



Department of the Month

Department of Building and Safety

Building and Safety Is Here to Keep You Safe

by Andrew A. Adelman, General Manager

Protecting the lives and safety of the residents and visitors to Los Angeles, preserving quality of life, and contributing to the City's economic development, is the mission of the Los Angeles City Department of Building and Safety (LADBS).

Our team of more than 850 employees is committed to quality customer service and helping our customers complete their projects safely, without delays.

Our 16 offices are conveniently located through out the City to serve the needs of our 300,000 annual walk-in customers. The operators in the Customer Call Center handle more than 750,000 phone calls annually. The engineers, inspectors, administrative and support staff all work together to make it possible for LADBS to issue more than



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140,000 permits annually with an estimated valuation of over \$3 billion. Almost 40,000 significant projects annually are reviewed and approved resulting in more than 630,000 inspections being performed on construction projects.

Preserving the quality of life in Los Angeles is one of the most important elements of our mission. To that end, our Code Enforcement Bureau responds to, completes, and closes more than 48,000 cases per year, bringing back into compliance more than 36,000 properties.

The City of Los Angeles has more than 1.2 million buildings on more than 750,000 parcels of land. The overwhelming majority of these buildings were built more than 50 years ago. This poses interesting challenges for LADBS and the City's lawmakers. These buildings are typically in a state of disrepair and can typically affect surrounding structures. LADBS uses creative enforcement techniques and very qualified staff to bring these buildings into compliance, increasing the quality of life in the surrounding community.

As the economy fluctuates, so does construction activity. This, coupled with changing construction trends and product use, keep LADBS employees on their toes. The Department's Materials Control Section and the LADBS Test Lab are on the cutting edge of

technology and construction trends. The Department Training staff keeps employees current with code changes and changes in construction and inspection techniques.

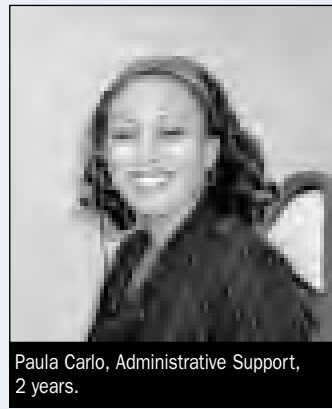
The employees of this department are a dedicated, hard-working team with a singleness of purpose: to serve the residents and businesses of Los Angeles. We are proud to be part of the greatest Building Department in the world, helping the residents and businesses of the greatest City in the world. 🏡



Shahan Akelyan, Structural Engineering Associate, 4 years.



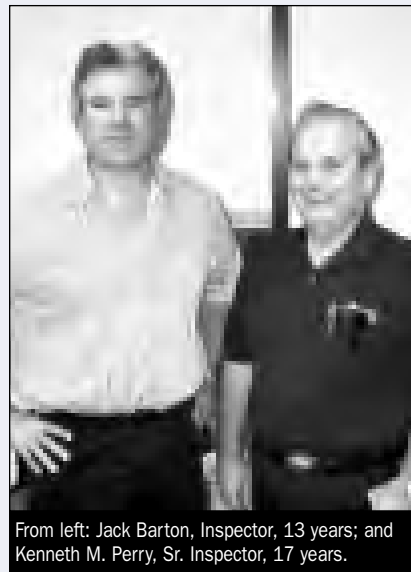
Richard L. Bird, Sr. Fire Sprinkler Inspector, 19.5 years.



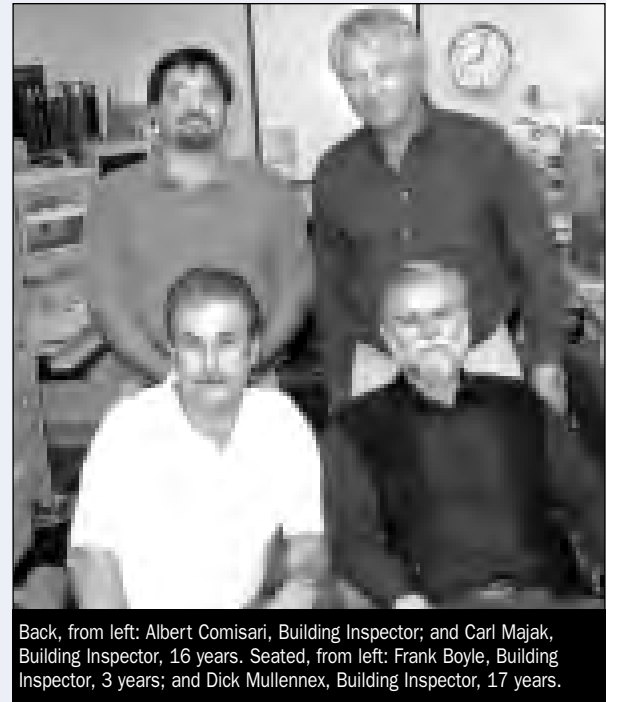
Paula Carlo, Administrative Support, 2 years.



Kimberly Garrett, Clerk Typist, 6 months.



From left: Jack Barton, Inspector, 13 years; and Kenneth M. Perry, Sr. Inspector, 17 years.



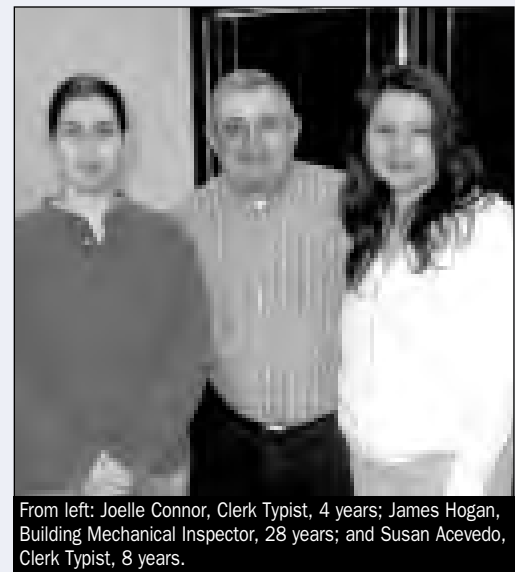
Back, from left: Albert Comisari, Building Inspector; and Carl Majak, Building Inspector, 16 years. Seated, from left: Frank Boyle, Building Inspector, 3 years; and Dick Mullennex, Building Inspector, 17 years.



From left: Jimmy Abreu, Building Mechanical Inspector, 9 years; Dennis Dickinson, Building Mechanical Inspector, 16 years; Warren Wulf, Inspector, 16 years; and Abe Rush, Senior Inspector, 20 years.



From left: Leo Chesko, Building Inspector, 16 years; Dennis Cordon, Building Inspector, 3 years; Rene Dominguez, Senior Inspector, 23 years; and Henry Baghdassarian, Building Inspector, 15 years.



From left: Joelle Connor, Clerk Typist, 4 years; James Hogan, Building Mechanical Inspector, 28 years; and Susan Acevedo, Clerk Typist, 8 years.



