

LETTERS To the Editor

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LETTER OF THE MONTH

Councilmembers Should Follow LaBonge by Thanking Employees



At the July 17th City employee appreciation barbeque, 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.

I went to the event at Friendship Park that Tom LaBonge and his staff put together last month, and I really think that more of the City Council should do things like this for the community and the City Employees who work in each of the Council districts. It really lifts morale for everyone, and it makes us think that the top people who run the City really care about us. Now I'm thinking that Tom LaBonge is a leader for the people, and this is the kind of leadership we need in the City for years to come. Others should look to him as a perfect example.

— Reggie Knoll, Rec and Parks

New Animal Adoption Column's A Pet Project for Animal Lover

I really like the pet club column; it's right down my alley. I have three cats and three dogs already with the help of Animal Services. It is downright hard to turn the page after seeing these adorable cats and dogs. It makes me want to adopt more of these furry critters!

— Gina Thompson, General Services

We agree, Gina. Channel 35 took the lead with its very popular Home Shopping Petwork, and we sought a way to take that concept and translate it for the newspaper. But we were a little concerned that it takes a long time from when Animal Services submits the material, to when we publish. But Animal Services' great rep, Mikki Shaler, places holds on the animals featured in Alive! So get out there and take a look at these great, pre-screened pets. As you know, they can change your life. —Ed.

Why Not Sell Other City Gear, Like Ties, Backpacks and Undies?

The convenience is super with the Club Store just a block away from my office at Parker. Let me say that the Club Store is very classy as well. I think the store, along with its shirts, should offer more stuff like sweatshirts and pants, backpacks, shorts and even underwear.

Yes, I wrote it! Underwear!

Hmmm, and maybe some City of LA ties for the office types?

Last thing, I really like those comfy leather sofas – they're worth the short trip to the store by themselves.

— Billy Lawndale, LAPD

We're happy to pass along your suggestions to Robert Larios, the Club's Director of Operations, and the Ticket Guy. We'll pass them along ... with the exception of the underwear. We'll leave that to you, next time you visit those nice comfy leather sofas! —Ed.

QUESTION of the Month

Our Club Counselors are all over the City, every day, serving our Club Members. While we're out, we'll be asking City employees a fun question. Keep your eyes open... you never know when we'll be asking you what you think!

CLASSIC

from September 2006

What will you remember most about this summer?

"I spent my summer working at the Evergreen Recreation Center, making sure all the kids went home safely with their parents."

—Irene Gomez, Recreation Assistant II, Rec and Parks, 10 years.



"Having fun with my family and being really busy at work."

— Elizabeth Núñez, Detention Officer, LAPD, 2 years.



"This has been one of the all-time hottest summers for me."

— Judy Martin, Principal Detention Officer, LAPD, 17 years.



"Preparing for my daughter's senior year in high school."

— Yvette Vasquez, Principal Detention Officer and Assistant Officer in Charge, LAPD, 19 years.



"I got engaged!"

— Suzanne Meuser, Sr. Clerk Typist, LAPD, 20 years.



"My family and I were involved in power outages during the incredible heat waves."

— James Lemos, Principal Detention Officer, LAPD 18 years.



"Just like most people who experienced it, the heat wave!"

— Willie Owens, Senior Detention Officer, 15.5 years.



"The crazy lines at the airport when I got back from vacation overseas due to the terrorist activity in England."

— Dorothy Keller, Management Analyst, Rec and Parks, 14 years.



"Moving to a new house!"

— Sarita Williams, Detention Officer, LAPD, 2 years.



"I got to see three separate car chases this summer."

— Tina Tsai, Management Analyst, General Services, 2 years.

