

Welcome to the 2018 edition of The Occasional Planner Newsletter

The goal of the Newsletter is for the SDSU School of Public Affairs to keep in contact with its alumni, and for the city planning graduates to keep in contact with each other. Every effort has been made to locate the School's MCP graduates. However, as you know, email addresses change and names change. If your email address or name changes, please let us know. If you know the email addresses of former colleagues or contacts, feel free to forward them to us.

We are proud of the many accomplishments of our graduates. Our graduates work in the public and private sectors as well as the non-profit sector. Some have even ventured outside of planning during their careers. We hope that you keep in touch with us to let us know what you're doing.



Welcome New MCP Program Faculty Member Anna Joo Kim, Ph.D.

Anna Joo Kim, Ph.D. is an Assistant Professor of City Planning in the School Public Affairs at San Diego State University. Dr. Kim's research is focused on immigrant participation in the informal economy and ethnic labor markets, as well as community economic development and health outcomes related to the built environment. She has partnered with Los Angeles and Atlanta area municipalities and NGOs on planning for immigrant integration, with a focus on civic engagement, community health, and refugee resettlement. She has degrees in Gender and Feminist Studies {B.A}, Ethnic Studies {M.A.} and Urban Planning {UCLA, Ph.D.}

Her research has received grant awards from the Robert Wood Johnson Founda tion, National Science Foundation, National Institutes of Health, American Studies Association, GT Center for Urban Innovation, UC Center for New Racial Studies, and the UCLA and Berkeley Institutes for Research on Labor and Employment. Professor Anna Kim's studio research on demographic change and immigration in the Atlanta metro area has also received awards from the Georgia Planning Association (2017) and the Dale Foundation Prize for Excellence in Urban and Regional Planning (2018). Her book on Immigrant Atlanta is forthcoming in the Urban Life, Landscape and Policy series from Temple University Press.

City Planning Program is Granted "Candidate Status" for National Accreditation

Faculty of the Master of City Planning program are pursuing national accreditation with the Planning Accreditation Board (PAB). The accreditation effort began during the summer 2017 with the drafting of a 200+ page self-study report reviewing five topic areas, including our students' performance and success, our faculty's performance and success, our curriculum, our governance, and our prog ram's strategic plan. We performed an alumni survey over the summer to hear about people's perception of the preparation they received, and we were happy to hear that over 80% or our alumni feel their educational preparation was "good" or "very good."

In October 2017, School of Public Affairs Director Professor Ryan and Associate Professor Appleyard met with a panel of ten PAB board members at the Association of Collegiate Schools of Planning conference in Denver, where they were interviewed about the content of the self-study report. We were recently granted status as "Candidates" for accreditation based on the content of our self-study report and interview. We then prepared an update to our self-study report, and will undergo a site visit in February 2019, after which a final decision will be made by PAB. We hope to use the on-going accreditation processes to guide our continued delivery of a top-notch planning education, and prepare future leaders for protecting quality of life, sustainability and social equity in our metropolitan regions.



Tony Lettieri, FAICP has been retired since 2014 after 45 years in the profession. In retirement, Tony and Pat have been traveling and he has been active in Nice Guys of San Diego, a non-profit organization focused on helping San Diegans get over a hump. Tony's phone number is 619-540-7202 and his email is **tonyl@san.rr.com**

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Charlie Hoch, PhD just retired from the University of Illinois, Chicago in 2016. He never joined AICP even though he served on the PAB board for six years. Charlie is trying to set up an intergenerational cohousing development in Oak Park Illinois in his retirement as he continues to write about pragmatist planning. He can be contacted at hochchas@uic.edu

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Mike Blessing, AICP, has been retired from "active" city planning since 2009 after 34 years with the City of Oceanside. He has maintained a "retired" status with AICP and is now serving his 10th year on the Oceanside Unified School District Board of Trustees, which keeps him focused upon the good efforts by the city as well as the local schools that serve Oceanside residents and businesses. Mike feels truly fortunate and grateful to all those 20+ classmates (and professors) in the MCP class of 1976 that helped him through that wonderful program!! Mike can be reached at mikeblessing@cox.net

Gary London is the founding Senior Principal of London Moeder Advisors, a boutique strategic advisor firm founded in 1991. He provides market analyses, economic and financial analysis, strategies and capital access to investors, lenders and developers. Mr. London is well known as counsel to many of the nation's successful real estate players and entities holding real property assets. Mr. London is an instructor at the University of San Diego. He received his formal education at the University of California, Berkeley (AB) and at San Diego State University (MCP) in 1976. www.londonmoeder.com.

Dennis Wahl, after graduating from the City Planning program, landed his first job in 1979, as a Junior Planner with the City of San Diego. He worked there for a year in travel forecasting and environmental review. In 1980 he joined the San Diego Metropolitan Transit Development Board



(MTDB). He spent 19 years with this agency where they developed and implemented plans for the San Diego Trolley system. He was there for the opening of the initial line in 1981 between Downtown and the international border in San Ysidro. He managed the planning and environmental review for the extension to Santee which opened in 1995 and the Mid-Coast extension to UCSD and University City which is currently under construction. He left the agency in 1999, and joined the San Diego office of BRW, a planning and design firm that was later acquired by URS. After four years there, he joined IBI Group to open its San Diego office and spent 12 years there. As a consultant, he managed and assisted on a wide range of transportation projects in San Diego, Phoenix, Southern California, and other places. He retired in 2015, after a fulfilling 36-year career. He currently volunteers occasionally to assist the local chapters of the Women's Transportation Seminar (WTS) and the Institute of Transportation Engineers (ITE). He can be reached at dennis wahl@cox.net

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Dave Abrams, AICP. During the program Dave interned at the City of San Diego Planning Department working on the Growth Management Plan. Immediately after graduation he started working at County of San Diego when Paul Zucker was Director of Planning. He also worked on their Growth Management Plan under the supervision of Jerry Herman. He then went on to the City of Carlsbad as an Assistant and then Associate Planner in current planning. Dave took a sabbatical in Toronto, Canada and, upon return, worked for a real estate development firm — JH Hedrick— seeking building sites. He took a position as Senior Planner with the City of Rancho Mirage and then become Planning Director. He returned to San Diego and worked for municipal consulting firm Berryman and Stevenson and the Stevens Planning Group. Dave became a forward planner for the real estate development firm Weingarten, Siegel, Fletcher Group; went to the Fairbanks Ranch Homeowners Association in Rancho Santa Fe as their Planner; and was promoted to General Manager. His final position was as the onsite General Manager of the Windemere Homeowners Association in La Jolla. He has been retired for five years, but is still active in planning-related committees including Board member of Citizens Coordinate for Century 3 (C-3), San Diego Canyonlands, Environment +Design Council, and Chairperson of the La Jolla Traffic and Transportation Board. He is a CASA (Court Appointed Special Advocate) with Voices for Children. Early in his planning career he became a Charter Member of AICP. He can be reached at manana@san.rr.com

Howard Silldorf. Berding | Weil welcomed the San Diego law firm, Silldorf Law and its Partners, Howard Silldorf and Theresa Filicia, as



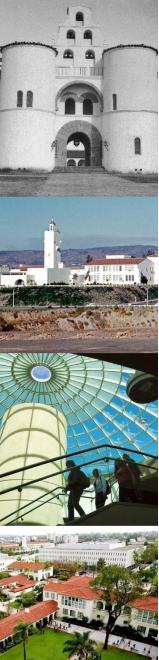


partners in the Berding | Weil family effective June 1, 2018. They bring with them decades of experience assisting hundreds of Southern California common interest developments as construction defect litigation and general counsel. Their clients range from small to large developments, luxury high rise mixed use developments, large master planned communities, attached and standalone condominiums, and commercial and industrial developments. Howard Silldorf received his J.D. from California Western School of Law, Master of City Planning, San Diego State University, B.A. in History, University of California, San Diego. Howard can be reached at hsilldorf@berdingweil.com

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Elizabeth Graff is mostly retired. She has a few of the private clients she took after she retired from the City of Oceanside who "refuse to let [her] out of their clutches". Elizabeth says she will gladly "coach" them, but not do any of the "real work." For her high school class (1956) "birthday party" (yes, really!) her daughter drove her to Corvallis, Oregon. Planners cannot take long drives without noticing and commenting on everything happening inland use and environmental issues! Just ask Elizabeth's daughter! Elizabeth did let go of her AICP a few years ago.

Carol Lumb recently retired after 40 years in the planning profession. Her most recent employment was with the City of Tukwila, Washington, where she served as a Senior Planner. Carol's responsibilities were varied and usually split between working on current planning projects and long range/comprehensive plan projects. Over her time with the City, she became the planner who revised the City's environmental regulations twice (known as Sensitive Area or Critical Area regulations); and spent 10 years, off and on, working on the land use plan and implementing regulations for the river that runs over 13 miles through the City. Carol's last two major projects were updating the City's landscaping and tree regulations. Carol is by no means an expert in any of these areas, but worked closely with the City's urban environmentalist, as this person had the professional education and expertise to inform the work. Her role was usually taking their knowledge and translating it into draft regulations or land use policies. All of these projects involved working with a citizen advisory group and then taking the project through Planning Commission and City Council review. Prior to working for Tukwila, Carol worked for 11 years for King County, developing land use plans for specific geographic areas of unincorporated King County. These areas ranged from rural/resource areas to suburban areas of the County. Her first official planning jobs were in Oregon, where she moved after graduate school. Initially she worked for almost three years as a contract employee with cities that were outside the urban growth boundary in Clackamas, Multnomah and Washington Counties. These





counties are in the Portland metropolitan area. Her role was to assist these small cities with their comprehensive plans as they sought review and approval by the State's Land Conservation and Development Commission. Oregon has had long standing state-wide land use goals that must be addressed by most jurisdictions in the State. After leaving that position, Carol worked for 2 years for the Boundary Review Commission, a state agency that was responsible for reviewing proposed annexations and incorporations in the same three county areas. Carol can be contacted at lumbcarol@hotmail.com

