

CITY COUNCIL

LaBonge Says Thanks

Councilman Tom LaBonge, Mr. L.A., hosts a barbecue to say thanks to City employees.

Photos by Robert Larios, Club Director of Operations



Tom LaBonge, Councilman, Fourth District, with his wife, Brigid.



From left: Tony Royster, Interim General Manager, General Services; Robert Larios, Club Director of Operations; and Anthony DeClue, Assistant General Manager, General Services.



From left: Karen Higgins, Manager, City Facilities Recycling Program, General Services, 15 years of City service, and Marivic Sabillo, Management Analyst, 7 years of City service.

On July 17, Councilman Tom LaBonge held his annual appreciation barbecue to say thanks to hundreds of City employees, from a number of departments, including Rec and Parks, ITA, LAPD, LAFD, Public Works/Sanitation, and others.

The barbecue took place in the Friendship Auditorium in Griffith Park.

"It's a way to say thank you for helping the people of Los Angeles," Tom LaBonge said in his remarks. "I started working for the City over 34 years ago, and it's great to serve the city of Los Angeles. As you know, there's nothing more rewarding than when you help someone who never thought anyone would help."

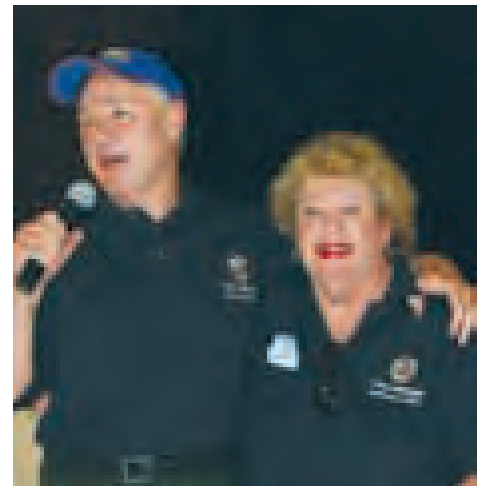
For the last six years, Councilman LaBonge has hosted an appreciation barbecue as a way to say thank you to the City Employees that work in his district. "It's nice because the Council Office staff gets to see people whom we've communicated with via email and phone a thousand times, but have never met in person," said Carolyn Ramsay, Councilman LaBonge's Director of Communications.

The barbecue grows every year, from about 200 people in the first year to about 500 people this year. The kids from the Los Angeles Conservation Corps' Clean and Green program were a huge help. "I don't know how we did it without them," Carolyn said.

"It's a real lovefest," she said. "Everyday's a blessing, and thank you for your service!" Tom LaBonge said. "Take care of your families and enjoy the City of Los Angeles!"



From left: Art Sanchez, Refuse Collection Supervisor, 22 years of City service; Leo Martinez, Solid Resource Manager, 27 years of City service; Club CEO John Hawkins; and Jessie Cruz, Solid Resource Superintendent, 23 years of City service.



Tom LaBonge, Councilman, District Four, acknowledges Renee Weitzer, Council District 4's Chief of Staff.



From left: Carl Jones, Traffic Officer, Transportation, 30 years of City service, with Richard Ellis, Traffic Officer, Transportation, 42 years of City service.



From left: Bubba Willis, LAFD Firefighter and CERT Instructor, 22 years of City service; Robert Larios, Club's Director of Operations; and Mitch McKnight, LAFD Firefighter and CERT Instructor, 21 years of City service.



From left: John Hawkins, Club CEO; Tom LaBonge, Councilman, District 4; Alan Willis, Transportation, 21 years of City service; Jeanne Min, Council District 4 Director of Finance; and Zaki Mustafa, Chief of Field Operations, Transportation.



From left: Wendy Johnson, CSR, Sanitation, 9 years of City service, and Lupe Vela, Senior Policy Adviser, Ad-hoc River Committee, 23 years of City service.



Sal Miranda, Assistant Divisional Manager, Solid Resource Collection Division, and Gigi Galias, Council District 4 Special Assistant, 6 years of City service.



Eddie Santillan, Parking Attendant at City Hall, 23 years of City service, and Anna Martinez, Division Secretary, City Clerk's Office, 30 years of City service.



The Council District Four Staff.

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From left: Chief Daryl Arbuthnott, LAFD, Tom LaBonge, Councilman, District 4; and Ron Villanueva, LAFD Battalion Chief.



Lauranine Braithwaite, Legislative Analyst, 28.5 years of service.



Enrique Zaldivar, Director, Public Works/Sanitation, being acknowledged by Tom LaBonge, Councilman, Fourth District.



From left: Demina Becker, Council District 4 Special Assistant, 3 years of City service; John Hawkins, Club CEO; and Dorothy Perez, Council District 4 Executive Assistant, 39 years of City service.



From left: Stephanie Soriano, LA Conservation Corps; Justin Robertson, a Council District 4 Field Deputy; and Alex Ballentos, LA Conservation Corps.



Kent Carlson, a third-generation City Employee, Waste Water Collection Manager, 25 years with the City, with Robert Larios, a.k.a. Chef Larios, the Club's Director of Operations.



Carolyn Ramsay, Council District 4 Director of Communications, and Luis Rodriguez, System Analysis, ITA's Council Support Group. Luis has been with the City for 12 years.



From left: Deanna Berman, Council District 4 Special Assistant, 6 years of City service, with Jeanne Min, Council District 4 Director of Finance.



From left: Frank Alvarez, Transportation, 33 years of City service, Tom LaBonge, Councilman, District 4; Todd Gaydowski, City Clerk's Records Management Officer; and Ilene Shapiro, City Clerk's office, 30 years of City service.



From left: Steve Morris, LAPD Senior Lead Officer and Council Sgt. at Arms, 21 years of City service; Joe Lopez, LAPD Senior Lead Officer and Council Sgt. at Arms, 35.5 years of City service; and Louie Moreno, Parking Attendant, 25 years of City service.



From left: John Hawkins, Club CEO, and Sgt. Curtin, Transportation.



From left: Jaime Park, Council District 4 Intern; Alice Roth, Council District 4 Field Deputy from the Valley Field Office in Toluca Lake, 7 years of City service; and Stacy Marble, Field Deputy from the Hollywood Field Office and with 7 years of City service.



Jullian Harris-Calvin, Council District 4 Field Deputy, 1 year of City service.



Glenn Calzada, Public Works/Street Services, 30 years of City service, with John Hawkins, Club President and CEO.



Marshall "The Great," Rec and Parks, with Tom LaBonge, Councilman, Fourth District.



Abby Truong, Senior Clerk Typist, General Services, 10 years of City service, with Michael Leighton, Director of Printing Services, General Services, and Club Board Member.



From left: Marivic Sabillo, Management Analyst, 7 years of City service; and Phil Vega, Gerald Harris and Karen Higgins, Manager, City Facilities Recycling Program, General Services, 15 years of City service.