

HOUSING



Perla Veneracion

# Goodbye, Perla

Perla Veneracion retires after 34 years of City service.

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Perla Veneracion, Director of Accounting, Housing, marked her retirement from 34 years of City service in a festive retirement party held Feb. 15 at the New Otani Hotel. The celebration was attended by more than 150 of her co-workers, friends, relatives and retirees. The event was hosted by Bill Lamb, Controller's Office. It was highlighted by awards and certificates of appreciation from Mercedes Marquez, General Manager, Housing; Shirley Tan, Controller's Office; Dorothy Tamashiro; and Yolly Huang, Los Angeles Municipal Accountants and Auditors Association.

There were also special numbers from Housing and the Controller's Office dance groups. Special messages were delivered by Lyndon Salvador, Financial Management Specialist, Controller's Office; and Mary Jane Aquino, Chief Accountant, Convention Center. A slide show was presented by Cris Salandanan.

DJ Gus Ortila provided the music for the night and led the crowd with a series of line-dancing numbers.

Perla started her City service as an Accountant with the LAPD in December 1973, and Public Works/Accounting in January 1976. She then was promoted as a Tax Auditor with the City Clerk. She started with the Controller's Office as a Senior Accountant in 1979 and promoted to Principal Accountant in 1986. She moved to the Convention Center as Chief Accountant II in April 2000 and was promoted as Departmental Chief Accountant IV with Housing in July 2005. Altogether, Perla had worked for the City from December 17, 1973, to March 1, 2008, for a total of 34 years. She had left a legacy of hard work and dedication. We congratulate her on her hard earned and well-deserved retirement.

Congratulations from the Club, Perla!



Housing employees lead line dancing (right to left): Helen Limtao; Teresa Campos; Lilibeth Co; and Susana Verdejo and her husband.



Housing/Accounting.



The Housing Accounting group.



Other well-wishers from the Controller's Office, Airports, and other departments.



Happy guests.



Perla Veneracion with, from left: Mercedes Marquez; Roberto Aldape; Roya Babazadeh; Greg Kung; and other well-wishers.



Guests from the Controller's Office, and others.



Some of Perla Veneracion's former co-workers from the Controller's Office.



Guests from Housing.



Guests from other City departments.



Housing Accounting staff.



Friends and family of Perla Veneracion.