# Harriet Walks Into Retirement

### ■ Avid walker Harriet Thomas retires from General Services after 33 years of service.

Photos by Jessica Segura, Club Counselor

GEN. SERVICES. — May 3, at Acapulco Restaurant on Sunset Boulevard, Harriet Thomas was celebrated by family and friends for her 33 years of service to the City. Harriet was Secretary in the Building Maintenance Division of General Services. She will be missed by all who had the pleasure of working with her.

#### Here's a resolution presented to her at the event:

Harriet Thomas was born Dec. 28 in San Francisco. She is the third of 10 children.

During her childhood she lived in California. in Oakland, Riverside, Pacoima and San Bernardino and traveled and lived in Zaragoza, Spain, for three years. After returning from overseas the family lived in Abilene, Tex., and then later moved to Southern California.

Harriet grew up in Southern California, where she attended schools in Los Angeles Unified School District. She graduated from Washington High School in 1967.

Harriet began her City career on March 19, 1973, as a Clerk Typist with the LAPD before transferring to Public Works/Bureau of Transportation and then to General Services.

On March 15, 1971, she was promoted to Public Works Accounting as a Senior Clerk Typist and, on Feb. 21, 1982, transferred to the Department of General Services/Personnel Section. On Feb. 9, 1997, she was promoted to her current position as Secretary in the General Services, Building Maintenance Division.

She has three children: Teresa, Harriet and Vanessa.

She is an active member in her church, Beulah Baptist Church in Watts, where she is on the Church Praise Team, is the Church Secretary, sings in the church choir, is the announcement clerk and donates baked goods to the churches' "Feed the Hungry Program."

She exercises actively, making sure she walks at least 21 miles each week to keep fit.

Congratulations on your retirement, Harriet!





From left: Amanda Montenegro, City Clerk; Renee McDade, City Clerk; and Natalie Sanchez, General Services.



From left: Nick Pendorff, General Services; George Becker, General Services; and Ed Hunter, Retired General Services



From left: Gerald Harris, General Services Recycling; Felicia Fuller, General Services; Maria El Puche, General Services; Lavivanh Tang; Stan Molden; Ceci Rogers; and Tony DeClue, General Services.

## Art in the Harbor

### ■ Art on the Waterfront Festival a big success in the Harbor.

HARBOR — Three thousand people enjoyed the

Story and photos courtesy Theresa Adams Lopez, Harbor Dept.

first Art on the Waterfront festival that took place at the Port of Los Angeles April 29. The festival included more than 40 artists displaying and selling their art, interactive art installations in 20-foot containers, dance performances, chalk artists, an artist-led children's activity tent, and skateboard demonstra-

tions. "We're thrilled with the response to our pilot festival. The response was very positive from a lot of different constituencies," said Nathan Birnbaum, executive director of Angels Gate Cultural Center. "We are already planning for next year's festival with many of the same events as this year, but with some exciting



One of the chalk artists at the recent Art on the Waterfront



the Waterfront festival.

In addition to the activities of the Art festival, more than 1,200 people enjoyed free rides on the

Port's Waterfront Red Car Line, a 1.5-mile vintage trolley line connecting attractions along the San Pedro waterfront. Restored and replicated Pacific Electric Red Cars were designed to serve the area with both transportation and enjoyment purposes.

Art on the Waterfront was sponsored by the Angels Gate Cultural Center, San Pedro Arts Association, the Port of Los Angeles, Los Angeles City Councilwoman Janice

Hahn, Cultural Affairs and Rec and Parks.



Youngsters having fun in the children's activity tent

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