Mayor & BOE Hold Press Conference on Closure of 6th St. Viaduct to Allow for Start of Demolition

On Wednesday January 27, 2016, Mayor Eric Garcetti and the Bureau of Engineering hosted a press conference to discuss details of the upcoming closure of US Rte 101 to allow for demolition of a section of the Sixth Street Viaduct located over the freeway.

The press conference took place the day after the viaduct was closed for demolition, which is expected to take nine months. Also speaking at the press conference were City Engineer Gary Lee Moore, Councilmember Jose Huizar and Sam Esquenazi of Caltrans.

At the event, a large donation to the Arts Plaza that will be built under the bridge was also announced. Present was the donor, Leonard Hill, and his family. Hill is a former writer, television and movie producer, past board member of the Los Angeles Conservancy, and real estate developer focused on turning blighted areas into vital neighborhoods.

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40-Hour Closure of 101 Freeway
Engineering staff has been working closely with Caltrans to plan for the freeway closure. To allow for demolition of the section of the viaduct over the Hollywood Freeway, US Route 101, on the east side of the structure, the freeway will be closed for 40 hours, starting on Friday February 5th at 10:00 pm and ending on Sunday February 7th at 2:00 pm.

“My main priorities are keeping Angelenos safe and doing everything possible to minimize inconveniences or confusion that may be caused by the closure,” said Mayor Eric Garcetti. “We will do that by ensuring that detours are clearly marked, and working closely with LAPD and LAFD to maintain the highest standards of police and fire response throughout the weekend.”

A 2.5 mile section of the Hollywood Freeway, US Route 101, will be closed from the 10/101 split to the 5/10/101 interchange just east of downtown Los Angeles. In addition, motorists traveling west on the Pomona Freeway, Route 60, will not be able to access US Route 101.

“We are encouraging drivers to plan ahead, expect delays and to follow detour

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“Signs to alternate freeways,” said Carrie Bowen, Caltrans District 7 Director. “It’s important for motorists to Be Work Zone Alert and to Slow for the Cone Zone.”

Councilmember Jose Huizar (CD-14) represents the communities closest to the viaduct.

“During the 40-hour freeway closure we encourage local residents of Boyle Heights and Downtown Los Angeles to plan accordingly,” said Councilmember Jose Huizar (CD-14). “As we say goodbye to our old 6th Street Bridge before welcoming in our new bridge and public space, this is a necessary step to ensure the public’s safety and begin the work at hand.”

“Safety is always first in all the work we do in the City,” said Gary Lee Moore, City Engineer. “Closing the freeway will allow us to do demolition in the way that is safest for motorists and everyone else in that area of the city.”

The Sixth Street Viaduct Replacement Project is led by the City’s Bureau of Engineering. Congratulations go to the project team on reaching another important project milestone: Alfred L. Mata, PE, Deputy City Engineer; Julie Allen, PE, Program Manager; John Koo, PE, SE, Project Manager; Julia Moye, PE, ENV SP, Senior Civil Engineer; Mary Nemick, Director of Communications; Jim Wu, Construction Manager.

The construction team is led by Skanska-Stacy and Witbeck (SSW).

The project HOTLINE number is 213-400-8398.

For more information on the project, please go to www.sixthstreetviaduct.org
The bridge model shows the proposed Leonard Hill Arts Plaza.

Ironworkers from LA Steel tie the reinforcing bars to prepare for the viaduct test pile.

101 Freeway Closure
Traffic Detours
Friday, February 5th at 10:00 pm to Sunday, February 7th at 2:00 pm

When traveling N/B 5 from the Orange County area approaching the 5/10/101 Interchange:
- Exit to N/B 101 closed
- Exit to W/B 10 open
- Exit to N/B 5 open
Primary Detour: N/B 710 to W/B 10
Secondary Detour: W/B 10 to N/B 110

When traveling W/B 60 from the Pomona area approaching 5/10/101 Interchange:
- Exit to N/B 101 closed
- Exit to W/B 10 open
- Exit to N/B 5 open
Primary Detour: N/B 710 to W/B 10
Secondary Detour: W/B 10 to N/B 110

When traveling S/B 101 from the San Fernando Valley area approaching the 10/101 Split:
- Exit to S/B 101 closed
- E/B 10 open
Primary Detour: S/B 110 to E/B 10
Secondary Detour: E/B 10 to S/B 710