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Greg Konar, AICP got his first planning job with the California Coastal Commission (3 years) beginning as a staff services analyst while still a student a t SDSU. He then worked for the City of San Diego (9 years) holding positions of associate planner, senior planner and principal planner. His work focused on the City's Local Coastal Program which he saw through to certification in 1986. In 1990, Greg accepted a contract with the City of Solana Beach to develop the City's first zoning code, including development standards for the Cedros Avenue Design District. Between 1993 and 1999 he took a hiatus from the planning field to pursue an entrepreneurial venture. He returned to planning in 2000 as a senior planner for Lettieri-McIntyre and Associates. His first project was the Sea World Master Plan adopted in 2002. Soon after, LMA merged with Project Design Consultants. From 2001 to 2007 he worked primarily on specific plans and land use feasibility studies. In 2007 Greg formed a small planning consulting firm that teamed with J.H. Douglas and Associates to update general plan housing elements across southern and central California. His association with J.H. Douglas has been ongoing since then. Between 2012 and 2015, Greg teamed with ATKINS on a major project for the Del Mar Fairgrounds. Since then, he has been working on his own at Konar Associates, often as sub to other consultants. Today, Greg is semi-retired but still enjoy having some professional work. Over the past 18 years, Greg has been actively involved with APA, serving 15 years on the San Diego Section Board of Directors, the last three as Section Director and Past Section Director. He also served on the California Chapter Board as Vice President of Membership and Marketing (2016-2017) and is currently serving on the Chapter Board as Distance Education Coordinator. Along with his participation in APA, he developed a greater interest in planning advocacy. This began with the San Diego Housing Federation sponsored Sustainable San Diego Initiative in 2007 and continued as a founding member and Chair of the San Diego Complete Streets Task Force(CSTF) in 2011. CSTF was instrumental in breaking down the silos between San Diego professionals responsible for what takes place in the right-of-way. CSTF was also an early advocate for removing barriers to complete streets--especially the LOS standards then embedded in the CEQA review process. Their efforts, along with others around the state,



contributed to the passage of SB743. Greg enjoys playing percussion (especially cajon) at guitar and ukulele meet-up groups around San Diego. He lives in Normal Heights and is heartened by the energy and revitalization that the millennials have contributed to many of San Diego's mid-city neighborhood. He takes climate change very seriously and does what he can to contribute to the solution. **Contact information**: Greg Konar, AICP, Konar Associates, 4870 West Mountain View Dr., San Diego, CA 92116-1711, 619-840-5601.

Brian Milich works for Pacific Ventures Management LLC currently overseeing the planning, entitlement, development and land sales of an approximately 1,700 unit master planned community in Lake Elsinore, CA Below is my contact information: Brian Milich, Vice President Pacific Ventures Management LLC, 4343 Von Karman Ave Newport Beach, CA92660, p 949-955-0984, c 619-318-6285 Email: **bmilich@pacv.com**, **www.pacv.com**

Jeff Pulverman retired in 2013 after a 34-year career with Caltrans within the transportation planning function. During the later stages of his career, he served as the Division Chief for the District 3 Division of Planning and Local Assistance. The most rewarding part of his career was developing and mentoring staff within the planning function. His time at SDSU served him well in his career and he's glad he chose that graduate program. Email: jeff@pulverman.org

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Milton Phegley. Six years into retirement doesn't mean any less activity!! Milton retired in 2012 after 13 years at the Coastal Commission and 24 years at UC San Diego as the director of community planning. Skills learned at SDSU benefited him immensely over the years. Knowing about the substance and the process of planning helped to educate and communicate with community members as UCSD pursued its growth plans. But, alas, he has been to very few community meetings since retirement! Milton returned to far northwestern California (Eureka) and is enjoying a slower pace of life. He is involved in a number of community activities, including the rehabilitation of a historic cemetery; research and exhibits related to early artists of the red woods; and family genealogy stuff and continuing to fill his mind with all sorts of local history trivia. Milton is always available at mjpcal@gmail.com or on Facebook.



Tom Coyle is in the Sonoran Desert promoting economic development and planning for Pima County, Arizona. His formal position is program manager, but he routinely works the issues that fall through the cracks in the local organization chart. He calls Tucson home, and lives really close to the University of Arizona. His daughter, Kelsey, is in her second year of graduate school at the UoA where she is pursuing a career in Pharmacology/Perfusion Science. Tom can be reached at Tom Coyle, Program Managers, Pima County Development Services, 201 N. Stone Ave., 2nd Floor, Tucson, AZ85701, (520) 724-6792.

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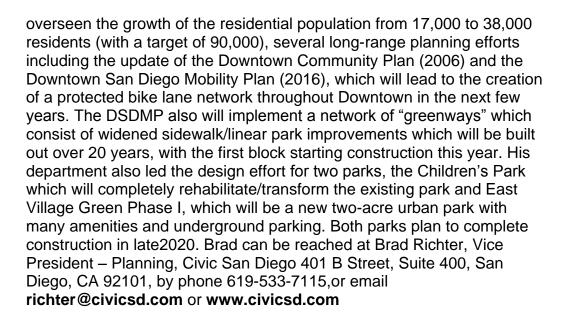
Sherri Freemuth, AICP is a Senior Field Officer for the National Trust for Historic Preservation. She supports a variety of preservation projects throughout the Pacific Northwest, notably managing the Panama Hotel and Cape Flattery Lighthouse National Treasures in Washington state. Sheri has been with the National Trust since 2009, prior to that she was a Senior Environmental Planner for Science Applications International Corporation (SAIC) for18 years, preparing environmental reports and comprehensive plans for a wide range of public agencies. Before joining SAIC, Sheri was a planner for Ada County Development Services (Boise, ID), the Cities of San Diego and La Mesa and the Southeast Economic Development Commission (San Diego, CA).

She is accredited by the American Institute of Certified Planners, is a member of the APA Idaho chapter and is active in a number of community organizations. Sheri and her husband John live in a historic home in Boise's North End and have 2 adult sons.

Robin Marshburn, AICP has been working for Oregon Department of transportation for 18 years now as a transportation planner. Most of my work has been around freight planning. He is currently working on a statewide study looking at current and future commercial truck parking supply and demand. He can be reached at Robin Marshburn, Transportation Development Division, Planning Section, Oregon Department of Transportation, 503-986-3696, **robin.l.marshburn@odot.state.or.us**

Brad Richter is currently working as the Vice President, Planning of Civic San Diego, a public benefit non-profit corporation established by the City of San Diego to perform the planning and project entitlement services for the City in the Downtown Community Planning area. He's worked Downtown now for 20 years, and has been involved with and/or





Dana Smith retired from the City of Newport Beach in 2012 as Assistant City Manager. She was AICP certified but did not keep it current. Living in Downtown San Diego, enjoying Padres baseball and hoping one day soon for a .500 season! She can be reached at **napasmith3@gmail.com**

William Stocks has been retired for almost 11 years and he hasn't been involved in the field of planning since his retirement. He's enjoying his free time. Things really worked out well for him-good pension, benefits, etc. His goal is to move with his wife to some place on the coast of mainland Mexico. He can be contacted at will_stocks@hotmail.com

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Bill Figge, AICP spent his 38-year planning career at CALTRANS District 11, San Diego and Imperial Counties. He retired as the District Planning Director in December 2018. He currently serves on the SDAPA Board as Programs Co-Chair and is working with a group of CALTRANS employees and other colleagues to establish a San Diego Imperial County Transportation Museum. He can be reached at **figge@cox.net**

Joan Harper, AICP, Ph.D. graduated from the MCP program in 1987. She got my early training as a planner with the City of San Diego in community planning, legislative referrals, and environmental review before moving to Honolulu where she worked as a land use policy advisor to the Honolulu City Council. While in Hawaii, she finished her doctoral dissertation in American Studies and also worked as a consultant in historic preservation. Recently, Joan moved back to



California to work for the National Indian Justice Center in Santa Rosa. She hopes everyone is doing well and would love to hear from old schoolmates. She can be reached at Joan Harper, AICP, Ph.D., Tribal Transportation Planning Coordinator, **joanharper@nijc.org**, (707) 579-5507

Rich Zumwalt, AICP passed away from cancer in 2016. He earned his AICP designation and worked for the City of Chula Vista from 1997 on. Prior to that, he worked for the County of San Diego. Debbie Zumwalt, his wife, indicated that their daughter followed in his footsteps and graduated from SDSU in 2016.

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Sandy Howard, AICP. She retired from the City of Seattle. She has kept her AICP active as a retired member. She continues to volunteer at the University of Washington on a Professionals Council for the master's students in Urban Design and Planning. The Professionals Council is a group of active planners who mentor students during their UW studies. They also do various educational events and help launch their professional networks. Her focus on the Council is new urbanism, green building, sustainability, and equity in planning. Sandy sits on a Diversity subcommittee working to increase diversity in the planning profession. She is also on a statewide Advisory Committee for an Unreinforced Masonry (URM) Building survey. Sandy worked on the City's URM retrofit policy and continues to be an advocate for retrofit of URMs for seismic public safety and resilience as well as community character preservation. Her volunteer work keeps her engaged, but mostly she is enjoying unscheduled time to spend with her family and other interests like travel, sports, painting and creating music as much as possible. She can be reached at sandymh.howard@gmail.com

George Williamson, AICP is Principal Planner and majority owner of Planwest Partners Inc., a California North Coast consulting firm established in 1997, Contract Executive Officer for Shasta Local Agency Formation Commission since 2016, Contract District Planner for Humboldt Bay Harbor Recreation and Conservation District since 2013, American Institute of Certified Planners (AICP) member since 1983, American Planning Association life member in 2017. George resides in Arcata, CA. He can be reached at George Williamson AICP, Principal Planner, Planwest Partners Inc., 1125 16th St, Suite 200 Arcata, CA, 707-825-8260, georgew@planwestpartners.com



Kimberly Abe is currently focused on climate change (as the biggest planning issue) with a local citizen's group out of Annapolis, Maryland. But of course, she has been drawn into helping citizens with local land and natural resource preservation(a.k.a. fighting development.) Kimberly still tinkers with historic preservation, which she loves, but alas environmentalism is a bigger more immediate concern. She can be reached at **kruthabe@gmail.com**, 410-627-1432.

