



New City Librarian

■ Fontayne Holmes is appointed to top library job.

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On Aug. 17, Mayor Jim Hahn announced his appointment of Fontayne Holmes as City Librarian.

As director of the Los Angeles Public Library, Holmes will be responsible for the operations of a library system that includes the Central Library and 71 branches and will administer a \$63 million operating budget.

"I am pleased that Fontayne has accepted the position of City Librarian of Los Angeles," the mayor said. "The extraordinary management and leadership skills demonstrated throughout her career at the Los Angeles Public Library make Fontayne the perfect candidate to continue this institution's transformation into one of the world's great libraries. We're very excited to begin a new chapter in the Los Angeles Public Library with Fontayne."

The hallmark of Holmes' career, which spans nearly 30 years at the Los Angeles Public Library, is her successful management of the largest library construction program in the nation. Begun in 1989, the \$317 million program has rebuilt or created 61 branches Citywide. Under Fontayne's leadership, the program is ahead of schedule and under budget. Cost savings and efficiencies allowed additional libraries to be added to the original program, which is scheduled for completion next year.

"I am honored that Mayor Hahn has selected me to serve as City Librarian," Holmes said. "The Los Angeles Public Library has become a model for other libraries around the world, thanks to our dedicated staff, the support of our elected officials and our millions of library users. I look forward to building on our strengths and further enhancing and expanding library services in every community in Los Angeles."

Holmes succeeds Susan Kent, who will be retiring from the Los Angeles Public Library to become the Director and Chief Executive of Branches at the New York Public Library in September. Holmes currently serves as Assistant City Librarian. Previously she served as Assistant Director of Branches, Central Library Director, and Director of Library Facilities. She also served as City Librarian in South Pasadena.

Holmes graduated magna cum laude and Phi Beta Kappa from UCLA and received her Master's degree from the UCLA Graduate School of Library and Information Science. The Los Angeles Public Library serves 3.8 million people – the largest population of any public library in the United States – through the Central Library, 71 branches and online services at www.lapl.org. Last year, 14 million people visited the library and checked out 15 million items, and the library's Web site services were accessed more than 93 million times.

Holmes' appointment is subject to confirmation by the City Council.

Laney Retires

■ 33-year veteran Marilyn Laney receives a resolution from the City Council.

Marilyn Laney, a 33-year veteran of City service, retired recently. She was presented with this resolution from Councilman Tom LaBonge in the Council headquarters.

Congratulations from the Club, Marilyn!



Marilyn Laney (left) receives her resolution from Councilman Tom LaBonge (right) with Jesse W. Laney, Marilyn's husband (middle).

The resolution read:

"WHEREAS, Marilyn Laney is retiring from the City of Los Angeles with more than 33 years of service as a dedicated employee; and

"WHEREAS, Marilyn Laney began her career with the City on October 7, 1970, as a Clerk Typist in the Personnel Department; and

"WHEREAS, Marilyn Laney was promoted to Commercial Service Representative with the Department of Water and Power in February 1986; and

"WHEREAS, Marilyn Laney was promoted to Principal Clerk with the Office of the City Clerk, Tax & Permit Division's Van Nuys Branch Office on November 5, 1989; and

"WHEREAS, Marilyn Laney transferred to become supervisor of the TAPS Data Entry Unit of the Tax & Permit Division on August 20, 1990; and

"WHEREAS, Marilyn Laney was commended by Elias Martinez, City Clerk,

on May 29, 1992, for implementing procedural changes which reduced the need for temporary workers by more than 70 percent, resulting in ongoing annual payroll expense savings of more than \$129,000; and

"WHEREAS, procedural changes made by Marilyn Laney, resulted in meeting growing workloads and difficult deadlines, while simultaneously reducing the staffing of the TAPS Data Entry Unit from 9 permanent and 19 temporary workers to its current level of 8 permanent positions and 1 seasonal employee; and

"WHEREAS, Marilyn Laney received the Career Service Award from the City on June 4, 1993; and

"WHEREAS, Marilyn Laney was awarded the Office of Finance, Outstanding Service Award for 2003 on June 19, 2003; and

"WHEREAS, Marilyn Laney's leadership, skills, knowledge and dedicated

efforts during more than 13 years leading the TAPS Data Entry Unit were responsible for the successful processing of more than two million annual business tax renewals resulting in more than three billion dollars in timely revenue to the City; and

"WHEREAS, Marilyn Laney has been found by each of her supervisors to be an outstanding employee with a great attitude and dedication to work, who is a fair and impartial supervisor, and willing to work beyond normal scheduled work hours to complete necessary tasks;

"NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that by adoption of this resolution, the Mayor and City Council of the City of Los Angeles hereby commend Marilyn Laney for her dedication and for her outstanding contributions to the City of Los Angeles during her nearly 34 year career with the City and extend best wishes for a long and happy retirement."

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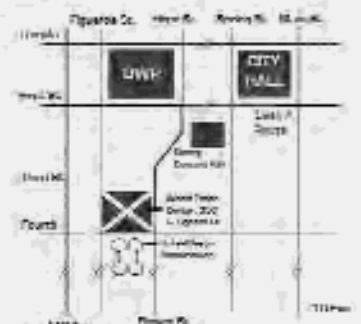
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