

Laura Robles Retires From LAPD After 39 Years of Service

by Arlene Herrero, Club Counselor



Laura Robles, Retiree

The LAPD's Metro Communications Division threw a retirement reception for Laura Robles during the division's morning roll call July 9.

Many thanks to Lt. Gloria Vargas for putting together this bio for Laura:

"After 36 years of dedicated service to the City of Los Angeles and the Los Angeles Police Department, Police Service Representative Laura Robles is retiring. She began her career with the Police Department on July 29, 1968, with a mere salary of \$464 a month. Police Service Representative Robles worked as a Radio-Telephone Operator, was promoted to Police Service Representative on January 25, 1981, and then to Senior Police Service Representative on August 2, 1982.

"From the very beginning, during the early stages of her career, she was described in her

yearly evaluations as an excellent operator, one of the best Communications Division had to offer. Even under the most adverse conditions, she performed well under pressure during emergency situations.

"On several occasions, Robles was commended by her subordinates for her great compassion and sensitivity during emotional crises. She offered support to her employees and was constantly attentive throughout their painful ordeals and difficult times.

"In September 1984, she was selected by her peers as one of the best overall employees in Communications Division, based upon her work knowledge, interpersonal skills and dedicated service. She received a Special Award from the Southern California Motion Picture Association for this honor. In 2002, she was selected by her peers as the Supervisor of the Year

"Laura Robles will truly be missed. Laura, we thank you for your commitment to Communication Division and the citizens of Los Angeles."

Congratulations, Laura, on a well-deserved retirement.



The welcome sign.



From left: Laura Robles, Retiree, with Sharon Papa, Assistant Chief, LAPD.



From left: Laura Robles, Retiree, with Police Chief William J. Bratton.



From left: Azadeh Famili, LAPD, and Laura Robles, Retiree.



From left: Laura Robles, Retiree, with Cathy Sotos, Sr. PSR. "She was my mentor," Cathy said.



From left: Captain Mike Downing, LAPD, with Laura Robles, Retiree.



From left: Berta Ugas, Sr. PSR, and Laura Robles, Retiree.



From left: Captain Mike Downing, LAPD; Captain Andrew J. Smith, LAPD Communications; Laura Robles, Retiree; Captain Keith Bushey; and Captain Tammy Tatreau.



From left: Laura Robles, Retiree; John Phillips, Sr. PSR II Valley; and Cathy Bushey, Sr. PSR.



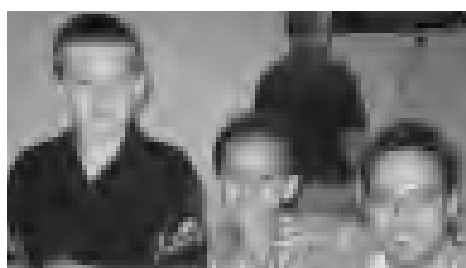
From left: Kazuye Muranaka, Clerk; Laura Robles, Retiree; Felisa Villalobos, Sr. Clerk Typist; and Yolanda Bunn, PSR III.



From left: Charyl Thompson, PSR II; Laura Robles, Retiree; Ricci Cureton, PSR III; and Karen Aponete, PSR II.



Crowd reacts to Laura's comments.



From left: Daniel Saxton, son of Cathy Bushey; Victor Moreno-Robles, son of Anthony Moreno; and Anthony Moreno, PSR III.

'Lupe' Terronez, Cultural Affairs, To Retire; Honored by City Council

By Jorge Suarez, Club Counselor

On June 25, Eusevio Guadalupe "Lupe" Terronez, a 37-year veteran of the City's Cultural Affairs Dept., was given special recognition for his creative and dedicated service to the City through the Cultural Affairs Dept.

"Lupe is an excellent drawer, especially of characters," says his good friend, Tom Meyer.

"And the walking canes that he makes are the best I have ever seen."

Alive! joins with the City Council in recognizing the great work done by Lupe. Congratulations, and enjoy your well-deserved retirement.



From left: Councilmen Tom LaBonge and Tony Cardenas pay tribute to Lupe Terronez in City Council chambers.