Mary P. Wright, AICP, LEED AP ND graduated from SDSU with a BA in Geography in 1982 and Master of City Planning in 1990. She worked for the City of San Diego for over 20 years in current, environmental and long-range planning and served for five years as the City's Deputy Director of Planning. Presently, she is the Vice President of Civic Solutions, a Southern California-based planning and community development firm. In this capacity, she prepares and directs work on a variety of planning efforts (general plans, zoning studies, etc.) and works with public agencies to provide planning staff services. She is also currently serving on the Board of Directors for the City Heights Community Development Corporation and is the Vice President of Marketing and Membership for the California Chapter of the American Planning Association. She lives in Coronado with her husband and has two grown sons. She can be reached at wright@civicsolutions.com. (949) 489-1442.

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Chris Jacobs, AICP is a new Senior Planner at the City of Chula Vista involved with updating the land development provisions of the Chula Vista Municipal Code. Prior to joining Chula Vista in April 2018, he worked at the City of La Mesa. Chris has experience with many typical aspects of planning, including long range policy planning, development permit review, and CEQA. While at La Mesa, Chris worked on the 2012 Centennial General Plan, and on the first Climate Action Plan to receive approval in an east county city. He also processed a variety of mixed use and transit-oriented developments along La Mesa's transportation corridors and transit stations. Chris started his career at the City of San Diego where he primarily worked in the Advanced Planning Division. He can be contacted at cjacobs@chulavistaca.gov



John Auyong is still a "decision writer" for the Social Security Administration's Office of Hearings Operations. John worked with Caltrans up until 1999.

Luis Chavez works as a Project Engineer for the City of San Diego in the Public Works Department supervising the design and construction of water and sewer project throughout the city. He can be contacted at Luis Chavez, Project Engineer, Public Works Department -AE&P Division, City of San Diego, 525 B St., Suite 500, San Diego, CA 92101, phone number 619-533-4188, or email **Ichavez@sandiego.gov**

Sherilyn Sarb worked first as a graduate student assistant with the Coastal Commission in 1979 and then as a coastal program analyst, supervisor and manager in the San Diego office until 2006 at which time Sherilyn was promoted to Deputy Director responsible for coastal development and planning in San Diego and Orange Counties. She retired December 2016 and is currently a volunteer with the Coastal Commission. She can be contacted at **sherilynsarb@gmail.com**

Kim Schoettle currently co-owns and manages office operations including client accounts, finances, communications, marketing, and compliance requirements for Schoettle Financial. Previous experience includes working as an Environmental Analyst for SDG&E, a Proposal Writer for RECON Environmental Consulting, and an intern for the City of San Diego Architect's Office performing historical site designation recommendations. She worked as an Auditor for the State of Indiana Department of Commerce Block Grant program prior to moving to San Diego. She previously served as President of the Friends of Pacific Beach Secondary Schools Parent Teacher Organization (PTO) from 2012-2015 and served as Vice President from 2010-2012; served on the San Diego Unified School District Independent Citizens Oversight Committee for Proposition S/Z Bond Programs, worth almost \$6 billion, for 6 years and the Excess School Property Advisory Committee for four years. She can be reached at Kim Schoettle, 4906 Everts St., San Diego, CA 92109.

Jeff Valder graduated in 1992. He left the Town of Fountain Hills, Arizona as their Community Development Director in 2003 after working in the public sectorsince1991. His journey through the dark side included positions with a few national home builders doing acquisitions, entitlement and development management work, as well a time working



with a land banking firm in Phoenix. Since the real estate crash he has been actively investing in the Phoenix market, and in 2014 he founded Valder Development Company that develops small single and multifamily projects in the Phoenix market. He can be reached at 602-714-0059 or at jwvalder@cox.net

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Ken Belliveau, AICP just recently retired from full time work after a 30year career working in local and state government. His most recent position was as director of planning and zoning for the Town of Williston, Vermont, one of the fastest growing communities in the state where he has been for the past 10 years. In Williston, Ken worked on two major updates to the town's comprehensive plan and helped the town revamp its permitting and plan review process. Ken also oversaw the review and development of one of the town's largest mixed-use developments to date. Ken attended SDSU in the early 1990s earning an MCP in 1993 while simultaneously working full time in the planning department of the City of El Cajon. Since leaving El Cajon in 1995, Ken has worked in the metro-Atlanta and Nashville areas in local government planning, and he also worked as a senior policy advisor to the Tennessee state legislature on growth and development issues for 10 years prior to moving to Vermont. He always valued the training and experiences he had at SDSU. So much of what Ken studied back in the 1990s has helped him guide his thinking over the years and it is still relevant today. When he's not out skiing or riding his bike, Ken can be reached at his home in Waterbury Center, Vermont at kbnvt08@gmail.com

Peggy Chapin (Gentry) is currently working as a planning consultant for the City of Escondido. Peggy manages two large multi-family projects, one is currently going through the environmental process and the other will shortly. She is also preparing a density transfer ordinance for Council review in a month or so. Typically, Peggy works at the city about one day a week and manages the project from home. Peggy and her husband have a general construction business. Their construction projects typically include whole-house remodels, room additions, new construction, and on occasion, commercial interior renovations. She assists her husband with ordering specialty fixtures and materials, coordinating deliveries, picking up materials, drafting letters, and reviewing contracts. Peggy spends a lot of time walking 3 miles a day and has recently taken up running. Peggy travels guite a lot to see family in Washington, Colorado, Florida, Tucson, the Bay Area and now Mexico. Peggy accompanies her daughter to wherever she is running a marathon. She has 4 married children, 9 grandchildren and one great grandson. Peggy and her husband travel to see Dead and Company when they are touring or watching local Grateful Dead cover bands. She





is never at a loss of things to do. She can be contacted at **peggy.chapin@cox.net**, or by phone at 760-717-1300.

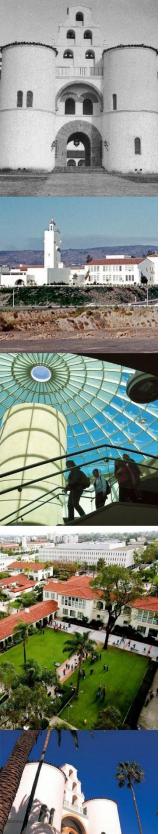
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Jay Olivas has been with the County of Riverside for more than 20 years in the current planning division. Jay processes many types of major planning projects including for renewable energy such as for wind turbines and commercial solar projects with environmental review. He mostly covers the desert area of Riverside County in the Coachella Valley to the Colorado River. With the economy improving there has been an increase in all sorts of planning projects. His undergraduate work at UCSD and graduate education at SDSU has greatly helped in being able to review, process and complete urban and regional planning projects. Jay can be contacted at olivas_jayt@msn.com or by telephone at 760-863-7050.

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Jeff Codling was introduced to transit in 1994 via a student worker, as required by the MCP program, position at San Diego County Transit System. He stayed in local transit planning and operations since then and is now the Director of Transportation on the bus side of MTS. Jeff oversees Radio, Dispatch, Technology, Training, Field Supervision, 540 drivers, 32 supervisors, and 6 department managers. He has been in this position for almost three years after approximately 20 years of managing transit via contract with private operators. According to Jeff, managing the in-house side of the operation is a completely different animal and it has been both challenging and rewarding. Furthermore, Jeff states MTS is considered one of the best run transit agencies in the country and are at or near the very top in every performance category compared to peer agencies. He can reached at Jeff Codling, Director of Transportation, San Diego Metropolitan Transit System, 10016th Street, San Diego, CA92101-7490, www.sdmts.com, or by phone at 619-595- 3088.

Garth Nagel, AICP, LEED-AP. After 15 years in various private sector planning consultant firms, Garth took a job with Department of Navy in search of stability from the volatile economy. Since 2011 he has been involved with various Navy master plans (including the Naval Postgraduate School at Monterey); renewable energy, water



conservation and other sustainability efforts. Garth is currently working with Port of San Diego, NOAA and Scrippson sea level rise vulnerability assessments for bases around San Diego Bay. Garth attends the American Planning Association National Conference every few years to get exposure to the other planning issues. He can be reached on LinkedIn.

Kay Shelton, AICP. Using contacts made during her internship with the San Diego Metropolitan Transit District Board (MTDB) she was hired by BRW after graduation as a transportation planner, getting to work on small studies to major transit corridor projects around the country, including the Dallas light rail transit (LRT) program. In 1997, she joined the new BRW Dallas office, which later became URS Corporation. In 2000, she joined Dallas Area Rapid Transit (DART) as a project manager for its Green Line LRT expansion. Since then she's managed the agency's long-range transit plan, additional LRT expansion projects, and the General Planning Consultant contract.

