

CITY OF LOS ANGELES 2006 Future Focused Leadership Graduates

Story by Rosetta Davenport Landou; Photos by Jeanie Molinar

Future Leadership Graduates

■ Leadership program for City managers hosts a luncheon for 19 recent graduates.

CITY ADMINISTRATOR — The graduation luncheon of the spring 2006 class of the Future Focused Leadership (FFL) management development program for City managers was held at the Convention Center July 27. The FFL program is a joint venture of the Personnel Department, the Los Angeles Professional Managers Association (LAPMA), and the County of Los Angeles.

The Future Focus Leadership Program was initiated two years ago to educate City managers represented by the Los Angeles Professional Managers' Association (LAMA) on issues including organizations in transition, interpersonal skills, understanding teams and team building, strategic planning, and conflict management strategies. Since its inception, 68 City managers have participated in this program, a result of a joint effort with the City, County of Los Angeles, LAMA and California State University Northridge.

The graduates included:

- ✦ **Crista Binder**, Director, Cash Management Services, Treasurer;
- ✦ **Hector Buitrago**, Assistant Deputy Superintendent of Building, Building and Safety
- ✦ **Marion Chapman**, Street Services Superintendent, Public Works
- ✦ **Kelly Cooper**, Building and Construction Maintenance Superintendent, General Services
- ✦ **Ronald Domash**, Property Manager II, Airports
- ✦ **James Hickey**, Chief, Tax and Permit Division II, Finance
- ✦ **Kabew Kasew**, Wastewater Treatment Laboratory Manager II, General Services
- ✦ **Michael Mullin**, Lab Manager II, Public Works
- ✦ **Karen Penner**, Chief Management Analyst, Building and Safety
- ✦ **Antonio Pulido Jr.**, Sanitation Wastewater Manager I, Public Works
- ✦ **Irene Saltzman**, Property Manager I, General Services
- ✦ **Domingo Saucedo**, Director of Enforcement Operations, Housing
- ✦ **Edward Schaak**, Supply Services Manager I, General Services
- ✦ **Henry Stern**, Chief Investment Officer, Treasurer
- ✦ **Lawrence Williams**, Chief Management Analyst, Public Works; and
- ✦ **Anne Wu**, Information Systems Manager I, Airports.

The fall 2006 program, 15 four-hour sessions over three months, begins Sept. 5 and is at the Personnel Department. If you are represented by LAMA, you are encouraged to apply. Please contact Rosetta Davenport Landou (213) 473-4555 or rosetta.landou@lacity.org for an application or for more information on the program.

CITY MANAGERS GRADUATES LUNCHEON

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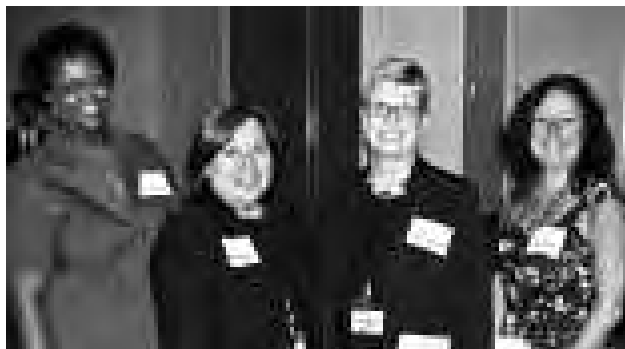
From left: Marion Chapman, St Svcs Supt 1, PW Street Services (Graduate)



From left: Michael Edward Mullin, Wastewater Treatment Lab Manager II, PW Sanitation (graduate); Antonio Pulido, Sanitation Wastewater Manager; and Steve Fan, Sanitation Wastewater Manager.



From left: Marion Chapman, Street Services Superintendent; Ron Olive, Assistant Director, Bureau of Street Services; William Robertson, Director of Bureau of Services, Public Works Street Services; James Hickey, Chief Tax and Permit Division II, Finance Department (graduate); Domingo Saucedo, Director of Enforcement Operations, Housing (graduate); and Charley Mims, President, LAPMA.



From left: Maggie Whelan, General Manager, Personnel; Gloria Sosa, Assistant General Manager, Personnel; Basquez Alejandrina, Chief Personnel Analyst, Personnel; and Linda Lanier, Sr. Personnel Analyst II, Personnel.