Brandi Blue, Administrative Support, 3 months.



Adriane Buchanan, Administrative Support, 15 years.



David L. Calhoun III, Fire Inspector II LAFD.



From left: Steve Alaimo, Building Mechanical Inspector, 26 years; John Reilly, Building Inspector, 16 years; John Jaegers, Inspector, 5 years; E. Wade Markham, Inspector, 17 years; C. Cuellar, Building Inspector, 17 years; and Tom Pope, Senior Inspector, 23 years.



Front, from left: Scott Ayers, P.E., Structural Engineering Associate III, 16 years; Nick Trotta, S.E., Assistant Counter Supervisor; Julia Li, P.E., Structural Engineering Associate II, 2 years; and Aldous L. Chic, Disabled Access Section, 19 years. Back, from left: Tim Wang, Structural Engineering Associate; Jose Mendoza, Structural Engineering Associate I, 6 months; Ron Van Orden, S.E., Assistant Chief of Plan Check, 13 years; and Dean C. Lee, Structural Engineering Associate, 19 years.



Betty Cortinas, Sr. Clerk Typist, 17 years.

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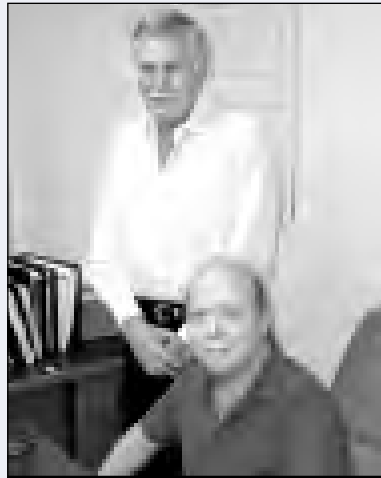
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From left: Maria T. Berumen, Personnel Records Supervisor, 13 years; Gina Tervalon, Personnel Director, 18 years; Karen C. Penner, Chief, 27 years; Robert J. McCreedy, Senior Personnel Analyst I, 25 years; Kathy Heredia, Secretary, 40 years; Shannon Cherry, Clerk Typist, 6 months; and Yvonne D. Dockery, Senior Clerk Typist, 17 years.



Back, from left: Steve Archer, Mechanical Inspector, 14 years; and Mike Dickson, Sr. Building Mechanical Inspector, 21 years. Seated from left: Michael J. Hughes, Inspector, 2.5 years; and Jeff L. Follin, Building Mechanical Inspector, 3 years.



Denis Connolly, Sr. Building Inspector, 17 years (standing); and Ray Anderson, Building Mechanical Inspector, 18 years.



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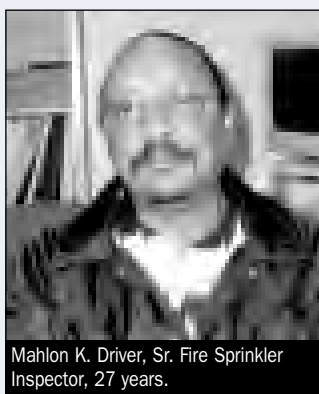
Cora Johnson, Structural Engineering Associate II, 14.5 years.



Leneva Cobb, Administrative Support, 7 years.



Back, from left: Joel T. (Tim) Burens, Sr. Electrical Inspector, 14 years; John Despard, Sr. Electrical Inspector, 14 years; Allan Stewart, Electrical Inspector, 9 years; and Tim Moore, Electrical Inspector, 3.5 years. Front, from left: Jerry Napier, Sr. Electrical Inspector, 19 years; Cheryl Chisolm, Electrical Inspector, 2 years; and Mike Packard, Sr. Electrical Inspector, 24 years.



Mahlon K. Driver, Sr. Fire Sprinkler Inspector, 27 years.

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PROFILE

Head, Engineering: Nick Delliquadri

Head, Inspection: Robert Martin

Head, Code Enforcement: Dave Kiem

Head, Resource Management: Grace Harper

Commissioners: William Rouse, president
 Ilan Israely, vice president
 Efren Abratique
 Francisco Arrizon
 Barbara Boudreaux

Employees: More than 850

Offices: 16

Walk-in Customers (per year): 300,000

Phone inquiries handled (per year): 750,000

Permits issued (per year): 140,000

Estimated value of permits (per year): \$3 billion

Major projects reviewed (per year): 40,000

Inspections performed (per year): 630,000

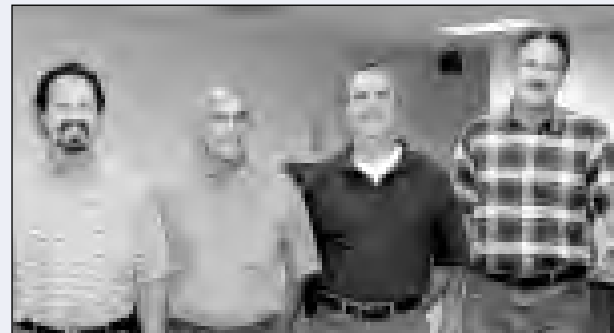
Trade licenses issued (per year): More than 17,000

Buildings responsible for: More than 1.2 million

Parcels of land responsible for: More than 750,000



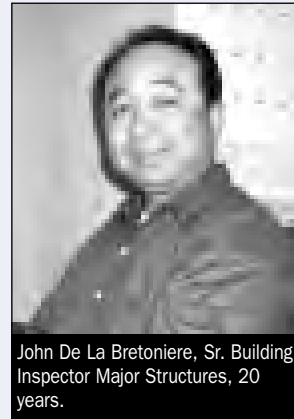
From left: David L. Captain, Building Mechanical Inspector, 4.5 years; Richard Fortman, Sr. Building Inspector Special Projects, 16 years; Errol T. Tate, Principal Inspector, 33 years; Edmund Lum, Pro-Active Code Enforcement Building Mechanical Inspector, 15 years; and Leo Whang, City Wide Nuisance Abatement Inspector, 25 years.



From left: Manuel E. Carrera, Sr. Building Mechanical Inspector, 29 years; Jeffery Duran, Building Mechanical Inspector, 5 years; Glenn Jagiello, Building Mechanical Inspector, 17 years; and Pat Smith, Inspector, 16 years.



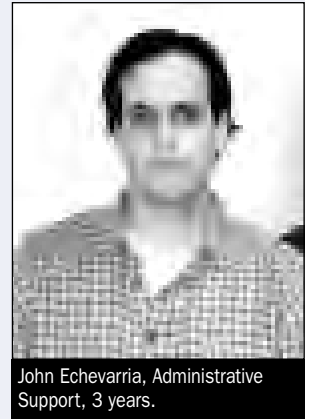
Elizabeth Zuniga, Administrative Support, 5 years.



John De La Bretoniere, Sr. Building Inspector Major Structures, 20 years.



Vince Faraone, Structural Assoc. I, 2 days.