Currently, she is working on an update to the long-range plan, a new LRT subway in the Central Business District, and a 26-mile regional rail corridor in the northern part of the DART Service Area. She is also leading the agency's Sustainability Plan efforts, which will establish targets and metrics to demonstrate the agency's benefits on the social, economic and environmental fronts. She credits the MCP program with providing a broad based education that is valuable as a planner. Even more important was the internship program, which enabled her to create a professional network that is still strong today. If anyone is interested in learning more about DART oropportunities in Dallas, feel free to contact her at kshelton@DART.org

Beth (Grennan) Vogelsang, AICP is happy to say that her planning and design firm, OV Consulting in Denver, Colorado, just celebrated its 16th Anniversary! Her office of 7 is busy re-envisioning and redesigning the National Western Center in northeast Denver, home to the National Western Stock show and future campus of Colorado State University. They are the transportation lead, and are working to bring a range of mobility options to a unique, but constrained, site. Over the past couple years, Beth and her team have expanded their core transportation practice to include planning for community resiliency in storm water management and water quality. This off shoot has been a great exercise in linking community planning practices and urban design with traditional drainage engineering. They were fortunate to pilot a program in Community Resiliency Planning, Education and Outreach for the City and County of Denver's Wastewater Management department and are now working in several drainage basins throughout the metro area designing integrated green and grey infrastructure solutions. She can be contacted at Beth Vogelsang, AICP, Principal Planner, OVConsulting, 1200 BannockStreet, Denver, CO80204, and by phone at 303.589.5651



Perdita Holtz, AICP. After graduation in 1996, Perdita decided to leave the state of California and drew her "snowline," landing a position with the City of Little Rock, Arkansas, where she worked as a neighborhood planner for a year before moving on to Columbus, Georgia. While working full-time in planning in Georgia, She completed an MBA in 2000 at Troy State University, located just over the Chattahoochee River in Alabama. In late 2003, Perdita joined the planning staff in Orange County, North Carolina as the special projects planner. Since 2008, she has led and managed the Special Projects and GIS division of the Planning and Inspections Department. Orange County is part of the "Triangle" region of North Carolina; UNC Chapel Hill is located in the county's largest municipality while Duke University is just a few miles away in neighboring Durham County. Perdita states that for the past 22 years, planning has been a varied and mostly interesting career, not including the part-time positions in which she worked at Caltrans and the County of San Diego while in grad school at SDSU. Perdita can be contacted at pholtz@orangecountync.gov

Carolina Ilic, AICP graduated with her MCP from SDSU in 1996 and served as an intern at SANDAG during the time she was pursuing her masters. Carolina Ilic continues to work at SANDAG as Senior Regional Planner. 2018 has been a special year for Carolina. In 2018, she was selected as the SDSU "Alumni of the Year Award" for Distinguished Service in the Field of City Planning, and earned the "Mentor of the Year Award" from the San Diego American Planning Association (SDAPA) Mentorship Program. Several years ago, she became a member of the American Institute of Certified Planners (AICP). Carolina has worked at SANDAG for almost 25 years. During that time, she served as project manager of the Regional Comprehensive Plan (RCP), coordinated the preparation of the "Smart Growth Concept Map," developed visual simulations showing how communities can be transformed by smart growth, and worked on regional plans. She is currently managing the TransNet Smart Growth Incentive Programand Active Transportation Grant Program, implementing SANDAG's Regional Complete Streets Policy, and working on public health in relation to transportation planning as part of SANDAG's next Regional Plan. Carolina stays involved in the planning community by serving as the Planning Journal Editor for the SDAPA Board, and volunteering as a mentor.



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Mark Hofman, AICP CFM specializes in community and economic development within small city local governments in three Western states. While working as Graduate Assistant to Dr. Roger Caves, he took advantage of a paid internship opportunity in advance planning with the City of Encinitas. The internship led directly to a full-time position after graduation, sparking a career in local and regional planning that progressed up the traditional chain from planning tech at the front public counter, to assistant planner, associate planner, and then community development director. Experience includes: North San Diego County Transit District; City of Encinitas; City of Half Moon Bay; second termat the City of Encinitas; then, the City of Sun Valley, Idaho as Community Development Director for nearly ten years. He currently serves as Community Development Director for the City of Snoqualmie, Washington. In his current role, he works with staff and consultants incurrent and advance planning, building and inspections, code enforcement, and economic development. Time away from work pursuits remains focused on skiing, hiking, and now kayaking. GoAztecs! His contact Information is: Mark Hofman, POBox 414, Snoqualmie, WA 98065, email mhofman@ci.snogualmie.wa.us, and phone (425) 888-5337

Wendie Rooney (Schulenberg). Wendie was a Planning Director for the City of Rohnert Park, and the City of Steam Boat Springs, CO. Wendie was Community Development Director for the City of Gilroy and the Town of Los Gatos. She retired from Los Gatos in early 2013, she then moved to Hawaii with her husband and dog Spencer. She worked for Hawaii County Planning Department as a Senior Planner for one more year. She is enjoing the retirement life in Hawaii with her husband and dogs. For her final act in her planning career, she has recently been selected to serve on the Community Association's design review committee, which reviews and approve (or denies) new homes and remodels. She can be reached at wendierooney@gmail.com.



J Dichoso, AICP has been a devoted city planner for the City of Encinitas. He has worked in both the Advanced Planning and Land Development Divisions of the Development Services Department. He can be reached at J. ALFREDDICHOSO, AICP, Associate Planner, Development ServicesDepartment, City of Encinitas, phone 760-633-2681.

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John Conley has been working for the City of Vista since 1998, and is currently the Director of Community Development and Engineering for the City. He received his AICP in 2000, the same year he graduated from the MCP program. John continues to run the planning, building and engineering departments for Vista, spending the majority of time working on private development applications and capital projects. His efforts are currently focused on educating the public about the planning process and private property rights. John, his wife Tiffany, and their five children reside in the Vista area. He can be reached at John Conley, Director of Community Development & Engineering, City of Vista, 200 Civic Center Drive, Vista, CA92084, by email jconley@cityofvista.com, or by phone at 760- 643-5388.

Nora Dresser graduated in 2000 and began work for the City of Los Angeles Department of Recreation and Parks as a planner. She transferred to the Department of City Planning about 3 years later and has been lucky to have been able to move around the department with a variety of assignments that include project and plan implementation, CEQA, code amendments, over saw historic districts, and counter (as an assistant and a supervisor). During her career there have been some minor and major reorganizations of the department with financial ups and downs. Today Nora works in the nation's largest planning department, in one of the nation's largest cities, 2nd largest population, and with unparalleled variety of land forms, uses, environments, and demographics. Nora and her team are most often the first to tackle issues and challenges, being creative and innovative have been necessary attributes. However, that has also been her challenge as a planner to find answers with no prior examples to follow to base ideas on. Overall Nora state is has it has been a rewarding experience.

Cheryl Kitzerow. After 13 years with the City of Temecula in the Planning and then Economic Development Department, Cheryl took the





Community Development Director position with the City of Menifee in in May 2017. Lots of great opportunities with the young and booming City! She can be reached at **Ckitzerow@cityofmenifee.us**, or by phone at 951-723-3706.

Amanda Lee is in Del Mar working as a Principal Planner overseeing the City's long- range planning. They are in a new City Hall building as of Memorial Day weekend, which is very exciting. It's a beautiful facility to work in and visit. Some of the big planning projects they have going on include their short-term rental regulations and their sea level rise/coastal resiliency planning work program. Both are current issues that agencies across the world are struggling with. For short term rentals they are in the process of challenging the Coastal Commission in regards to authority over local plan zoning. For the sea level rise work program, they are finalizing a package of technical documents, land use plan policies, and code amendments to establish a long-term for the City to monitor and address areas that are projected to be subject to erosion and flooding hazards through year 2100. The City approved its Adaptation Planin May 2018 and they are currently processing associated policy and regulation changes to minimize the risk of these projected hazard sand implements the City's Community Plan vision for the future of Del Mar. They expect to have the City Council review wrapped up in September 2018. The next stage in the process for the sea level rise /coastal resiliency planning work program will be processing of the Local Coastal Program Amendment via the Coastal Commission. As you can imagine there has been a lot of interest and participation in each of these items. Her contact information is Amanda Lee, Principal Planner/Long Range Planning, Planning and Community Development, City of Del Mar, 1050 Caminodel Mar, Del Mar, CA92014-2698, (858) 755-9313 ext. 1167, Alee@delmar.ca.us

Claudia Loeber worked as a student worker for the County of San Diego Planning Department in Advance Planning, specifically updating the General Plan 2020; worked for SANDAG: Binational planning (COBRA); City of Imperial Beach Revitalization Strategy; worked for City of Escondido: Advance Planning – updating its general plan that was placed in a ballot form; worked for County of San Diego Planning Department – helping them tie a few loose ends with the General Plan 2020; Claudia later became a California State Credentialed and Montessori Teacher for Community Montessori Charter School; has been a volunteer for BEEP. built environment education program; integrated BEEP principles in to her curriculum which lead her to create a program called "Spaces, Faces and Places around Me!"; switched careers last year and is now working for the City of San Diego Development Services Department as a Plan Review Specialist; She is a single mom who has three amazing children. She can be reached at City of San Diego, Development Services Department, Plan Review Specialist 1222 First Ave., MS302, San Diego,



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Tait Galloway leads a team of dedicated community planners to update and prepare long-range plans for the City of San Diego. Tait has over 18 years of working with community members, stake holders, and other government partners to prepare land use plans and studies. Most notably. Tait has either been a team member or led various land use and mobility plans and studies which include: Team member on the City's award-winning General Plan update; City's Representative for the preparation of the Airport Land Use Compatibility Plans for San Diego County; Project Manager for Midway Pacific Highway and Old Town Community Plan Updates; and the City's Lead for the SANDAG Land Use Forecasts. Since 2014, Tait has been managing a team of planners who have or are currently updating updating four community plans and preparing two specific plans. Tait received the following degrees from San Diego State University: B.A. in Geography with an emphasis in urban and regional analysis in 1999 and Master of City Planning in 2001. Up until recently, when Tait was not preparing land use plans, he was preparing practice plans as a competitive youth soccer coach. He can be reached at Tait Galloway, Program Manager, Planning Department, City of San Diego.

