

PERSONNEL

# Goodbye, Linda

Linda Lanier retires after 38 years of City service.



Linda Lanier, Retiree.



Michael Ellington presents the Council Resolution to Linda Lanier.



From left: Assistant General Manager Phyllis Lynes and Linda Lanier.



Eddie Garcia and Linda Lanier.



Jeff Whitmore.



Art Irigoyen.

Story by Eddie Garcia, Personnel;  
Photo courtesy Personnel

Friends, family and coworkers held a retirement party Feb. 17 for Linda Lanier, Sr. Personnel Analyst II, Personnel.

The luncheon was held at Luminarias in Monterey Park.

Linda Lanier's story is a story of success. You may not recognize Linda Lanier by name. Yet, if you have worked for the City for more than a few years, you have probably been influenced by the results of her work in some way or another.

Throughout her career, Linda has helped employees throughout the City develop their skills and become successful members of our City family, both as a trainer and later as the Manager of the Personnel Department's Employee Development Section, which manages the Citywide Training Program. From General Orientation to Advanced Supervision and everything in between, Linda is one of the main reasons the Citywide Training Program exists today. Linda has also been instrumental in ushering in the future of Citywide training. She has fostered the creation of an online training academy and the construction of new training rooms equipped with computers and audio/visual equipment necessary to deliver quality training and professional programs to City employees. Needless to say, her influence will remain long after she retires.

Linda's professional success inspires many employees who, just like her, began their careers in the clerical series with the City of Los Angeles. Linda began her career with the City in 1971 as a Clerk Stenographer in the City Demonstration Agency Model Cities Program, today's Community Development Department. A few years later, Linda promoted as a Senior Clerk Stenographer, first to the Commission on the Status of Women, and soon after to the Community Development Department.

The pivotal year in Linda's career was 1985. That year, Linda became a Management Aide with the Personnel Department Police and Fire Selection Division. Management Aide is a clerical bridge classification into the professional series, and it was in this position that she gained exposure and experience as an Analyst, which helped her promote to Personnel Analyst I. Shortly thereafter she promoted to Personnel Analyst II in the Personnel Department's Employee Development Section. In 1993, Linda rotated into the Workers' Compensation Division as a Vocational Rehabilitation Analyst. That same year, Linda was promoted to a Senior Personnel Analyst I and moved over to the Los Angeles Police Department as the officer in charge of the Civilian Training Unit. When Linda returned to the Personnel Department in 2001, she returned to manage the Employee Development Section and transform it into the successful program it is today.

Her passion and dedication for the work she does has earned her recognition from other departments, as well as the City Council. In 2004 she received the prestigious City Career Service Award, which very few employees in the City receive each year, and which she truly deserves. Linda is a living testament that through determination and hard work, a person can achieve great things in the City of Los Angeles.

On February 17, 2010, we congratulate Ms. Lanier on her retirement and recognize her for the more than 38 years of excellent service as an employee of the City of Los Angeles. More importantly, we celebrate her contributions to the City

family and wish her the best in her future endeavors. Linda will undoubtedly grace many other organizations and individuals with her faithful service, as she has done with the Los Angeles Association of Black Employees, the Affirmative Action Association of Women, the Nation Forum of Black Public Administrators, and the Southern California Personnel Management Association. After retirement, Linda plans to devote more time to loved ones, particularly her son Damon and her growing grandson Devin. She wants to spend more time volunteering in her church, attending concerts, traveling, and any other worthy pursuits that may present themselves. Linda, you will be missed.



From left: Adriene Murphy, Steve King, Dewanna Sharp, Linda Lanier, Shelia Brooks-LeFridge, Cora Jackson-Fossett and Audrey Atkins.



From left: Susan Huntley, Michael Ellington, Linda Lanier, Audrey Atkins and Cora Jackson-Fossett.

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