

THE CLUB

Meet the New Counselors

Eboné Moses and Brent Urban join the Club staff, ready to serve you.

Meet the two new Club Counselors – Eboné Moses and Brent Urban. They joined the Club staff in November, and are ready to serve your needs and deliver great customer service.

Here's some information about them. Feel free to say hello!

Eboné Moses

Eboné was born in Alaska, raised in Washington state and moved to Los Angeles from Houston.

"Everyone at the Club is so warm and kind, it feels like family," she says. "That's not to mention all of the great quality extended benefits accessible to each member. The service here is first-class. It's great to know Members have an exclusive club devoted to the satisfaction of each and every member."

"I'm really looking forward to meeting all the City Employees and helping them succeed in planning for their future and the future of their families."

"The customer service we give here at the Club to each and every one of our members is what sets us apart. This is how we show our members that we truly care about the well-being of them and their loved ones."

Brent Urban

Brent was born and raised in Victorville.

"The Club is an extraordinary group of people, with a great combination of passion and enthusiasm for the Club and the City

Employees we serve," he says.

"I'm really looking forward to getting out in the field, meeting new people and counseling them on all the benefits the Club has to offer."

"Customer service is what sets the Club apart," he continues. "That involves picking up the phone when someone calls, helping them get the answers they're looking for, and having that person feel as though they were taken care of by someone who cares about them and the experience they have as Club Members."



Eboné Moses.



Brent Urban.

PUBLIC WORKS

Goodbye, Craig

Craig Bloomquist retires after 44 years of City service.

Story and photos courtesy Tommy Siu, Public Works

A retirement party was held Aug. 25 at the Kyoto Grand Hotel and Gardens for Craig Bloomquist, who retired from Public Works after 44 years of City service.

The party was attended by his family; Public Works/Accounting staff; Board of Public Works Commissioners; representatives from City Attorney, Public Works/Street Services, Public Works/Engineering and Public Works/Sanitation; and many City employees who worked with him over the years.

Craig V. Bloomquist retired as the Director of Public Works/Accounting. He had served in that capacity since 1985, and was responsible for the direction of accounting and financial services for Public Works and for numerous multidepartment special purpose fund expenditure programs, including capital improvement and bond-funded programs. Annual expenditure accounting responsibilities were approximately \$1.9 billion.

His notable achievements include proposing and directing the successful integration of a large-scale cost accounting system with the City's Financial Management Information System; directing the conversion of all wastewater accounting to an enterprise fund; and directing a pilot department implementation for Public Works of a City-wide billing and accounts receivable system. He also sponsored

the development and implementation of two full-featured financial data ad hoc reporting systems: the Bureau of Accounting ad hoc Reporting System, known as BAARS, and most recently, its successor, MERLIN.

A native of Los Angeles, he began his City service in 1965 as a Utility Accountant at the DWP. During his nearly 20 years there, he held a number of increasingly responsible positions in financial planning, financial statements, financial analysis, budgeting, cash forecasting, investing, external financing, rate setting, revenue analysis and general and cost accounting. In 1985, he was promoted from his position as DWP Budget and Financial Planning Manager to head Public Works/Accounting.

He serves on the Board of Advisers of the Civic Center Chapter of the Association of Government Accountants, is a member of the Government Finance Officers Association, and is a member and Past President of Los Angeles Municipal Accountants and Auditors Association.

He has been a Certified Government Financial Manager (CGFM) since 1996, and holds a Bachelor's degree in business administration and accounting from Cal State Los Angeles, where he also attended the business and economics graduate school. He is married, has two children and two grandchildren.

Congratulations on your retirement, Craig. The Club hopes you're enjoying it!



From left: Retiree Craig Bloomquist with Councilmember Tom LaBonge, Club Member.



From left: Board of Public Works President Cynthia Ruiz; Cecilia and Craig Bloomquist; Public Works Commissioner Valerie Shaw; and Councilmember Tom LaBonge, Club Member.



Public Works/Accounting staff.



Craig with his wonderful family.



From left: Public Works Commissioner Valerie Shaw; Craig's daughter-in-law, Cecilia; retiree Craig Bloomquist; Councilmember Tom LaBonge, Club Member; Public Works Board President Cynthia Ruiz; and former Public Works Board Commissioner "Red" Martinez.



From left: William Weeks, Director, Office of Management Employee Services; Gary Lee Moore, City Engineer; "Red" Martinez, former Public Works Board Commissioner; Valerie Shaw, Board of Public Works Commissioner; Paula Daniels, Board of Public Works Commissioner; retiree Craig Bloomquist; Cynthia Ruiz, Public Works Board President; Nazario Saucedo, Assistant Director, Public Works/Street Services; Ron Olive, Assistant Director, Public Works/Street Services; Christopher Westhoff, Asst. City Attorney; and James Gibson, Executive Officer, Board of Public Works.