Paul Godwin has been with the City of San Diego for 16 years. He is currently a Development Project Manager III with the Development Services Department and manages the Southern Section project team, which handles all private discretionary projects for the City of San Diego between Interstate 8 and the international border. Paul livesin North Park and enjoys starting but rarely finishing home improvement projects. He can be reached at Paul Godwin, by phone at (619) 922-8885, or email at **pgodwin@sandiego.gov**

Marlon Pangilinan is currently a Senior Planner with the City of San Diego Planning Department. At present, is a Community Planner for the Clairemont and La Jolla communities. He also manages the update to the Clairemont Community Plan working with consultants and members of the community on how to address growth in a post-World War II suburban community. He can be contacted at Marlon I. Pangilinan, Senior Planner, City of San Diego Planning Department, by phone (619) 235-5293, or email at mpangilinan@sandiego.gov





Lynette Tessitore has almost 20 years of experience in city planning, public administration and economic development. In addition, to years of experience in Arts Administration, her professional background includes real estate finance, discretionary permit processing, both current and long-range land development planning, municipal program development and management, cultural resource management, event curation, marketing, and business development. As Cultural Arts Manager for the City of Chula Vista, Ms. Tessitore has worked at the local, regional, and international level, with a variety of stakeholder groups, individual artists, arts organizations, arts advocates, and the business community, to advance economic development and the arts through cultural exchange and tourism, fund development, and creation and management of arts and culture programs and services. In addition to the development and administration of the City's first Historic Preservation Program, Ms. Tessitore also developed and currently manages the City's first Cultural Arts Master Plan. Ms. Tessitore has responsibility over the City's extensive public art collection, manages the City's arts and culture grant program, and serves as staff liaison to both the Cultural Arts Commission and International Friendship Commission. She curates, produces, and is responsible for a variety of multi-cultural arts programs, exhibitions, and events. Ms. Tessitoreisan advocate of the arts, arts education, and arts entrepreneurship. She is Co-Chair of the San Diego Regional Arts and Culture Coalition, an NTC Foundation Board Member, a member of the North County Arts Network Steering Committee, Co-Chair of the NCAN Arts Education Committee, a member of the NCAN Economic Development Committee, and is a member of the South County Economic Development Council Marketing Committee. She is also a Pomegranate Center Graduateand Fellow. Most recently Ms. Tessitore was named one of San Diego Magazine's Fabulous Women 2018. Her contact information is Cultural Arts Manager/ International Friendship Commission Staff Liaison, City of Chula Vista, 276 Fourth Avenue, Chula Vista, CA 91910, 619-409-5465

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Robert Barry, AICP is presently the Chief Local Government Analyst for the San Diego Local Agency Formation Commission (LAFCO) and has managed hundreds of annexations, reorganizations, municipal service reviews, and sphere of influence updates involving the 18 incorporated cities and 75 local special districts in San Diego County. Robert joined the San Diego LAFCO staff in 2003 from the San Diego Association of Governments (SANDAG) where he assisted in the development of the first Regional Comprehensive Plan for the San Diego Region. Robert received a Master of City Planning (MCP) from San Diego State University in 2002 and is professionally certified by the American Institute of Certified Planners (AICP). He is a member of the American Planning Association (APA) and regularly serves as a speaker and moderator for California Association of LAFCOs (CALAFCO) conferences and



workshops. Robert was awarded the 2015 CALAFCO Project of the Year award as primary author of the San Diego County Health Care Services Municipal Service Review and Health Care District Sphere of Influence Review. He lives in the North Park neighborhood of the City of San Diego with his wife and two daughters. Robert served as an 8-year elected Board member of the North Park Planning Committee and helped to produce the City's first comprehensive update of the 1986 North Park Community Plan. His contact information is Robert Barry, AICP, Chief Analyst, San Diego LAFCO, 9335 Hazard Way, Suite 200, San Diego, CA 92123, phone: 858614-7788, and email: Robert.Barry@sdcounty.ca.gov, or vist www.sdlafco.org

Jordan Kass, AICP, LEEDAP and PMP has been living in Naples, Italy for the last year and half. Jordan took a temporary job with Naval Facilities Engineering Command Europe, Africa, Southwest Asia and provided planning services and support to military installations all over Europe (as well as Africa and Middle East). He can be contacted at kassjordan@gmail.com and jordan.kass@eu.navy.mil.

Joe Monaco, AICP has been with Dudek for the past 19+ years, and last December took over as President of the firm. He previously managed the Environmental Division, which encompasses Planning, CEQA/ NEPA, Biological, Cultural, etc. and now also oversaw the Engineering, Hydrogeology, and Construction Management practices, along with day to day operations. They are a 500-person firm with 12 offices in California, Oregon and Hawaii. He can be reached at DUDEK, 605 Third Street, Encinitas, CA 92024, office: 760-479-4296; mobile: 619-992-9476; www.dudek.com, www.facebook.com/dudeknews

Susan Lea Riggs moved to Sacramento in 2014 to work with the Brown Administration as the Deputy Secretary of Housing Policy. After several years (and lots of long days!) with the state, she received an offer that she could not refuse working with the American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (ASPCA) as Senior Director of State Legislation. In essence, she is a lobbyist for animal welfare issues. While Susan is taking a break from the housing world, it seems that animal welfare bumps up against housing policy frequently as a lack of petfriendly housing is one of the most frequently cited reasons for household store linquish a pet to the shelter. As a result, Susan worked to sponsor a legislation last year to require affordable housing financed by the state's department of Housing and Community Development to be pet-friendly. Susan is happy to state that the bill was signed by the Governor and went into effect on January 1 of this year. On a personal note, she bought a home on the coast of Mendocino County last year and is enjoying as



much time as possible there. She can be reached at susanleasriggs@gmail.com

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Robert Clossin, AICP. In his role as Director of Campus Planning at UC San Diego he provides leadership and management oversight of five Campus Planning divisions with a total of 20 professional staff members that serve and impact substantial operations and resources of the campus: Environmental Planning, Capital Planning, Physical Planning, Community Planning and Space Planning. This includes oversight for over 2,100 acres of UC properties and over 20 million square feet of building space. His position supports the work and outcomes of these units at executive and senior leadership levels of the campus and outside organizations, and negotiates on policies, contracts and overall strategies when appropriate. He manages all Campus Planning activities, including supervision of staff, the work of external planning consultants, landscape architects, architects, and engineers. He is in charge of implementation of UC San Diego's Long-Range Development Plan (LRDP) that projects additional student growth, additional on-campus housing and integration of the Light Rail Transit on campus, in addition to monitoring capital projects for conformance with campus plans. Moreover, he establishes, maintains and strengthens effective relations with local community groups and public agencies with respect to campus lands and development. He also oversees the timely preparation of environmental studies, Coastal Development Permits and CEQA documents. He can be reached at Robert Clossin, Director of Campus Planning at UC San Diego, and by email at rclossin@ucsd.edu.

Kathleen Ferrier, AICP started working for Council member Chris Wardin June, 2018 as his policy director overseeing policy initiatives in general for District 3 and taking the lead on issues related to housing, land development, budget, and transportation. She can be reached at Kathleen Ferrier, AICP, Policy Director, Office of Council member Chris Ward, Third Council District, City of San Diego, by phone at 619-533-4068,or email at **kferrier@sandiego.gov**.

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Judy Eguez is currently an Associate Planner in the City of Riverside's Community & Economic Development Department. She is currently planning division managing entitlement projects. She did not have any experience in the planning field prior to obtaining her Master's degree. Judy began her career as a project assistant with Hogle-Ireland where she was contracted as a planner to Riverside County. Her ultimate goal





was to work in the public sector and soon after she accepted a position as a planner in the City of San Antonio's zoning division where she worked for about 8 months. Then, Judy decided to move to north Texas where she worked as a planner in the City of Frisco, a suburb of Dallas. Judy state that it was a great experience being part of a small staff in one of the fastest growing City in Texas. Not only did she manage projects new development, but she also had the opportunity to be the Downtown Coordinator where she worked closely with City and downtown neighborhood groups to bring life and attention to a declining City center. While Texas was a wonderful place to live, she knew she wanted to end up in California and in order to work in California as a planner, she needed extensive CEQA experience. In 2014 Judy returned to California to her former employer as a contract planner for Hogle-Ireland which is now MIG. Judy was contracted as a planner to the County of Orange expediting entitlements and plan checks for the Rancho Mission Viejo master planned community as well as managed entitlement projects for County of Riverside and City of Orange. Once she obtained the CEQA experience again, she made her way back to the public sector and found herself in Riverside where she has been for the past two years. Judy can be contacted at JEguez@riversideca.gov.

Tuere (Farley) Fa'aola maintains a professional transportation planner certification through the Institute of Transportation Engineers. She manages the transportation planning practice for the IBI Group San Diego office primarily working on transit and active transportation projects throughout San Diego and Los Angeles. She also recently began a term on the Safety Commission for the City of Chula Vista. She resides in Chula Vista with her husband and two sons. She can be contacted at **tuere.faaola@ibigroup.com**, or by phone at (619) 234-4110 x208

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Kristin Ackerman (Green) has been with the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) for nearly eight years, and currently works as a Housing Program Specialist in the Office of Housing Counseling. In this role she is able to work on program related policy development, and provides technical assistance and oversight for approved Housing Counseling Agencies and Comprehensive Housing Counseling NOFA recipients. Kristin also has experience managing HUD's Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), HOME, Emergency Solutions, and Continuum of Care Grants at both the local, and federal level. Kristin currently lives in upstate New York with her husband and two children, Evan and Hannah. She can be reached at kristin.g.ackerman@gmail.com





Joseph Arcega, AICP is currently serving as the Asset Management Business Line Leader, an executive position at NAVFAC and is responsible for products and services execution for the Real Estate Department, Planning Department, Master Planning Department, GIS Department, and Asset Utilization Department. He is responsible for programming and budgeting, talent management, human capital management, work load performance, policy and guidance, and process development pertaining to the NAVFAC Marianas Asset Management personnel and related products and services. The breadth of his responsibility include accountability for over \$13 billion in assets across the NAVFAC areas.

Travis Cleveland. Since graduating, he has obtained experience at different levels of government, including City, County, and MPO. His highlights include facilitating two Housing Element updates in the City of Santee, short-range transit planning at NCTD, limited- term work at SANDAG in support of the future Mid-Coast Light Rail, and environmental review at various agencies. Travis is currently work at the City of San Diego, where he has been Project Manager and planner for Wireless Communication Facility projects. This position also provides policy direction on wireless implementation, including collaborating on related updates to the Land Development Code. Travis Cleveland can be reaches at tcleveland@sandiego.gov.

Adam Hertel. Since graduating from the MCP program in 2005, he has made a departure into the world of beverage sales, where he is currently employed as the SVP of Sales for ItoEn (North America) Inc. ItoEn is a multi-national beverage conglomerate, where he over sees the sales and marketing of thier US green tea and matcha business. Adam still reside in San Diego with his family, while following the local and regional planning scene. Adam Hertel can be reached at hertel79@gmail.com, or via LinkedIn.