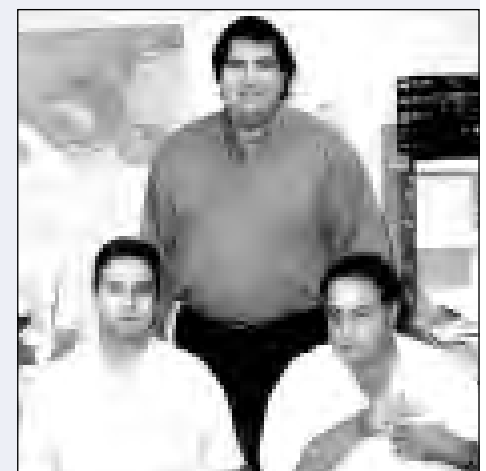
John Echevarria, Administrative Support, 3 years.



Back, from left: Edward Bonty, Safety Engineer Elevators, 24 years; and David Jennings, Safety Engineer Elevators, 4 years. Front, from left: Abe Ozler, Safety Engineer Elevator, 3 years; Bernardo J. Perez, Sr. Safety Engineer Elevators, 27 years; and Henry L. Gilbert, Safety Engineer Elevator, 21 years.



Hector H. Buitrago, Assistant Bureau Chief, 27 years; Nicolino G. Delli Quadri, Acting Bureau Chief, 33 years; Bernadette Reyes, Acting Executive Secretary, 1 year; Sherman Stark, Tool and Warehouse Worker, 26 years; Donnie Gray, Secretary, 2 years; David Carter, 6 months; Linda Lam, Executive Secretary, 20 years; and Zeny M. Serrano, Executive Secretary, 20 years.



Back: Vahe Sarkissian, Sr. Building Inspector, 5 years. Seated, from left: Ben Renfrow, Sr. Safety Engineer, 21 years; and Rudi Foorman, Building Inspector, 4 years.

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Back, from left: Rick Jackson, Building Inspector Investigator, 3 years; Rick Rodriguez, Building Inspector Investigator, 4 years; Edward Rowe, Senior Building Inspector, 19 years; and Richard Bocek, Senior Building Inspector, 17 years. Front, from left: Walt Lauderdale, Senior Building Inspector, 24 years; Bruce Capucetti, Senior Building Inspector, 29 years; and John Kelly, Senior Building Inspector Senior Investigator, 18 years.



Seated: Louie A. Warnasuriya, Heating Inspector, 17 years; and Michael McLay, Heating Inspector, 5 years.



Marla Jordan, Administrative Support, 4 years.



Lincoln Lee, S.E., Director Case Management, 14 years.



From left: Leonard Marquez, Citation Officer, 15 years; R. Rendich, Citations Section Inspector, 14 years; Dave Sherwin, Court Liaison, 24 years; Frank Bush, Principal Inspector, 15 years; and Thomas Pruett, Senior Inspector, 29 years.



From left: Joseph Paradiso, Inspector, 1 year; Eva Montijo-Ramos, Pro-Active Code Enforcement Inspector, 19 years; P. Pearson, Sr. Inspector, 20 years; and Ron Kidwell, Building Mechanical Inspector, 4 years.



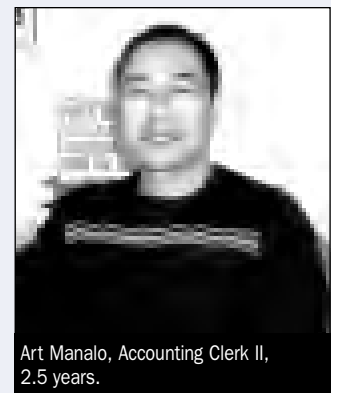
Beatrice Pacheco, Sr. Clerk Typist, 3 years (standing); and Wanda Walker, Clerk Typist, 5 years.



From left: Brett Martens, Building Inspector, 4 years; Chuck Farrell, Inspector, 6 years; Paul Chopp, Sr. Inspector, 17 years; Winfield Hinkson, Building Mechanical Inspector, 5 years; Greg Volpe, Building Mechanical Inspector; Nicholas Parisi, Inspector, 15 years; Jose Colon, Building Mechanical Inspector, 15 years; and John Weight, Inspector, 9 years.



Robert Nishimura, Sr. Management Analyst I, 15 years; Chi Mei Chang, Sr. Management Analyst I, 14 years; Anthony Sanchez, Management Analyst II, 3 years; Evelyn Castillo, Sr. Management Analyst I, 13 years; Karen B. Freire, Management Analyst II, 2 years; Angela De La Rosa, Management Analyst II, 5 years; Jocelino E. Joun, Management Analyst II, 10 years; Muriel Ho, Management Analyst II, 7 years; and Eddie McKnight, Senior Clerk Typist, 3 years.



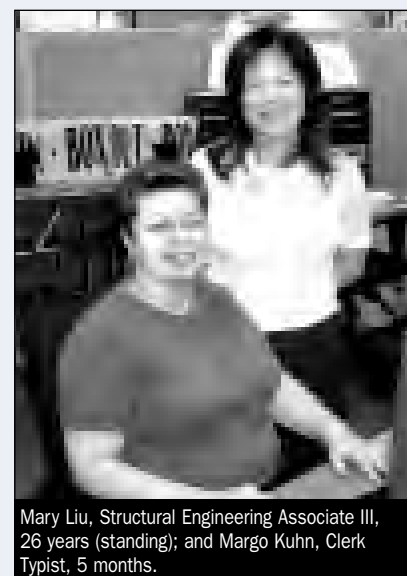
Art Manalo, Accounting Clerk II, 2.5 years.



Back, from left: Norlito A. Medrano, Office Engineering Technician I, 3 weeks; John L. Conti, Structural Engineering Associate, 3.5 years; Nate Gruenbaum, Structural Engineering Associate IV, 26 years; and Charles Canning, Office Engineering Technician III, 17 years. Seated: Bernice C. Clarke, Clerk Typist, 2.5 years.



From left: Rebecca Ng, Eng. Structural Assoc. I, 6 months; Irene Yu, Eng. Structural Assoc. I, 2 days; and Ellen Rodriguez, Sr. Clerk Typist, 15 years.



Mary Liu, Structural Engineering Associate III, 26 years (standing); and Margo Kuhn, Clerk Typist, 5 months.



Alex Mendez, Call Center, 6 months.



Onetha Middleton, Clerk Typist, 1 year.



From left: Richard Myers, Inspector, 3 years; Kevin Beaulieu, Building Mechanical Inspector, 5 years; Charles Sondergaard, Building Mechanical Inspector, 34 years; and Anthony Giannini, Senior Inspector, 29 years.

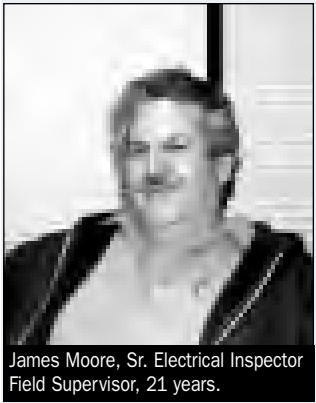


From left: Rudy Martinez, Senior Heating and Refrigerator Inspector, 22 years; Robert Thompson, Senior Sprinkler Inspector, 26 years; Joann Troncale, Training Coordinator, 18 years; and Joe Clark, Senior Inspector, 30 years.



