

# LETTERS To the Editor

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## LETTER OF THE MONTH

### City Employees Have Suggested Ways for City to Save Money

The following letter first appeared in the *Los Angeles Daily News* in April. It was in response to a previous letter in the *Daily News*, which suggested that City Employees should take a pay cut.

Mr. Colby, I am sorry that the tough economic times are having an effect on your business. Even if City workers are forced to forgo a cost-of-living increase, or take a 10 to 15 percent decrease in pay, as you suggest, this is not going to make

your situation better. When people earn less, they spend less.

It is unfair to suggest that all of the City's budget problems are due to City workers' pay, and that we should work an hour every day for free. City workers have suggested many cost-saving ideas to the City. Some of these ideas will save Los Angeles millions of dollars. City workers realize that we are blessed to have the good-paying jobs that we have.

– Brian Hollenbaugh, DWP

### Alive! Knows That Good News of City Is Important

That story on LEED [Convention Center is awarded LEED-EB certification] is something else! The pictures were super, and the interview with Building Chief Rey Castro was informative. Shouldn't this kind of story be covered in the *LA Times* as well? This is big stuff in my view. Doesn't matter, you guys know what's important.

– Larry Finkle, Rec and Parks

### He Really Appreciates the Mail Svcs. Appreciation Day

General Services does it right by appreciating the work that the Mail Services Division does for the City with an appreciation day! Kudos to Aram Salmasi and Melody McCormick for making sure that these employees were honored. I can't believe this was the seventh year they've been doing this!

– Tim Loyd, General Services

### Magic Was in the Air at Club's Magic Mtn. Night

My jaw is still hitting the floor with the special you guys had for the Magic Mountain Private Party! \$15 a ticket? I've never heard of anything like that before, and there was even free parking!

It was tons of fun, and I think I even saw your cook, Chef Larios, at Magic Mountain as well as other people from the Club. It was a chilly night, but it was hot! Hot! Hot!

– Mirna Beacon, DWP

### 'People We See' Shows All Have Something in Common

Xavier Anderson -- I see that dude around. You know, he always has a smile and seems to be one of the many who are genuinely down on their luck. Thank you for profiling him in the 'People We See' column. Xavier and I have something in common...we both like the movie *The Matrix*. Nice!

– Roger Tillman, Transportation

### Robert Larios Is Tonic This Retiree Needs to Stay Alert

I just wanted to say that it was a good meeting with RLACEI at Friendship Auditorium. There was good information they shared, and the food was the usual tasty food. I want to thank Robert Larios of the Club for bringing in the nice prizes and entertaining us with his great enthusiasm and humor. I usually have to have coffee at these meetings, but I don't need them when he's around.

– Mary S., Retired

## QUESTION of the Month

– Collected by Rachael Brecher, Club Store Rep

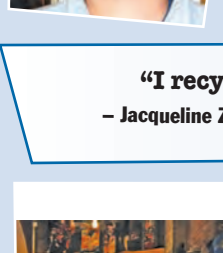
The Ticket Guy and Rachael at the Club Store ask Club Members fun questions when they visit to purchase tickets or great Club apparel and gifts. So, stop by and join in the fun!



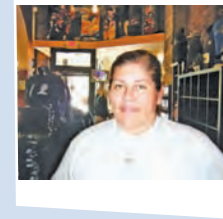
## “What are you doing to be more green?”



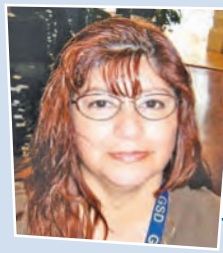
“I’ve switched to LED lights.”  
– Chuy Lopez, DWP



“I recycle junk mail and bottles.”  
– Jacqueline Zarate, Personnel, 25 years of service



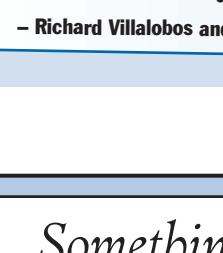
“I wash with full loads, and I’ve installed solar energy fixtures and planted trees.”  
– Lorraine Gonzalez, Transportation, 4 years



“I removed the sprinkler system.”  
– Mary Contreras, General Services, 15 years



“I conserve energy and recycle.”  
– Miguel Estrada, LAPD Communications, 4 years



“I buy organic products and recycle.”  
– Rafael Roque, Library, 2 years

“I unplug electronics when they’re not in use, and I turn off lights.”  
– Richard Villalobos and family, General Services, 18 years.



Something to  Think About

“The quality of a person’s life is in direct proportion to their commitment to excellence, regardless of their chosen field of endeavor.”

– Vince Lombardi

A reminder from L.A. City’s Quality and Productivity Commission:  
Always do your best!