Juan Roman Magdaraog began working with the City of San Diego in 2005. He began at the Industrial Wastewater Control Program, and eventually landed at the City's Stormwater Division. In early 2017 Juan made the move to the City of Escondido where he focused on the stormwater program as part of the Utilities Department's Environmental Programs Division. Some of his primary responsibilities include development review related to stormwater compliance (reviewing SWQMPs and plans), coordinating the structural BMP inspection and maintenance certification program, and performing field work related to dry weather outfall monitoring. He was recently promoted to Senior Environmental Programs Specialist where he is able to assist their



program manager in leading their team in all aspects of stormwater compliance. He can be reached at jmagdaraog@escondido.org

Sara Osborn, AICP is a planner for the City of San Diego's Planning Department working on long range planning and environmental planning projects for nearly 15 years. Prior to managing the San Ysidro Community Plan update, she was a member of the City of San Diego's General Plan update team, a plan which has received local and national recognition including APA's Daniel Burnham Award. She developed the San Diego's Community Plan Preparation Manual, has been the community planner for many of the city's communities, has managed General Plan maintenance and plan amendment efforts, an discurrently a senior environmental planner within the Environment and Mobility Planning Division of the Planning Department focusing on amendments to the Mission Bay Master Plan and providing environmental review and CEQA support for Land Development Codechanges—including new affordable housing regulations, the Kearny Mesa Community Plan update, and the update to the City's CEQA significance determination thresholds. Sara received her Bachelor's degree from University of California at Berkeley in American Studies where she focused on environmental justice and natural resource management issues and received her Master's degree in City Planning from San Diego State University in 2005. She has been active locally in the San Diego American Planning Association section and is a member of the American Institute of Certified Planners. She can be reached at sosborn@sandiego.gov

Louis Radosevich, AICP. Louis works as a private consultant for HDR, an employee-owned architecture and engineering firm, where he leads a team of Land Use, Facility, Real Property and Environmental Planner professional stomanage, maintain, and plan the physical footprint of Federal military installations for the accommodation of service members and their families, and also competes for multi-year Federal business contract opportunities to assist Federal government agencies with their facility infrastructure and out-year master planning needs. The firm's Master Planning approach is grounded incomplete and accurate asset reporting, flexible requirement development, and cross-discipline collaboration in defining a dynamic vision that can withstand unforeseen changes. Some of the most recent services provided include: Military construction (MILCON) site planning; Area Development, Installation Development, and Global Shore Infrastructure Planning; National Environmental Protection Act (NEPA) compliance documentation preparation; and Asset Management audit assurance. Mr. Radosevich has been a member of the APA's American Institute of Certified Planners since 2009. He can be reached at 719-272-8830 or by email at Louis.Radosevich@hdrinc.com



Alia (Kanani) Sumpter. While in school Alia worked full time at the City of Imperial Beach as the Assistant Planner. Upon graduation and the following years, she worked for several land-use and environmental planning firms in San Diego. Currently, Alia works for Naval Facilities Engineering Command Southwest (NAVFACSW) in San Diego as Senior Realty Specialist. Alia has been with the NAVFACSW since August 2011. In May 2014, she became a Real Estate Contracting Officer which means that she is able to negotiate and execute real estate agreements on behalf of the Department of the Navy for the use of real property. She can be contacted by Alia (Kanani) Sumpter, Senior Realty Specialist, NAVFAC SW-Real Estate, 1220 Pacific Highway, Bldg. 127, San Diego, CA 92132-5186, by email: alia.sumpter@navy.mil, or by phone at (619) 341-3396

Derek Toups (AICP). After studying and working for the past 20 years in California, including completing his Master in City Planning degree at SDSU in 2005, Derek has accepted a position with a global technology company based in Seattle, Washington. He and his family are in the process of relocating this summer from their current home in the San Francisco Bay Area where they have lived since 2009. Derek states, it is hard to believe so much time has passed since studying in San Diego. Last summer he took his son to France for six weeks to help construct an ecologically sustainable dwelling in the Périgord region of France. Derek states that it was an inspirational trip and he is now excited to be working for a company that has offices in 11 countries throughout the world including a big presence in France and project offices in other world class cities such as Bangkok, Brussels, Hong Kong, Johannesburg, Kuala Lumpur, London, Rome, Stockholm, and Sydney. He can be contacted through Linkedin: http://www.linkedin.com/in/derek-toups-aicp

Fernando Vasquez. It has been 13 years since his SDSU city planning years. After graduating he worked for 7 years for an affordable housing developer and realized he wanted to get more involved in his community through public office. Fernando served on the Planning Commission for 2 years and in 2010 he ran for office to become one of the youngest council members at 29 yrs. He developed a keen focus in redeveloping downtown areas and positioning San Diego as a regional healthcare hub. Frenando most recently joined the "Posible" program as an advisor/investor. He can be reached at Fernando Vasquez, Council Member, City of Downey, by phone (562) 261- 7601, or email

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Patrick Brown. After he graduated MCP, he worked for the County Planning Department as a Land Use Environmental Planner for about seven years. He focused primarily on renewable energy the last three years of that position. He then transitioned to a job for a private developer/manufacturer here locally named Soitec. He states he accomplish many things while being there. Patrick entitled 155 MW of solar power plants in the Community of Boulevard in East County. As well as implementing the solar power project behind the airport in Borrego Springs. Patrick states he has been personally involved one way or another in every renewable energy project in San Diego County. While at the County he permitted the Eurus Energy 44 MW project behind the Airport in Borrego, the first Solar Project permitted in San Diego County. The second project that he permitted was actually built first by NRG. The first Wind Farmin Boulevard, the Tule Wind Project 200 MW. A few small projects in Valley Center that he actually managed the construction and development. And finally, a 20 MW project that he brought on line last summer in Jacumba. Patrick currently has a 90 MW project he is developing in Jacumba on the old Ketchum Ranch project that is expected to be on line in 2021. Patrick left as an employee, but has been very active working with them to develop and construct many of these projects. He is now employed by a Solar Developer out of Munich Germany named Bay Wa-re. Their North American headquarters is located in Irvine, CA. His current position is Director of Development for the North Americas for Bay Wa-re Solar Projects. Patrick manages three employees on the development of more than 2 GW of renewable solar power in the States of North Carolina, Virginia, Utah, California, Kentucky, Washington, and Illinois. He enjoys being a developer over a public servant. There are many benefits such as personal and professional growth, increased pay, and being able to go to many different parts of this country to deploy clean green renewable power. He can be reached at 619-733-2649 and email Patscoldbeer@yahoo.com

Dean Felton. He has continued work in the design, development, and operation of educational facilities. At the time of his graduation from SDSU, his professional work focused on the development of early education classrooms and playgrounds for children ages 3-5 years. Additionally, he had the opportunity to be a teacher for a primary classroom (Grades 2 and 3) from 2011 to 2014. During this time, Dean also earned a Master of Science degree in Education, with an emphasis in Responsive Teaching from Mt. Saint Mary's University in Los Angeles, California. Currently, he is the Director of Facilities for Green Dot Public Schools, www.greendot.org. In this position, he is responsible for maintenance and repair of the 20+ school sites within the Southern California region, and manage all California development and



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2011

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2012

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2013

Audra Antczak began her career interning with the City in the Planning Department 6.5 years ago and it opened up another door to the Debt Management Department (DM). She has been in DM for 5 years now and absolutely loves it. When she started with DM, she began as a Management Trainee and is now a Senior Budget Analyst. Ms. Antczak's primary job duties include developing and monitoring DM's budget, post issuance responsibilities related to Redevelopment (RDA) and the Successor Agency, and work related to DM's newest venture: an Otay Mesa Enhanced Infrastructure Financing District (basically a financing alternative to RDA, where a district is formed, accumulates tax increment (TI), and when the TI reaches a high enough level, a bond is issued to finance items on a CIP list of priorities). It's cool because it touches the planning field, but from a financial perspective. Simply said, she loves what she does because the department is always going, always looking for new and innovative financing opportunities and tools, and they are well respected at the City. And in terms of the budget, she has learned so much and enjoys being helpful to those in my department. Ms. Antczak is the only one doing what she does in her department so it's a unique spot to be in – she pretty much is the nexus between all projects and staff. As far as extracurricular activities, she is not involved in anything planning anymore. She typically spends her days in PB, hanging with friends at the beach or visiting new places... She feels extremely blessed to have a great job that pays her enough to continue living in San Diego. She can be reached at: audraantczak@gmail.comor

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Autumn Viglione, (Galambos), graduated from the Master of City Planning program at SDSU in 2013. After internships with the City of San Diego and City of Encinitas, Autumn joined the LSA Carlsbad office in 2015 where she has worked as environmental planner for the past three years. LSA is a multidisciplinary environmental planning firm with headquarters in Irvine and eight additional offices located in California specializing in CEQA documentation and associated technical fields. Autumn currently splits time between environmental documentation for CEQA and NEPA, and climate action planning. Her current highlight projects include the California High-Speed Rail project and the Sustainable Santee Plan.

Mike Viglione is an Assistant Planner with the City of Lemon Grove's Development Services Department. Mike originally began his planning career as an intern with Lemon Grove prior to his graduation from the School of Public Affairs and returned to the City afters pending two years with the County of San Diego as a Building Technician and Land Use Environmental Planner. Lemon Grove is a small city in San Diego County with a population of approximately 26,000. As an Assistant Planner in the City, Mike is responsible for both current and long-range planning





projects in addition to the administration of environmental programs. He can be reached at **mviglione@lemongrove.ca.gov**, 619-825-3807.