Nancy Pineda, Clerk Typist (standing), 1 year; and Laura Klascius, Clerk Typist, 2 years.

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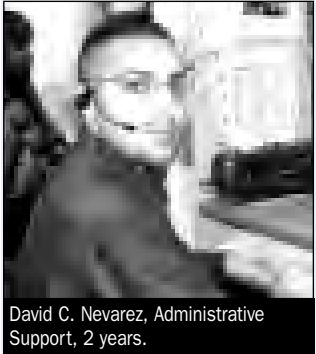
James Moore, Sr. Electrical Inspector Field Supervisor, 21 years.



Front, from left: T. O'Conner, Citations Division/Metro, 19 years; G. Peterossian, Building Mechanical Inspector, 3 years; and Louis Botticella, Sr. Inspector, 33 years. Back, from left: Dan Bates, Building Inspector, 10 years; Mark Van Slooten, Inspector, 2 years; Traci Stallings, Sr. Clerk Typist, 9 years; Henry Ojeda, Building Mechanical Inspector, 28 years; Paul Becker, Building Mechanical Inspector, 1.5 years; and Tom Willis, Inspector, 20 years.



From left: Ruben Perez, Assistant Bureau Chief, 30 years; Danita Brooks Phillips, Code Enforcement Bureau, 24 years; Flora Robinson, 3 years; and Mike Lee, Chief Inspector, 31 years.



David C. Nevarez, Administrative Support, 2 years.



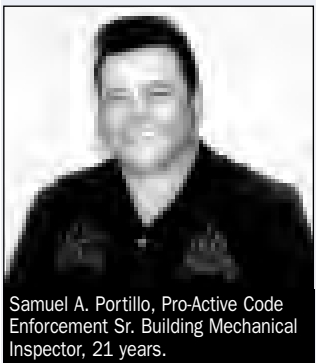
Juan C. Robles, Senior Administrative Support, 13 years (middle); Linda Gordon, Principal Clerk, 32 years (left); and Mary Kamuck, Administrative Support, 17 years (right).



Seated: John Pourhassan, Structural Engineering Associate II, 6 years. Standing: Nate Gruenbaum, Structural Engineering Associate IV, 36 years.



Front, from left: Dan Rodriguez, Building Inspector, 4 years; Larry Galstian, Principal Inspector, 19 years; Carlos Corugedo, Sr. Building Inspector, 34 years; and Roy Sanghvi, Building Inspector, 3 years. Back, from left: Allen Fish, Building Inspector, 15 years; and Phil Ferguson, Sr. Building Inspector, 14 years.



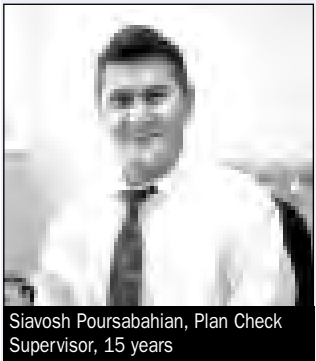
Samuel A. Portillo, Pro-Active Code Enforcement Sr. Building Mechanical Inspector, 21 years.



From left: Kevin Roth, Clerk Typist, 1 month; Elvia Garcia, Sr. Administrative Support, 13 years; Jessie Cabasac, Administrative Support, 13 years; John Jackson, Clerk Typist; Joe Campos, Clerk Typist, 3 years; Graciela Ochoa, Administrative Support, 5 years; Kanisha Wilson, Clerk Typist, 3 months; and Vivien Cruz, Clerk Typist, 2 years.



From left: Bob D. Quan, Structural Engineering Associate IV, 34 years; Erico Barrera, Case Management, 6 months; Syed K. Ali, P.E., Case Manager, 16 years; and Ronald J. Black M.S., Principal Inspector, 19 years.



Siavosh Poursabastian, Plan Check Supervisor, 15 years



Elizabeth Lopez, Administrative Support, 8 years.



Veronica Lopez, Structural Engineering Associate, 5 years.



From left: Sako Aghazarian, Sr. Building Inspector, 16 years; Bob Cole, Inspector, 22 years; and John Zolnikov, Sr. Building Inspector, 29 years.



Back, from left: Eduardo Rodriguez, Structural Engineering Associate, 2 years; David McCombs, Structural Plan Check Office Manager, 16 years; and Ishmael Ortiz, Sr. Building Mechanical Inspector, 26 years. Front, from left: Vyeary Herrington, Sr. Administrative Support, 10 years; and Valeska Calero, Administrative Support, 4 years.



Sheree L. Molles, Clerk Typist, 5 years.



Frank Rojas (right), Structural Engineering Associate, 15 years, assisting a customer.



From left: Eva Sun, Senior Systems Analyst II Systems Development, 18 years; Robert J. Martin, Deputy Superintendent of Building, 34 years; Debbie R. Rettig, Secretary, 22 years; and David Schnitger, P.E. CBO, Director of Systems, 28 years.



From left: Ellen Sahara, Admin. Support, 4 years; Dehiesha Brown, Clerk Typist, 6 months; Lettie Gregory, Clerk Typist, 6 months; Jackie Gomez, Sr. Admin. Support, 18.5 years; Maria R. Vasquez, Principal Clerk, 27 years; and Esther Yabarra, Clerk Typist, 6 months.



Back row, from left: Tom Scarin, Sr. Building Inspector; Jack Conger, Heating and Refrigeration Inspector, 2 years; Steve Palchanis, Sr. Heating and Refrigeration Inspector, 18 years; Doug Leatherman, Sr. Heating Inspector, 25 years; Jim Dimit, Sr. Inspector, 19 years; Jerry Fisher, Fire Sprinkler Inspector, 17 years; and Dennis Clausen, Plumbing Inspector, 1 year. Seated, from left: William Foster, Sr. Building Inspector, 29.5 years; and Jesse Barboza, Plumbing Inspector, 15 years.



From left: Robert Sepanian, P.E., Structural Engineering Associate, 6 years; Kevin Porter, Building Inspector, 18 years; Robert Bishop, Building Inspector, 6 months; Masaaki Iwaoka, Building Inspector, 29 years; and Michael Smith, Building Inspector and Grading Inspector, 16 years.



Front: Susy Tija, Office Engineering Technician, 14 years. Back, from left: Allen Peery, Structural Engineering Associate III, 20 years; Ji Orion, Structural Engineering Associate III, 3 years; Anthony Bauerlein, P.E., Electrical Plan Check Engineer, 18 years; and Barry Peshek, Office Engineering Technician, 15 years.



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From left: Abdul Chegeni, P.E., MS, Structural Engineering Associate, 14 years; Andy Tung, P.E., Structural Engineering Associate, 3 years; Binh C. Phan, Structural Engineering Associate, 4 years; Chon-Choi J. Kuo, P.E., Structural Engineering Associate, 15 years; Ming Ong, P.E., Structural Engineering Associate, 6 years; and Hayato Tsuchiya, Structural Engineering Associate II, 15 years.