From left: Lance Kaneshiro, Information Systems Manager II, Los Angeles World Airports; Anne Wu, Information Systems Manager I, Los Angeles World Airports (graduate); Patricia Tubert, Deputy GM, LAWA Los Angeles World Airports; and Ronald Domash, Property Manager II, LAWA (Graduate)



Alvin Blain, General Manager, General Services



From left: Alvin Blain, General Manager, General Services; and Irene Saltzman, Property Manager I, General Services (graduate)



Andrew Adelman, General Manager, Building and Safety



Maggie Whelan, General Manager, Personnel Department



From left: Kelly Cooper, Building and Construction Maintenance Supt., General Services (graduate); Deborah Ramos, Assistant General Manager, General Services; Tony Royster, Assistant GM, General Services; and Kabew Kasew, Wastewater Treatment Laboratory Manager II, General Services (graduate).



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Ronald Domash, Property Manager II, Airports (graduate) and Patricia Tubert, Deputy GM, Airports.



From left: Dr. Glassman, Professor of Management and Director of the Center for Management and Organization Development, California State University Northridge, with Charley Mims, President, LAPMA.



From left: Henry Stern, Chief Investment Officer, Office of the Treasurer; Crista Binder, Director of Cash Management Services, Office of the Treasurer; and Joya De Foor, Treasurer, Office of the Treasurer.



From left: Traci Goldberg, Sr. Recreation Director II, Rec and Parks; and Ann Vollmer, Pr. Rec Supervisor I, Rec and Parks.



Hector Buitrago, Assistant Deputy Superintendent of Buildings II, Building and Safety (graduate), with Karen Pendera, Chief Management Analyst, Building and Safety (graduate).



From left: William Robertson, Director of Bureau of Services, Public Works Street Services; James Hickey, Chief Tax and Permit Division II, Finance Department (graduate); and Domingo Saucedo, Director of Enforcement Operations, Housing (graduate).



Edward B. Schaak, Supply Services Manager I, General Services, graduate.



Henry W. Stern, Chief Investment Officer, Treasurer, graduate.



Lawrence C. Williams, Chief Management Analyst, Public Works, graduate.



Patricia Tubert, Deputy GM, Airports, with Andrew Adelman, General Manager, Building and Safety.



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The rare white alligator in an exhibit was surrounded by photographers.

Swamp Thing

■ Rare white alligator highlights swamp creature display at Zoo.

Story and photos by Angel Gomez, Member Services Manager

ZOO — A rare white alligator, on loan from Florida, highlighted a display in the entrance plaza of the LA Zoo that focused on swamp creatures.

The creatures were on special display in August through early September.

The white alligator was a true albino and was on special loan from an accredited institution in Florida. It was the first time a white alligator

has been displayed at the Los Angeles Zoo. The animal was featured in the main entrance plaza. Zoo guests were able to compare and contrast the visiting white alligator with the Zoo's other alligators. The Aquatics section of the L.A. Zoo is home to two exhibits of normally colored American alligators as well as the critically endangered Chinese alligator.

In addition to the alligators, the Zoo's "Out of the Swamp" promotion highlighted other swamp species including river otters, spoonbills, ibis, cottonmouths as well as plants. Education stations taught children young and old about the importance of swamps. A special swamp scene with a realistic looking alligator provided a photo opportunity for zoo guests.



The rare white alligator was next to waterfall in the main entrance plaza.



The White Alligator banner at the Los Angeles Zoo.

Newsbrief



NEW PORT PR

The Public Relations and Legislative Affairs division at the Port of Los Angeles has hired three new team members to help extend Port-related community interaction and legislative activity in support of a roster of current and upcoming Port initiatives.

Coming to the Port from the Los Angeles City Commission on the Status of Women, Veronica Hendrix has been hired as the Port's new community-focused Public Information Director. Jenny Chavez, former Legislative Director for 15th District Councilwoman Janice Hahn, assumes the Port's Los Angeles-focus Legislative

Representative post. Wilmington resident and community representative Cecilia Moreno also has joined the Port in the newly created position of Community Affairs Advocate.

"Veronica, Jenny and Cecilia come to the Port with strong credentials as visible and civically active professionals who know how to connect with City leaders and community members alike," said Arley Baker, the Port's director of public relations and legislative affairs. "As representatives of the Port, they will enhance our public agency's interaction with constituents in each City district and residents throughout the Southern California region."