Elizabeth Ocampo Vivero obtained the Outstanding Student Award for the MCP Class of 2013. Elizabeth is originally from México where she graduated Summa Cum Laude with a Bachelor of Science in Architecture from Universidad Autónoma de Baja California. She currently works as a Senior Planner for the City of San Diego Planning Department. She started working for the Planning Department six years ago as an intern when she was still a student of the MCP program. Elizabeth is currently the project manager for the Mission Boulevard Public Spaces and Active Transportation plan, a SANDAG grant funded study within the Pacific Beach community. Additionally, Elizabeth is currently assisting with the development of the urban design and land use concepts as part of the Clairemont Mesa Community Plan. Elizabeth has worked on various Community Plan Updates including those for the communities of Old Town San Diego, Midway-Pacific Highway and North Park. Elizabeth is the planner for various communities including Barrio Logan, North Park, College Area, San Ysidro and Otay Mesa-Nestor. Elizabeth Ocampo Vivero Senior Planner City of San Diego eocampo@sandiego.gov (619) 236-6301

2014

JoAnn Carlisle graduated from the SDSU MCP program in 2014. She worked as a Project Analyst in the Toll Operations division of SANDAG until January 2017 when she accepted an offer from Atkins North America to join their Toll practice in Austin, Texas as a Senior Toll Analyst II. Over the last year and a half, she has been supporting TxDOT Toll Operations Division as a subject matter expert and staff augmentation, working primarily with State Project Managers to develop scopes of work for various projects within the agency but notably for the Tx Tag Tolling Back Office System and Operations procurements. She can be reached at JoAnn.Carlisle@atkinsglobal.com.

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Fipe Leilua is working as a planning assistant for the city of Los Angeles City Planning department. She started with the department in 2014 after



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Andrew Prescott graduated from San Diego State University's Master of City Planning program in May 2014. While enrolled, he began interning with Chen Ryan Associates, a local transportation planning and traffic engineering consulting firm. Mr. Prescott is now in his fifth year at Chen Ryan, serving as a Transportation Planner and Project Manager. Andrew contributes to a variety of transportation planning and traffic engineering projects, such as mobility element updates, traffic impact studies, corridor studies, active transportation plans, safety studies, and multimodal research. Andrew conducts planning and engineering level analyses. writes policies and planning documents, prepares maps and graphic exhibits, engages in community

outreach, manages projects, and prepares marketing submissions. He is scheduled to take the AICP exam in November 2018. For more information, please contact Andrew at andrewprescott760@yahoo.com

Rouya Rasoulzedah got a job at City of Chula Vista as a Development Services Technician II, where she has worked there for about three years. Using her experience from City of Chula Vista, she was able to get a job as a Jr. Environmental Planner at the County of San Diego's Public Works Department Stormwater Protection Program and a year later Rouya was promoted to an Environmental Planner I. She has been focusing on water quality in the San Diego region. Rouya represents the County of San Diego in the San Diego Bay & Tijuana River Watershed Management Area. They collaborate with municipalities, industry, and other interest groups on watershed and wetland initiatives. She is also part of a regional workgroup focusing on Education & Outreach, their main focus with this work group is to educate the public about how to keep the pollution out of our stormwater drains. She can be contacted at rrasoulzadeh@gmail.com

Caleb Schroeder is Vice President at Stratford Partners, a private equity real estate investment firm based in Del Mar. Since joining this firm in 2014, Caleb has played a key role in the acquisition/renovation/management and disposition of over \$300M in multifamily real estate in Major West Coast markets." He can be reached at Calebschroeder@gmail.com



Sean Vienna is currently working as a Planner with the Association of Monterey Bay Area Governments. They just wrapped up their Metropolitan Transportation Plan and Community Planning Strategy with the horizon year out to 2040. His Director of Planning, Heather Adamson, is a graduate from San Diego State's Masters in Public Affairs program. He can be reached at **srvienna@gmail.com**

2015

Steve Bossi worked for the City of San Diego Development Services Department (DSD) asan Associate Planner reviewing ministerial and discretionary permits. After nearly a year with DSD, he began working for Civic San Diego as an Associate Planner processing development permits throughout Downtown and completing long-range, current, and environmental planning duties, mainly focusing on processing and permitting downtown's high-density development. He also worked on the Downtown Mobility Plan and the 6th Avenue Bridge improvements which were both SANDAG grants. After nearly two years with Civic San Diego. he began work with the Atlantis Group Land Use Consultants doing development and entitlement planning and planning and zoning problemsolving for all types of projects within the City of San Diego. He currently sits on the Building Industry Association Urban Council and Circulate San Diego Policy Committee. He is also a member of the American Planning Association and the NAIOP Developing Leaders program. His personal contact information is: Steve Bossi, 4749 Brighton Avenue, San Diego, CA 92107, (858) 472-2677

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Rashida Cabrales graduated from the MCP program in 2015 and has been working as a Community Planner for the Department of Defense ever since. She first began as an assistant for Environmental Planning and Compliance with the Department of the Navy in 2009. Upon receipt of her degree she was promoted to Community Planner at Marine Corps Recruit Depot (MCRD), San Diego where aside from programming demolition, repair, construction, and realestate projects she worked on Historic Preservation planning. She then transferred to Marine Corps Air Station, Miramar where she worked on Military Construction projects and airfield and transportation planning for a couple of years. Since May of this year Rashida has once again began working for the Navy and this time in the Middle East at Naval Support Activity (NSA), Bahrain. Her main task as a Community Planner for NSA Bahrain is space



management planning where she regularly works with base leadership and base tenant commands to plan short and long-term land and facility use. Her personal email is Rashida.cabrales@gmail.com

Meghan Cedeño. She graduated from the Master of City Planning program in 2015 and immediately started with the City of San Diego as a traffic engineer in the mobility section of Long-Range Planning. This section of engineers works alongside land use planners to evaluate how long-term land use development choice affects the future roadway network. This team promotes all travel modes including transit and active transportation in our communities. Outside of work, she volunteers as a mentor to young planners and engineers through the American Planning Association and Women's Transportation Seminar(WTS) mentorship programs and serves on the Board of WTS. Meghan was recently promoted to Associate Traffic Engineer and will be starting my new position in mid-July at the City's Development Services Department. In the event anyone from her class wants to get in touch, her email address is mcedeno@sandiego.gov.

Jesse Kleist (AICP in progress) is responsible for managing the forward planning & land development department at KB Home Coastal. Direct responsibilities include: due diligence and acquisition, entitlement strategy and processing, architectural development and land planning, land development, multifamily and single-family product design and construction, affordable housing and public/private partnerships, DRE/HOA formation and management, JV management, budget and cashflow management, contract negotiations, project scheduling, market research. He oversees a department of project managers, project coordinators, purchasing managers, and field associates. His contact information is Jesse Kleist, Senior Director, Forward Planning, KB Home Coastal, 9915 Mira Mesa Boulevard, Suite100, San Diego, CA92131, Office: 858-877-4267, Cell: 619-733-4473, jkleist@kbhome.com

Alexis Rodriguez is in her 12th year working for Occupational Services, Inc., an environmental, health and safety consulting firm, based out of San Diego. Her current position is Environmental Project Manager. She moved to Austin, Texas last January and is starting a Texas branch for her firm. Her work is focused on environmental compliance, resource management, pollution preveiton for manufacturing facilities, particularly bio technology and pharmaceutical facilities. She has not pursued AICP status and is not planning to since her career doesn't require or benefit from this certification. Her contact information to share with colleagues is: Email: alexis@occserv.com; Telephone: 619-920-0691





Michael Strong is the Assistant Planning Director for the City of Escondido, managing all planning-related operations and working on a range of projects that shape how we live in cities, communities, and regions of tomorrow. Mike has been working in the public sector since his graduation from UC Davis (BA in Political Science/Economics). He also has a Master's degree in Public Policy and Administration from Sacramento State University. He has over 13 years of work experience in local government, previously working for the cities of Encinitas, Vista, and Carlsbad. Mike serves on the local section APA Board, serving as Section Awards Chair, running award programming and scholarships through the local colleges and universities. He was recently appointed to the 2018 APA Legislative Team.

Sara Toma. Since Sara graduated in 2015, she started working for the Planning Department with the City of San Diego as a Junior Planner and advanced to Assistant. She has worked on great projects in the last couple of years. Sara assisted with the Kearny Mesa Community Plan Update, she is currently assisting with the University Community Plan Update, and managing various large-scale projects throughout the City of San Diego. She is the community Planner for Rancho Penasquitos, Black Mountain Ranch, and many others. Also, she has worked on the recently released SD Housing Report, and has assisted with conducting the Planning Chair Orientation Workshop (P-COW). Sara became LEED Green certified and plans on taking the LEED ND in the fall to advance her knowledge in Neighborhood Development.

2016

Mohammad Alassiri. His career started with the consulting firm where he did his internship in May 2016. He has been appointed as project coordinator for providing technical consultation to construct a new university campus. After 8 months, the responsibilities expanded to defining the monthly scope of work based on the terms of the contract. coordinate and lead meetingswith the project team, and present the work to the client. Currently, Mohammad is still working for the same consulting firm, however his role has shifted from management responsibilities to Urban Design. The project team is working on designing a national park for a different client in a different city. The iourney is quite interesting with different roles being played to contribute to building cities. Effective communication is the most demanding aspect of management. Design on the other hand narrowed down the responsibilities and focused them into establishing priorities, creativity, and good research. From his experience in Saudi Arabia, employers value those who have good manners, good people skills, are organized and punctual. The job market likes those who are specialists, yet with a range of backgrounds that preferably include anything to do with Project



Management, Cost Estimation, Sustainability, and Value engineering. He can be reached at **Mohammad.alassiri23@gmail.com**

Georgiana Hale. After graduating in 2016, she accepted a position with The National Trust for Historic Preservation in Washington, DC. She is the Senior Manager of Gifts of Real Estate and works with fundraising and law colleagues to assess, accept, and sell properties that have been donated to the organization. It is not directly a planning position, but she does use those skills when researching the properties and develops preservation plans for historic buildings. She can be reached at ghale@savingplaces.org

Patrick Macpherson. Since graduating from SDSU, he has worked for GE Permit full time as a land use planner for 8 months and then was laid off. Patrick worked on a few MNDs for projects in the Desert Hot Springs area and a few HUD related projects. However, he has now been working as a Telecom/Land Use Planner with a company contracted by AT&T, where he focuses primarily on projects within City of San Diego and works on anything from NUPs to CUPs. He can be contacted at 714-293-2016 or p.f.macpherson@gmail.com