From left: Hurde Coleman, Structural Engineering Associate II, 13 years; Fernando Mejia, P.E., Structural Engineering Associate, 15 years; Angelo C. Yumul, P.E., Structural Engineering Associate II, 18 years; Jeff Mcintyearse, S.E., Assistant Manager, 17 years; David Olivas, Structural Engineering Associate, 4 years; and Eddie Yamamoto, S.E., Structural Engineering Associate II, 4 years.



From left: Dominic Daneri, Building Mechanical Inspector, 5 years; Rick Mireles, Building Mechanical Inspector, 5 years; and Carlos Charlie Hale, Senior Building Mechanical Inspector, 26 years.



Eva L. Wong, Systems Analyst II, 9 years.



Robert C. Steinbach, Assistant Bureau Chief Public Information Officer, 20 years.



Back, from left: Giovanni O. Dacumos, Technical Support Group, 8 years; Zoran Turudic, Technical Support Group, 8 years; and Kerry T. Hirahara, Technical Support Group, 18 years. Front, from left: Cindy O'Hara, Technical Support Group, 12 years; Diana Reyes, Student Professional Worker, 4 months; and Joy Mateo, Technical Support Group, 3 years.



Back, from left: Mario L. Enriquez, Accountant, 3 years; Erwin G. Lee, Accounting Clerk, 20 years; Clarence Kidd, Storekeeper, 31 years; Ann Ormiston, Departmental Chief Accountant II, 29 years; Debra Chavez, Administrative Support, 10 years; Maribel Gutierrez, Administrative Support, 5 years; Teodoro Delupio, Senior Accountant II, 15 years; and Jack Smith, Accounting Clerk, 18 years. Front, from left: Ester Elba G. Vibal, Accountant, 3 years; Precy T. Sanchez, Senior Administrative Support, 15 years; Nancy Truong, Accounting Clerk, 8 years; Lina Bustamante, Principal Accountant II, 18 years; Christiane, Alzner, Accounting Clerk, 9 years; and Sandra J. Sherman, Senior Administrative Support, 4 years.



Maniel Zevallos, Sr. Plumbing Inspector, 17 years.



Osama Younan, Mechanical Plan Check Counter Supervisor, 18 years.



From left: David Chan, Building Mechanical Inspector, 5 years; David Heine, Building Mechanical Inspector, 2 years; Alexander Bruce, Manager, 41 years; Dan Orrante, Building Mechanical Inspector, 4.5 years; Richard Rohaly, Building Mechanical Inspector, 4 years; and David Roberts, Building Mechanical Inspector, 5 years (seated).

Here Are Some of Building and Safety's Accomplishments in the Mayor Hahn Era

- **Private construction completed:** More than \$6.5 billion
 - Residential: \$4 billion
 - Commercial: \$2.5 billion
- **Permits issued:** More than 330,000
 - Residential: 230,000
 - Commercial: 100,000
- **Permits issued over the Internet:** More than 50,000
- **Walk-in customers:** More than one million
 - Average customer waiting time: Less than 10 minutes
- **Phone customers served:** More than 2 million
 - Average customer waiting time: Less than 15 seconds
- **Construction inspections performed:** More than 1.5 million
 - 99.9 percent of inspections performed within one working day
 - Residential : one million
 - Commercial : 500,000
- **Code Enforcement cases closed:** More than 120,000
- **Abandoned and nuisance buildings addressed:** More than 1,600
 - Buildings rehabilitated: More than 1,300
 - Buildings demolished: More than 300

Building and Safety's Recent Awards and Commendations

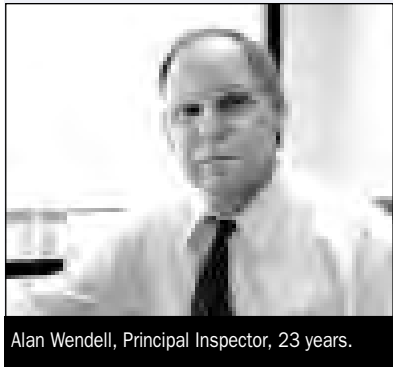
"Public Service Award" and "Award for Dedicated Service to the Los Angeles Regional Uniform Code Program"
 — From Structural Engineers Association of Southern California, June 2000 and June 2003

Semifinalist, "Innovations in American Government Award"
 — From Harvard University's John F. Kennedy School of Government, October 2002

"Good Government Award"
 — From the American Institute of Architects, Los Angeles, October 2002

"Growing With Our Cities and Communities Award"
 — From Asian American Architects/Engineers Association, October 2002

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Alan Wendell, Principal Inspector, 23 years.



Terri Walker, Accounting Clerk II, 23 years.



Richard Yee, Plumbing Inspector, 5 years; Luis Pastor Sanchez, Major Structural Supervisor, 19 years; Sean Dang, Structural Eng. Assoc., 7 years; William Stutsman, Structural Engineering Assoc., 18.5 years; Frank C. Liu, Structural Eng. Assoc., 4.5 years; Martin Fragoso, Structural Eng. Assoc. II, 3 years; Ewa O'Neal, Disabled Access Eng., 20 years; Colin Kumabe, Sr. Structural Eng., 19 years; and J. Gabriel Linares, Structural Eng. Assoc. II,



From left: Ibrahim K. Habashi, Sr. Structural Engineer Assistant Office Manager, 30 years; David T. Hsu, Manager West Los Angeles District Office, 20 years; Celeste A. Morris, Administrative Support, 6 months; Charmie Torres, Structural Engineering Associate, 5.5 years; Nate Gruenbaum, Structural Engineer Associate IV, 36 years; and Theophanis Aravanis, Electrical Engineering Associate III.



From left: Bobbi Walker, 1 year; Dee McGee, 10 years; Lilia C. Mendoza, 1 year; Valerie N. Cameron, Clerk Typist, 7 months; and Marisita Casim, 3 months.



Robert Felix, Building Mechanical Inspector, 14 years.



From left: Dan Wray, Abandoned Building Task Force Sr. Inspector, 15 years; Carol Brinkman, Contract Nuisance Abatement Inspector, 29 years; Alexander Moffat, Abandoned Building Task Force Inspector, 4 years; Roger Bruce, Nuisance Abatement Revocation Inspector, 17.5 years; and Matt Kellerman, Nuisance Abatement Revocation Inspector, 14 years.



From left: Robert Viereck, Building Mechanical Inspector, 14 years; Blanca Morales, 3 years; Dorothy Jones, Administrative Support, 10 years; Lily Sokolovsky, Electrical Plan Check Engineer, 23 years; Kenneth Kinter, Administrative Support, 22 years; Janet Yamamoto, Senior Administrative Support, 25 years; and Melissa Cook, 3 years.



