
6. *Time of Our Lives*, Pitbull & Ne-Yo
7. *Chandelier*, Sia
8. *Stuck on a Feeling*, Prince Royce featuring Snoop Dogg
9. *Stonemilker*, Björk
10. *Lips Are Movin'*, Meghan Trainor

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