Chris Mallec. Shortly after graduating from the MCP program in 2016, he started working at the City of Santee as the Development Services Technician working in both the Planning and Engineering Departments. Chris not only helps manage the public counter, but with increased responsibilities overtime and having the goal of becoming a public sector professional planner, he has been working on different levels of administratively-reviewed discretionary planning projects, ranging from accessory dwelling units, to a new home, to a new industrial building. Recently he started a new job as a Contract Assistant Planner for the City of Jurupa Valley and also moved from his home since birth in North County San Diego to the Grantville area. In his freetime, while he tends to be more of an introvert, he loves living a semi-active lifestyle while enjoying his favorite craft beers. In the hopeful near-term future, he plans to travel abroad to Canada, Europe, or Japan. Chris can be reached at chris.mallec@gmail.com

Mimi Morasaki. Since graduating, she has been working as an Associate Community Planner at Rick Engineering Company. Her projects range from working with private developers to city and county jurisdictions on community and specific plans. Mimi recently applied to take the AICP exam in November2018 and will not know whether she can take the test until the end of September 2018. She also stays active in Women's Transportation Seminar (WTS) as the Scholarship Co-Chair





in which they held a fundraising event on August 2, 2018 at Punch Bowl Social and she is also the Student Programs Committee Co-Chair for the upcoming 2018 APACA Conference in San Diego. She can be reached at mmorisaki@rickengineering.com

Maya Rosas returned to Circulate San Diego last July and is currently the Director of Policy. She advocates for safe streets and smart growth at various jurisdictions, SANDAG, and MTS. She founded and is the president of the YIMBY Democrats of San Diego County, where their 100+ members discuss and support more homes in the right places. She can be contacted at mrosas@circulatesd.org

Nirvana Ward. For the past two years, she has been working at a small communications and marketing firm called City Works People + Places. She has recently been hired by the City of San Diego as a Junior Planner with the Public Works Department. She will be working in their Environmental Permitting and Support section. She can be reached at **naward@sandiego.gov** or at 619-533-4653.

Ryan Zatlin is still in NYC working at MTA New York City Transit. Ryan is now working as a Senior Transportation Planner in a new group that's responsible for the complete redesign of NYC's bus network. They are doing one borough at a time, starting with the Bronx, but they have a quick timeline to finish by 2021, so there will be some overlap of the boroughs. It's a very unique opportunity and an extremely fun project to be working on. You can contact him by email isryan.zatlin@gmail.com

2017

Courtney Armusewicz graduated in May 2017 from the MCP program. During her last spring semester, she left her internship at SANDAG to start another internship as a transportation planning intern at STC Traffic to experience the private sector. Immediately following graduation, STC offered Courtney a full-time position. She has now been at STC for over a year working on a range of different projects, from working on SANDAGs Urban Area Transit Strategy, specifically about the future of transit with autonomous vehicle integration, mobility assessments and connectivity improvements for Fiesta Island, and improving active transportation and traffic calming along Lomas Santa Fe Drive in Solana Beach. Courtney has also had the opportunity to work on project proposals and write grants for several cities for SANDAG and Caltrans funding. Career-wise, she is planning on taking the AICP exam in the spring and has been participating in the local APA chapter events and will be attending the



APA conference in October. She is also a member of WTS. Between both APA and WTS, she's been able to develop professional relationships and overall gain a great sense of community throughout the planning field. She has been excelling rather quickly which she thinks is a benefit of working for a smaller firm and overall is happy with how everything unfolded. Her contact information is work email: Courtney.Armusewicz@STCTraffic.com, personal email: carmusewicz@gmail.com; (cell) 631 905-3001

Krystal Ayala. Since graduating from SDSU, she continues to work for the San Diego Association of Governments (SANDAG) as a Regional Planner where she helps to coordinate transportation demand management (TDM) planning studies and pilot projects. Kayla supports regional transportation initiatives by exploring how new transportation technologies and services can benefit TDM and support local governments with integrating TDM into the development review process. Her contact info: kay@sandag.org, (619) 699-1998.

Tina Camera. Upon graduation, she worked as a Housing Specialist for an organization called The Regional Task Force on the Homeless (RTFH). This is a nonprofit organization, and it's considered the regional homelessness hub of San Diego. Funding for RTFH was received directly from the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). Part of her job was to assess homelessness service provider compliance with HUD guidelines for what was called the Coordinated Entry System. RTFH then allocated funds and gave feedback appropriately. Tina has since moved to Sydney, Australia with her Aussie husband. She landed a job working part time as an Office Manager of an academic center. She is however, still looking for work within the housing sector to continue gaining experience in affordable housing. Her trajectory was a bit unique in the planning program, as she had more of a focus on grassroots community development. At the core, we are all humanitarians as planners; however, some of us end up being drawn to NPOs and NGOs, rather than public or private sector planning positions. If you find yourself in a similar situation, don't hesitate to reach out with any questions. If you're someone who has itchy feet and see yourself working internationally, she would be happy to answer questions on that front as well. Tina can be reached at tmariecam@gmail.comorvia WhatsApp or iMessage at +61452408779

Katja Dillmann graduated from the Master of City Planning program in August of 2017. Katja holds a Bachelorof Arts in English and German from the University of California at Davis and a Juris Doctorate degree from Lewis and Clark Law School. Her work experience prior to earning her masters at SDSU involved practicing law and working for a Mayor in



Portland, Oregon as his transportation policy advisor. Katja interned with the mobility section of the City of San Diego's Planning Department in the summer of 2017. Subsequent to this, Katja took a position as an intern with Chen Ryan Associates which transitioned to a full-time position as a transportation planner. Outside of work, you can find Katja happily riding her bike with her three-year-old son or hiking with her kid, husband and dog! She can be reached at **kdillmann@yahoo.com** (two L's, and two N's).

Diane Foote, LEEDAPND, has been working with Dr. Ryan on active transportation research, using data from our county-wide network of bicycle and pedestrian counters. They won a grant from the California State University Transportation Consortium to do a study of "Cycling Demand, Safety, and Network Quality". The key objectives of our research are improving bicycle demand estimation models and cycling crash rate calculations by using network quality metrics in conjunction with the data from the counters. They seek to improve bicycle planning practices in San Diego and beyond. Her email is: diane.neliusfoote@gmail.com

Alex Frost is a Senior Planner for the City of San Diego Planning Department. He currently manages the Mira Mesa Community Plan Update, Airport Land Use Compatibility Overlay Zone Amendment, and the deployment of the Urban Footprint platform to address the challenges and opportunities of sustainable urban planning. He also conducts land use analysis using ArcGIS, InDesign, Illustrator, Google Earth, and Excel and expects to release the Mira Mesa Community Atlas: Existing Conditions Report in the summer of 2018. He graduated in 2017, and his thesis was accepted for publication by Transportation Research Record. It is called, "Quantifying the Sustainability, Livability, and Equity Performanceof Urban and Suburban Placesin California." Before studying at SDSU, He was a Sustainability Coordinatorfor Hawaii County anda Peace Corps Volunteer in the Philippines. E-mail: afrost@sandiego.gov

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Planning Chair for the Skyline-Paradise Hills Planning Committee and is a member of the San Diego APA board. His contact information is email: **ehensonsd@gmail.com**; Linked In:

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Janelle Kassarjian (now Janelle Firoozi after her recent wedding) graduated from SDSU in December of 2017. She continues to work at Environmental Science Associates (ESA) as a CEQA consultant and environmental planner. Her primary role is to author documents and serve as the bridge between the client and technical staff to deliver high quality environmental analyses and planning documents. Her work includes a wide variety of state and federal projects including general and specific plans, university and school development, mixed-use development, and infrastructure projects. She also recently went through the San Diego County Water Authority's Citizens Water Academy. She plans to sign up in December to take the May AICP exam, so please reach out if you want to set up a study group! Jfiroozi@esassoc.com

Aimal Laig is urrently working as a facilities planner for Naval Facilities and Engineering Command. The public works department is in charge of all the planning for facility construction, renovation, and demolition projects. As a facilities planner he has been in charge of a specific area of responsibility on Naval Base Coronado, North Island. He has conducted asset evaluations, produced program reviews on basic facility requirements, planned and produced special projectstoget funded by Congress, planned and executed military construction (MILCON) projects on multiple southwestern bases. He has produced an executive memo on bringing bikeshare program on Naval Base Coronado i.e (limebike). He is currently in a rotational position at Naval Special Warfare Command (NSW) where he is the program manager for the facility requirements to program review for multiple bases in the United States and around the globe. It's been refreshing to be part of such a dedicated and motivated team. In October, he will be rotating out to Washington D.C. for 3 months and will be working for NAVFAC headquarters. He is still learning everyday, and applying all he has learned at SDSU. Federal planning is a bit different, but the principles he learned can be applied just the same. If anybody is interested in Navy or federal planning, please contact him at aimal.laig@navy.mil

2018

Christopher Galan is currently working as a project manager for a residential developer and builder called Pebble Creek Companies. He is learning a whole new technical side of construction management, which he believes will help he later on working for a design firm. He can be



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Jennifer Hunt is currently an Advocacy Coordinator with the San Diego County Bicycle Coalition. They are a non-profit whose mission is to advocate for and protect the rights of all people who ride bicycles. They promote bicycling as a mainstream, safe, and enjoyable form of transportation and recreation. They just completed their first Regional Bike Summit in Balboa Park in June 2018. Their next summit will be in February 2020. It was a very successful event bringing bicycle advocates from Tijuana, active transportation planners from SANDAG, Caltrans staff, businessowners, researchers and teachers in the planning field together to discuss bicycle transportation today. The hot topics include women on bikes, Vision Zero, the Business of Bikes, cycling in Los Angeles, and e-bikes. Currently, she is advocating at City Council meetings all over San Diego County regarding anything bike related. Dockless bike share and scooters area hot topic that accompaniesmuch discussion. Ournext majorevent is Bike the Bay on August 26th. She just completed a "Smart Cycling" course hosted by the League of American Bicyclists that every active traveler should seriously consider taking. For more information, please contact me at jennifer@sdbikecoalition.org. Her phone number is (619) 818-8672.

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