

DWP

Luis Castillo Retires

Luis Castillo retires from the DWP after 35 years of City service.

Photos by Art Mochizuki, DWP Public Affairs Photographer

On March 22, friends, family and co-workers attended a retirement luncheon and open house for Luis Castillo, who retired from the DWP after 35 years of City service.

The event was held at Shanghai Red's in Marina del Rey.

Luis Castillo was hired on an emergency appointment as a relief commercial service representative with the conversion task force -- back in the days of tab cards and ledgers, converting to computers -- from January 1974 until June 1976, when he was permanently hired as a meter reader.

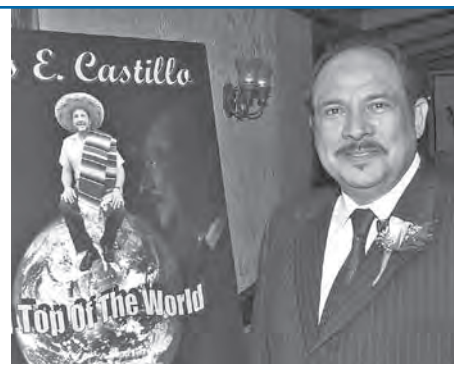
Approximately two years into the job, he got hurt and had back surgery in July 1977. He stayed on Workers Comp/Disability from July 1977 through October 1979. He received a 108 Transfer to a Telephone Operator at the DWP in October 1979 and later became a Customer Service Representative in Customer Service Division in February 1981. After working in various positions within that classification, he became a Conservation Service Representative in Systems Development Division from May 1985 until October 1998. After the Hotline Conservation group was disbanded, he returned to Customer Services Division, where he

worked as a Billing Representative. He went back out to the field in his last appointment in Customer Service, as a Field Service Representative in January 1991. Five months later, he was hired as a Water Service Representative for Water Sales in Water Distribution from May to October 1991.

Luis' next assignment as a Water Service Representative sent him to Water Quality Compliance, Cross Connection Control Unit in February 1996. On March 2007, he became the supervisor of the same unit.

Congratulations, Luis. Enjoy your retirement.

Thanks to Belinda Crawford, Assistant Training Coordinator, Water Quality and Operations, DWP, for her assistance.



Honoree and Retiree Luis Castillo.



Supervisor Melinda Rho and Luis Castillo.



Retiree Luis Castillo with Sharon Moore.



From left: Co-workers Peter Skacan and Charles Guel.



Co-workers of Retiree Luis Castillo.



From left: Cheryl Jenkins, Retiree Luis Castillo and Larry Jenkins.



Co-workers of Retiree Luis Castillo.



Retiree Luis Castillo with his wife, Patricia, and daughters.

Congratulations!



From left: Melinda Rho, Rod Kurimoto and Jackie Ochoa.



From left: Griselda Garcia, Luis Castillo, Marina Busatto and Belinda Crawford.



Co-workers of Retiree Luis Castillo.



From left: Co-workers Fazi Mofidi and Pepa Esparrago.



Retiree Luis Castillo with his wife, daughters, uncle and nephew.

Newsbrief

YOUTH CENTERS:

City Attorney Rocky Delgadillo, in partnership with Los Angeles Unified School District Superintendent Ramon Cortines, launched a joint venture to plan, develop and construct comprehensive youth centers at five Los Angeles middle schools as part of the City Attorney's Safe Schools Division's efforts to keep kids in schools and out of gangs.

"We have seen that when we work together to create a safer campus with engaging activities for our kids, they respond with better grades, higher test scores, and improved graduation rates," said City Attorney Rocky Delgadillo. "And any gang prosecutors will tell you that the best way to keep our kids out of gangs is to keep them in school, because kids who cut class invariably join gangs."

"I look forward to continuing our work together with our LAUSD partners to help our students across the City realize their dreams, and reach their full potential," Delgadillo added.

The specific school sites currently being identified for the location of youth centers by the LAUSD Joint Use Development Program in partnership with the City Attorney's Safe Schools Division include: Maclay Middle School in the East Valley, Nightingale Middle School in Northeast Los Angeles, Berendo Middle School in Mid-Central Los Angeles, Audubon Middle School in Mid-South Los Angeles and Wilmington Middle School in the Harbor Gateway area. These sites are five of the nine schools participating in the City Attorney's Safe Schools Initiative.

The additional youth centers will encourage kids to spend more time on campus -- and less time on the streets where they can be targeted by local street gangs -- by providing them safe spaces where they can develop and enhance study skills, and participate in sports, arts or civic-minded activities. For example, space identified at Maclay Middle school in Pacoima is slated to be converted into a computer lab for use by Jr. ISEE, an afterschool Architecture and Engineering enrichment program where students will learn about cutting-edge trends in green and sustainable architecture, engineering, construction management and design. Space at other targeted schools will be tailored to the needs of the school, in some cases expanding music programs and technology programs.

Through the partnership, the City Attorney's Office is making a capital investment in the computer lab and the other future youth center facilities for furniture, fixtures and equipment, while LAUSD is making capital investments from its Joint Use Innovation Fund for facilities improvements, upgrades, and expansions of existing facilities.

The plan to jointly pursue youth centers at middle schools is based on the success at Markham Middle School, where the City Attorney and LAUSD together -- in an effort to create a safer environment on and around the campus -- established a youth center at which students receive after-school programming by the American Youth Soccer Organization and the Watts-Willowbrook Boys & Girls Club.

The City Attorney's Safe Schools Division was created in the Summer of 2008 on the heels of the successful Markham Middle School Safety Initiative. The School Safety Prosecutor Program was initiated by City Attorney Delgadillo as a key component of his effort to implement and maintain a comprehensive crime reduction strategy to ensure a crime-free and safe environment in the immediate area surrounding a selected High School, as well as recreational areas frequented by students.