Back, from left: Joe D. Vo, Structural Engineering Associate, 5.5 years; and Felix G. Figueroa, Structural Engineering Associate, 5.5 years. Front, from left: Ida Miranda, Sr. Administrative Support, 19 years; Roseann Budesa, Administrative Support, 20 years; and Rodney Duncan, Accounting Clerk II, 17 years.



From left: David Feiler, Administrative Support, 3 months; Mui Lay, Sr. Administrative Support, 13 years; and Claudia Alvarez, Administrative Support, 31 years.



Edison Soleiman, Mech. Plan Check Eng., 15 years; Wesley Farrell, Structural Eng. Assoc., 15 years; Behzad Eghtesady, Chief, 22 years; Sam Chang, Structural Eng. Assoc., 4 years; Tai Vu, Structural Eng. Assoc., 3 years; Kwok Y. Law (Bob), Mech. Plan Check Eng., 21 years; Mark Wang, Mech Plan Check Eng., 2 years; and ToiB B.-Maxie, Admin Support, 6 months.



Back row, from left: Dave Wright, Plumbing Inspector, 2 days; Mark Jorgensen, Plumbing Inspector, 1 year; Bud Banks, Plumbing Inspector, 1 year; and Patrick Kelly, Plumbing Inspector, 3 years. Front row, from left: Russ Ito, Sr. Plumbing Inspector, 16 years; and Lou Alonge, Plumbing Inspector, 14 years.

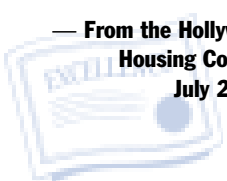


Standing, from left: Donald Wong, Inspector Sign Inspection Division, 4 years; John Crawford, Building Inspector Sign Inspection Division, 14 years; and Bob Dunn, Pro-Active Code Enforcement Inspector, 4 years. Seated: Jim Buchan, Building Inspector Sign Inspection, 2 years.

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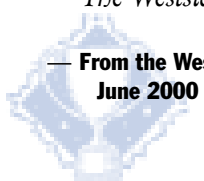
"Special Award"

— From the Hollywood Community Housing Corporation, July 2002



"The Westside Prize 2000" and "The Westside Prize 2002"

— From the Westside Urban Forum, June 2000 and June 2002



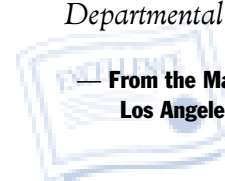
"Special Recognition Award"

— From the Los Angeles Area Chamber of Commerce and Construction Industry Awards Committee, October 2001



"Mayor's Distinguished Departmental Budget Award"

— From the Mayor of the City of Los Angeles, April 2000



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From left: Edward Garcia, Inspector, 10 years; David Huang, Senior Inspector, 17 years; and Vince Scipioni, Building Inspector, 3 years.



Back, from left: Rodney Duncan, Accounting Clerk II, 17 years; and Allan Bradley, Clerk Typist, 2 years. Front, from left: Tracy Cai, Accounting Clerk II, 3 years; Victoria Vasquez, Chief Cashier, 17 years; Leticia Reyes, Accounting Clerk II, 5 years; and Leonard Torres, Accounting Records Supervisor, 17 years.



From left: Cornell Ewell, Plumbing Inspector, 15 years; Peter Callas, Sr. Safety Engineer-Elevators, 18 years; Peter Callas, Senior Safety Engineer-Elevators, 18 years; James R. Townsend, Safety Engineer-Elevators, 6 years; Donald C. Mestayer, Jr. Safety Engineer, 24 years; Benoit Beaulieu, Building Inspector, 3 years; and D. Stewart, Inspector, 17 years.



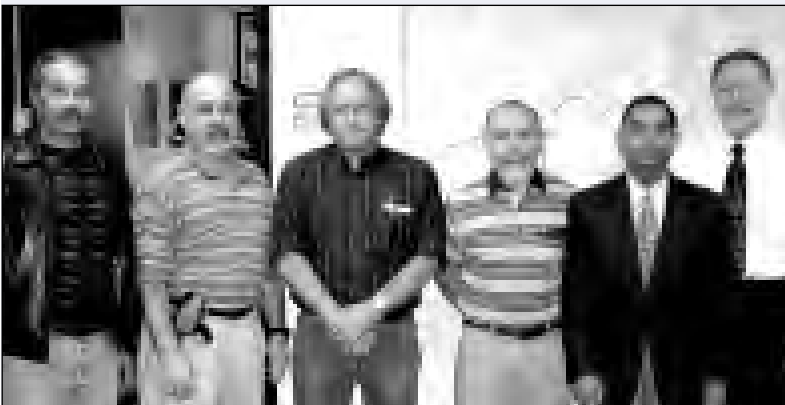
From left: Tim Fan, Structural Engineering Associate, 5 years; Philip Yin, Structural Engineering Associate, 4.5 years; Rick Jackson, Building Inspector Investigator, 3 years; Dennis Hawks, Electrical Inspector Inter-Agency Housing Task Force, 14 years; Johnny Yutronich, Sr. Electrical Inspector, 16 years; and Richard Bocek, Sr. Building Inspector, 17 years.



From left: Rocky Gordon, P.E., Board Secretary, 10 years; Garth Pillsbury, Photographer, 21 years; Willie Williams, Commission Staff, 28 years; Gloria Walters, Commission Staff, 27 years; and Peter Kim, S.E., Specialty Engineering Section Chief, 17 years.



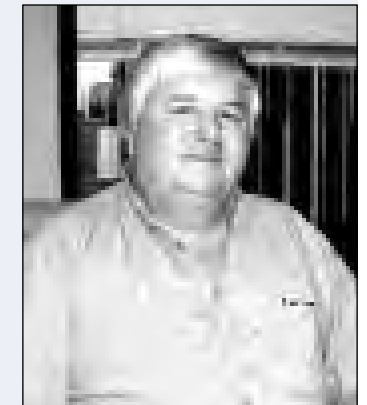
From left: Patrick Gilbert, Principal Inspector, 20 years; Darell L. Brassfield, Senior Inspector, 32 years; Tom Pope, Senior Inspector, 23 years; and Anthony Giannini, Senior Inspector, 29 years.



From left: Al Gamble, Building Inspector, 15 years; Paul Frausto, Sr. Building Inspector, 35.5 years; Steve F. Weis, Building Inspector, 17 years; Johnny Kazarian, Building Inspector, 17 years; Kulbir Jain, Sr. Building Inspector, 17 years; and Ray Wooden, Principal Building Inspector, 33 years.



From left: Negisti (Nicki) H. Girmay, Assistant Engineering Geologist II, 14 years; Dana V. Prevost, Engineering Geologist II, 15 years; Andrzej (Andy) Szpikowski, Geotechnical Engineering, 7 years; Stephen G. Dawson, Engineering Geologist I, 12 years; Frederick H. Wong, Structural Engineering Associate II, 5 years; and Raphael H. Cheng, Geotechnical Engineer, 3 years.



