

In this monthly feature, Club CEO John Hawkins and Member Services Manager Angel Gomez introduce you to people you see every day, but you might not know who they are. The Club reminds you that we all have names and stories to tell.

People We See

in downtown Los Angeles.

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Meet Mike McDowell.

HIS NEIGHBORHOOD:
Temple and Los Angeles Streets, a block north of City Hall.

AGE: 56

BIRTHPLACE:
Flint, Mich. "I moved to L.A. in 1990. I took the Greyhound. It cost me \$124 one way."

FAMILY:
One sister, no brothers.

EDUCATION:
Ameson High School, Mich.

IF YOU COULD WISH FOR ANYTHING, WHAT WOULD IT BE?
"Peace on earth."

FAVORITE TEAM:
Detroit Lions

RELIGION?
Christian

FAVORITE FOOD:
Rice

FAVORITE MOVIE:
Gone With the Wind

FAVORITE ACTOR:
Sean Connery

FAVORITE ACTRESS:
Kim Novak

FAVORITE TV SHOW:
Jeopardy

FAVORITE MUSIC:
Classical

FAVORITE CANDY:
Chocolate-covered peanuts

FAVORITE PLACE IN THE CITY:
City Hall area and Broadway

DATE WE MET MIKE:
Jan. 9, 2008

The Club gave Mike a \$25 Starbucks card and a blanket.



Who are the people you see every day?

Newsbriefs

NEW PERSONNEL CHIEF AT AIRPORTS:

On Jan. 17, Paula Adams was appointed Personnel Director of Airports, which owns and operates four Southern California airports: Los Angeles International (LAX), LA/Ontario International (ONT), LA/Palmdale Regional (PMD) and Van Nuys (VNY).

Adams is responsible for managing LAWA's Human Resources Division, which covers the key areas of Equal Employment Opportunities, Labor Relations and Records Management, Staffing and Compensation, Training and Benefits and, City Employment Opportunities. The division provides human resources services to more than 3,500 City employees at LAWA.

In announcing the appointment, LAWA Deputy Executive Director for Administration and Government Affairs, Samson Mengistu, said, "Paula Adams brings extensive experience in managing all aspects of personnel work, and she will be a great asset to LAWA, and play a key role as we move forward with improvements in Human Resources."

In taking on the position, Paula Adams said, "My goal is to create a truly empowered Human Resources Division, and I look forward to my role in facilitating the personal interaction among my staff and all of LAWA's employees."

Adams has held increasingly responsible administrative positions within three Los Angeles city departments – LAWA, DWP and General Services. Most recently she served as a utility administrator at DWP, where she conducted internal investigations.

From 2000 to 2007, Adams served in various positions within LAWA, including labor relations analyst and management analyst. She held dual roles in which she served as both LAWA's Labor Relations Manager and the Equal Employment Opportunity Manager.

She has studied in Sao Paulo, Brazil, and speaks fluent Portuguese. She holds a Bachelor of arts degree from the University of California, Santa Barbara; a Master's degree in public administration from California State University, Dominguez Hills; and a Certificate in corporate litigation from the University of California, Los Angeles Extension.

Adams is a Los Angeles resident and has two daughters.

SAVING WATER:

Citing the growing water shortage and pending drought, Councilwoman Janice Hahn has called on the City to implement a series of water saving and reuse programs.

"We are facing a serious water shortage in Southern California," she said. "It is our duty to make responsible changes and upgrades to ensure we are doing all we can to conserve and use water smartly."

Councilwoman Hahn has introduced three separate motions over the past several months. Two of the motions call for better use of recycled water for irrigation or industrial uses, not for drinking.

First, she has called on the DWP and Public Works/Sanitation to develop new requirements for all new developments, as well as significant remodels of multifamily properties, to utilize recycled water, or a "purple pipe" system for irrigation and industrial uses. The motion further instructs the DWP to create a master plan of how to utilize recycled water for existing customers throughout the City. In a separate motion, Councilwoman Hahn asked the DWP to look specifically at the possibility of using waste water from the Hyperion and Terminal Island treatment plants for industrial and irrigation purposes in the South Bay.

In a third motion, the Councilwoman requested that the DWP to work hand in hand with the Metropolitan Water District to develop a new rebate program to provide incentives to convert more customers to drought-friendly landscapes. The motion also asks the Department to create requirements for the use of drought tolerant plants in landscaping for all City projects of more than 50,000 square feet.

"We can no longer ignore this pending crisis facing the City," she said. "Yet, every day we are dumping about 230 million gallons of waste water into the ocean. It is time we seriously looked into how we can prepare for a drought."