

LAPD

For Didi

LAPD Communications names dispatch center for the late Didi Quiles.



The framed remembrance hangs over the entrance to the dispatch center.



From left: Lt. Lucas, 16 years of City service, Club Member, and Capt. Musquiz, 9 years at General Services and 12 years at Housing, Club Member, speak and conduct the ceremonial dedication.



Sr. Park Ranger Torres, 39 years of City service.

Photos by Robert Larios, Club Vice President of Operations

LAPD Communications dedicated its renovated dispatch center for Didi Quiles, a former LAPD 911 dispatcher who died in 2008 reportedly from a domestic situation. The center has been remodeled.

The dedication ceremony took place Dec. 6 at the dispatch center, 201 N. Los Angeles St. downtown.

The dedication began at 3 p.m. with family, friends and colleagues gathering to remember Didi. Food and beverages were available for attendees.

Alive! thanks Lorena de la Torre for her assistance.



Photos and remembrances of Didi Quiles.



Didi's surviving son, Joshua Quiles, cuts the ceremonial ribbon at the entrance of the dispatch center.



Front, from left: Lorena de la Torre, 18 years of service, Club Member; Emilia Cota, 20 years, Club Member; Joshua Quiles, son of the late Didi Quiles; Carmen Winston, 23 years, Club Member; and Rosana Montoya, 27 years, Club Member. Back: Lt. Lucas, 16 years, Club Member; and Suzanne Vasquez, 5 years.

THIS MONTH AT THE

Cabrillo Marine Aquarium

A REC AND PARKS FACILITY

Native Garden Workday

Saturday, Feb. 2
8 a.m. – 10 a.m.

Join CMA educators and volunteers in maintaining the Cabrillo Native Garden and learn more about its plant and animal inhabitants. Also join other volunteers in a beach cleanup clearing the shore of marine debris. Free, open to all.

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HOUSING

Dee-Lightful Retirement

Dee Gordon retires from Housing after 31 years of City service.



Story and photos courtesy Beverly Mims, Supervisor, Customer Service and Information, Housing

More than 80 people attended a retirement party for Deborah "Dee" Gordon, who retired from Housing after 31 years of City service. The party, which carried the theme "Those Fancy Shoes," was held June 16 at the Lakewood Country Club in Lakewood. Guests enjoyed a buffet dinner that included teriyaki grilled beef tri tip and mahi mahi. There was lots of good food, music, dancing and fun. The music was provided and played by Rodney Hilson, Dee's friend and Inspector, Housing. The Committee members were Betty Reed, Beverly Mims, Arline Pombar and Sisi Wright.

Dee Gordon began her career in 1980 as a Clerk Typist with General Services. In November 1984, Dee was promoted and transferred to Transportation's Payroll Division as a Sr. Clerk Typist. In 1991, Dee was reassigned to the Material Control Division.

In December 2000, Dee transferred as a Sr. Clerk Typist to the Code Section of Housing, where she supervised two Clerk Typists on the Code hotline, maintained contact with field inspectors via two-way radio and worked at the public counter as a code enforcement representative. During her tenure in the Customer Service and Information Section, she assisted City residents by providing information on the Department's policies and procedures and related programs to staff and the public at three field offices, supervised eight employees at the Department's call cen-



ter, and trained and supervised the Clerk Typists at the public counter at the South Office.

For several years, Dee ably served the constituents at the Council District 8 Constituent Center, where she cheerfully assisted the public in handling housing-related concerns and always had a kind word for those who sought her expertise. At the retirement party, Housing/Rent Director Anna Ortega-Garcia presented Dee with her 30-Year Service Pin, and two Proclamations: one from Council Districts 8 and 9, and the other from Housing. Congratulations on your retirement, Dee!