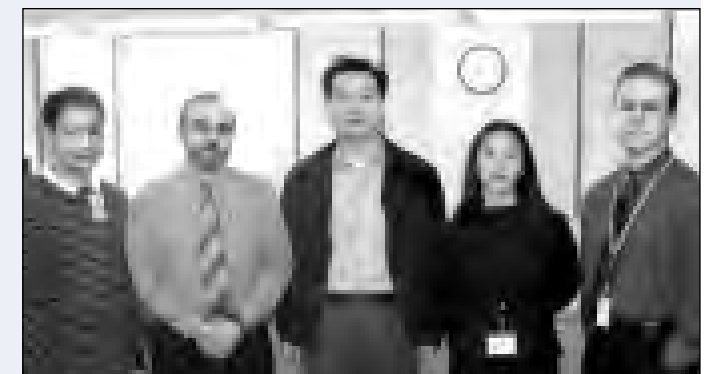
Bill Garcia, Building Inspector, 17 years.



From left: Salem Garawi, Structural Plan Check Eng., 17 years; Eddie Chavez, Structural Eng. Assoc., 3.5 years; Fidencio Madero, Structural Eng. Assoc., 3 years; Goerge Banning, Structural Eng. Assoc., 18 years; (front left) Delilah C. Reyes, Structural Eng. Assoc., 26 years; Larry Lee, Structural Eng. Assoc., 2 days; (front right) Jin Wen, Structural Eng. Assoc., 2.5 years; and Soon Cho, Structural Eng. Assoc., 4 years.



From left: Raul P. Gras, Principal Inspector Elevator and Pressure Vessel Division, 24 years; Lance Wong, Chief Elevator and Pressure Vessel Division, 28 years; Jovie Aclaro, Sr. Safety Engineer, 15 years; and Vladimir Martinov, Safety Engineer, 1 year.



From left: Wilbert Guerrero, P.E., Mechanical Plan Check Engineer, 1 year; Ara Sargsyan, Structural Engineering Associate, 4 years; Steven T. Kim, P.E., Structural Engineering Associate, 3 years; Dawn Cheng McNulty, Structural Engineering Associate II, 6 years; and Jason Healey, P.E., Structural Engineering Associate, 7 years.



From left: Phil Guzman, Sr. Plumbing Inspector, 19 years; Marvin Godfrey, Building Mechanical Inspector, 16 years; Cameron Gray, Building Mechanical Inspector, 25 years; and David Tsau, Inspector, 2.5 years.



From left: Shannon Haas, Inspector, 4 years; S. Perry, Senior Inspector, 16 years; and John Whipple, Contract Nuisance Abatement Inspector, 1 year.



Emma Grimm, Structural Engineering Associate III, 24.5 years, assisting a customer.



From left: Hayk Manukyan, Building Mechanical Inspector, 5 years; John Coleman, Building Mechanical Inspector, 15 years; William J. Foster, Sr. Building Mechanical Inspector, 15 years; and Surjit Virk, Building Mechanical Inspector, 17 years.



In front: R. Jacomet, Problem Property Resolution Team Inspector, 5 years. Back, from left: Jesse Acosta, Pro-Active Code Enforcement Building Inspector, 15 years; Mike Schulzinger, Problem Property Resolution Team Inspector, 10 years; and Timothy Fong, Building Mechanical Inspector Problem Property Resolution Team, 18 years.

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From left: Bob Luera, Building Mechanical Inspector, 20 years; Carl Lockridge, Building Mechanical Inspector, 2.5 years; Jerry Goodman, Senior Building Mechanical Inspector, 17 years; and Mike Faunce, Building Mechanical Inspector, 18 years.



From left: Timothy Key, Sr. Building Inspector, 20 years; Chris Martinez, Building Inspector, 4 years; and Hamid R. Pishahvar, Sr. Building Inspector, 16 years.



From left: Robert A. Hunau, Electrical Inspector, 3 years; Gary Klausman, Sr. Electrical Inspector, 16 years; Douglas N. Verral, Sr. Electrical Inspector, 14.5 years; Bill Clark, Sr. Plumbing Inspector, 17 years; Morris N. Bloom, Fire Sprinkler Inspector, 15 years; and Thomas E. Crawley, Electrical Inspector, 7 years.



From left: John Kennedy, Sr. Inspector, 27 years; F. Hannum, Inspector, 15 years; Charles Boghoskhan, Inspector, 10 years; John Biezins, Building Mechanical Inspector, 3 years; and Bob Reese, Inspector, 14 years.



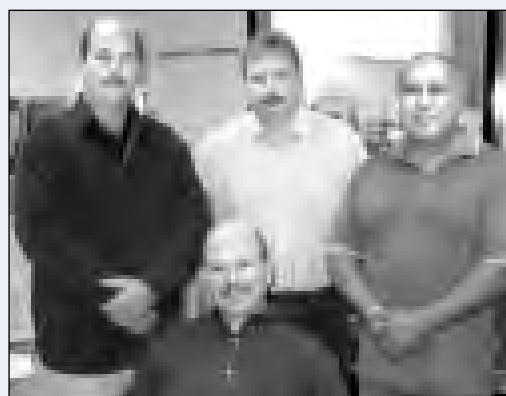
Back, from left: John S. Hayes, Building Mechanical Inspector South Region, 1 year; B.A. Anderson, Principal Inspector South Region, 28 years; Ray Lewis, Electrical Inspector South Region, 6 years; David Haendle, Building Mechanical Inspector, 1 year; Vincent (Steve) Cotton, Building Inspector South Region, 4 years; and Mardel Nicholas, Clerk Typist, 24 years. Front, from left: J. Utreras, Building Mechanical Inspector, 15 years; L. Louis Ling, Inspector, 3 years; Wayne Smith, Sr. Building Inspector, 28 years; and Mercy Johnson, Clerk Typist, 26 years.



From left: Bosco Tang, Accounting Clerk II, 17 years; Erika Anderson, Accounting Clerk II, 18 years; and Thang C. Lam, Accounting Clerk II, 13 years.



From left: Vincent Lou, Clerk Typist, 6 months; Krisandra Miller, Clerk Typist, 2 months; Jenny Ayala, Sr. Administrative Support, 14 years; and William Gomez, Principal Clerk, 17 years.



From left: Richard A. Hanwood, Sr. Heating and Refrigeration Inspector, 1 year; Denver Shawn Hargis, Heating and Refrigeration Inspector, 4 years; Ralph Villalobos, Heating and Refrigeration Inspector, 16 years; and (seated) Mark J. Casey, Sr. Heating and Refrigeration Inspector, 16 years.



Front, from left: John G. Janson, Inspector, 19 years; Darell L. Brassfield, Sr. Inspector, 32 years; Dale Carney, Building and Mechanical Inspector, 16 years; Stephen E. Reed, Building and Mechanical Inspector, 3 years; and Bruce Rozak, Inspector, 15 years. Back, from left: Ken Kurowski, Inspector, 6 years; Richard Webster, Inspector, 35 years; and Bill Bellefontaine, Inspector, 5 years.



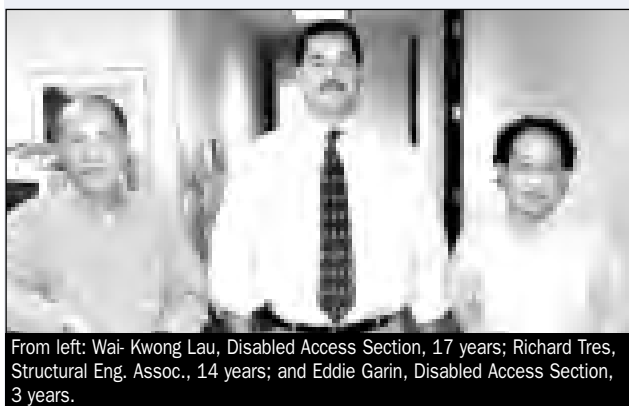
From left: Priska Lazuardi, Structural Engineering Associate, 2 years; and Catherine Nuezca, Structural Engineering Associate II, 4 years.



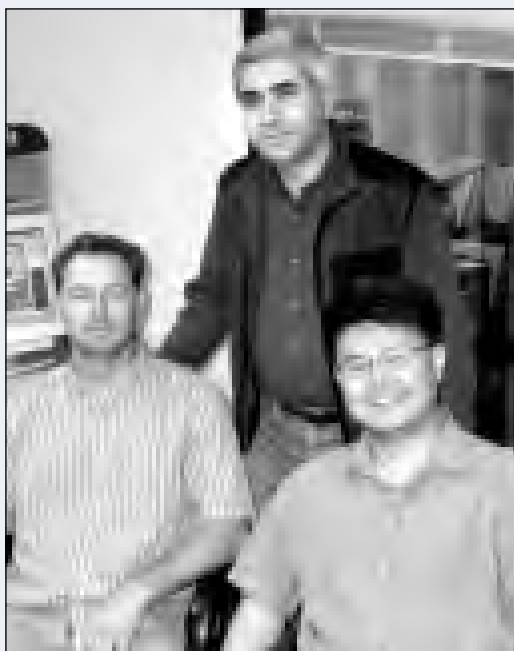
From left: Eric Jakeman, Building Mechanical Inspector, 3 years; Pierre Ross, Building Mechanical Inspector, 9 years; E. Leos, Building Mechanical Inspector, 17 years; Mike Beveridge, Building Mechanical Inspector, 16 years; Kim Arthur, Senior Inspector, 14 years; and Jack Rios, Building Inspector, 17 years.



Front, from left: Joe J. Lee, Database Architect, 17 years; Jeanne Ly, Sr. Systems Analyst, 9 years; Jing Reyes, Systems Analyst II, 14 years; Jaime Truong, Senior Systems Analyst I, 4 years; and Thuy Nguyen, Systems Analyst II, 15 years. Back, from left: Larry Shiah, Systems Analyst II, 2 years; Andrew Herd, P.E., Plan Check and Inspector System, 15 years; Eva Sun, Senior Systems Analyst II Systems Development, 18 years; Samar Desai, Systems Analyst, 7 years; and Elizabeth Garcia, Sr. Clerk Typist, 2 years.



From left: Wai-Kwong Lau, Disabled Access Section, 17 years; Richard Tres, Structural Eng. Assoc., 14 years; and Eddie Garin, Disabled Access Section, 3 years.



From left: Chris McHugh, Electrical Inspector, 4 years; Vazcen Karakhanyan, Electrical Inspector, 4 years; and Won H. Lee, Electrical Inspector, 15 years.



Arthur Jaramillo, Central Region Principal Inspector, 28 years.

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Back row, from left: Bill Shelton, Sr. Building Inspector, 17 years; Faith L. Maulupe, Sr. Clerk Typist, 4 years; B.A. Anderson, Principal Inspector South Region, 28 years; Paul D. Buck, Inspector, 3 years; and Brad Fiehmman, Inspector, 4 years. Front, from left: Jeffrey S. Corpuz, Inspector, 6 years; and Greg G. Glover, Building Mechanical Inspector South Region, 1 year. Front row, from left: Michael Dwyer, Building Mechanical Inspector South Region, 1 year; Ansel B. Rodrigues, Building Inspector, 19 years; and Roger Sjodin, Legal Liason Inspector, 3 years.



From left: D. Steward, Inspector, 16.5 years; Augustus Albas, Vehicle Establishment Inspection Program Building Mechanical Inspector, 3 years; Edmond Deckert, Inspector, 1.5 years; Russell Kelly, Pro-Active Code Enforcement Inspector, 1.5 years; Martin Tack, Building Mechanical Inspector, 5 years; Tom Sifton, Building Mechanical Inspector, 3 years; and Armando Pastran, Building Mechanical Inspector, 2.5 years.



Standing, from left: Alexander Bruce, Manager, 41 years; and John Hyde, Sr. Building Mechanical Inspector, 17 years. Seated, from left: Brad Bescos, Building Mechanical Inspector, 3 years; Oscar San Roman, Building Mechanical Inspector, 8.5 years; and Jeff Napier, Building Mechanical Inspector, 8.5 years.



From left: Modesto Valenzuela, Administrative Support, 6 years; David Chang, S.E., Plan Check Supervisor, 20 years; Abram Bass, Engineering Technician, 14 years; Ken Gill, Counter Supervisor, 17 years (seated); and Julio B. Zafra, Office Engineering Technician III, 14 years.



Robert England, Chief Electrical Inspector, 18 years.



From left: Bill Thompson, Building Inspector, 2 days; Dennis Delgado, Pro-Active Code Enforcement Inspector, 1.3 years; Carilo Stude, Plumbing Inspector, 17 years; Rick Rodriguez, Building Inspector Investigator, 4 years; Pat Dunning, Building Inspector, 3 years; Frank Lara, Pro-Active Code Enforcement Building Mechanical Inspector, 4 years; and Richard Macabeo, Building Inspector Inter-Agency Housing Task Force, 15 years.



From left: Brian Trupin, Sr. Building Inspector, 18 years; Albert W. Haas, Sr. Building Inspector, 29 years; Gary S. Toon, Electrical Inspector, 2.5 years; J. Greg Stephens, Building Inspector, 16 years; Rick Horn, Sr. Electrical Inspector, 17 years; Howard Stern, Electrical Inspector, 1.5 years; and J. Gross, Building Inspector, 8 years.



From left: Roy Tikka, Inspector, 18 years; Vic Antonioli, Building Inspector, 17 years; D. Stiles, Senior Building Mechanical Inspector, 17 years; and Jack Upchurch, Building Mechanical Inspector, 18 years.



From left: Joe Velasquez, Building Inspector, 18 years; Thomas Huerta, Electrical Inspector, 10 years; John Hamilton, Building Mechanical Inspector, 1 year; Michael R. Miller, Senior Building Inspector, 15 years; and Art Valenzuela, Building Mechanical Inspector, 20 years.



Standing: Chiharu Suzuki, Structural Engineering Associate I, 6 months. Seated: Yogen R. Thakar, Mechanical Plan Check Engineer, 20 years.