101 Freeway On-Ramp closures will be as follows:
- NB 101 6th Street - CLOSED
- NB 101 Euclid Avenue - CLOSED
- NB 101 Soto Street - CLOSED
- SB 101 Los Angeles Street - CLOSED
- SB 101 Commercial Street - CLOSED
- SB 101 Mission Road - CLOSED
- SB 101 4th Street - CLOSED

Also, Off Ramp closures are:
- SB 101 to Alameda Street – CLOSED
- SB 101 to Mission Road – CLOSED
- WB 60 to Soto Street – CLOSED
- NB 5 to Soto Street - CLOSED

This map shows street detour routes for the closure of the 6th Street Viaduct: Westbound Whittier Blvd. will be detoured to 4th Street and 7th Street via Boyle Ave. Eastbound 6th Street will be detoured to 4th Street and 7th Street via Alameda Street. Detour signs will be posted.

The first pile being drilled for the new Sixth Street Viaduct Replacement Project. This piece of land will be the location of the new ADA accessible bike ramp to connect people from the park below to the bridge deck.
Geotechnical Engineering Group - Project Manager I

The Bureau has one Project Manager (PM) I opportunity available in the Geotechnical Engineering Group (GEO). Eligible candidates are invited to apply for this opportunity. This is a critical position in the GEO that provides project management and personnel oversight. The PM I will be responsible for managing Special Gas Tax funded Hillside Slope Stability Program and related capital improvement projects that are more complex and more politically sensitive in nature. In addition, the PM I will personally supervise and direct the activities of engineering personnel that oversee the management of design consultants and/or manage in-house design and preparation of plans, specs, and estimates for projects. The PM I will attend meetings and coordinate project activities with the Bureau of Street Services, Council Offices, the City Administrative Officer, and other interested parties. This position will prepare project Board reports, Steering Committee reports, status reports and Uniform Project Reporting System updates. The PM II will assist with bid and award activities, monitor project revenue and expenditures, review consultant billings and track and resolving funding issues. This position will serve as the Program Control Engineer and serves as back-up to the Program Manager.

Project Manager Salary bonuses can only be applied to positions in the following bargaining units:

- Professional Engineering and Scientific Unit (MOU #8)
- Supervisory Professional Engineering and Scientific Unit (MOU #17)
- Management Employees Unit (MOU #36)

Project Manager I Minimum Experience Requirements

- BS in Engineering, Architecture or Construction Management AND 4 years of progressively responsible professional experience in Engineering, Architecture or Construction Management. (CA registration as Engineer or Architect may be substituted for two years experience); OR
- Graduation from a recognized 4 year college or university AND 6 years of progressively responsible professional experience in Engineering, Architecture, or Construction Management; OR
- No degree with 8 years of progressively responsible professional experience in Engineering, Architecture, or Construction Management.

In addition to the minimum experience requirements described above, the successful candidate either must have completed the Bureau’s Project Management Training Program (PMTP), or complete the PMTP within one year of appointment, or obtain a certificate in project management from the Project Management Institute, or complete either the UC Riverside or UC Irvine Project Management Programs with a certificate in project management.

The basic requirements for a PM salary bonus remain as stated in the 10/17/01 Engineering Newsletter. All BOE employees interested in applying must submit a resume together with a Supplemental Statement to Vicki Estelle, Geotechnical Engineering Group, Mail Stop 495, Phone (213) 847-0536, Fax (213) 847-0541, or via e-mail at vicki.estelle@lacity.org by March 3, 2016.

The Supplemental Statement should not exceed two pages, 12-point type, single spaced, and must contain the following information:

1. Describe how your background and experiences have prepared you to manage the work expected under this project.
2. Provide example(s) of projects that you completed successfully. Define your use of the term “successful.”
3. Describe a specific instance in which you formed a team to solve a problem. Be specific about the situation, what you did, and the outcome.
4. Describe a difficult client problem you resolved. Be specific about the situation.
5. Describe any working relationships or contacts that you have had with Commissioners from the Board of Public Works. The most qualified candidates will be selected and interviewed for the position.

Associate IV applicants should note that they will not be able to maintain their Associate IV status in this bonused PM I position. They would be required to revert to their previous civil service classification. This is because the technical skills which qualified them for the Associate IV classification will not be utilized in this project manager role. For questions or additional information, contact Vicki Estelle.

Private Development Team Commended

This e-mail was sent to the City Engineer and the Building & Safety General Manager:

Date: Thu, Oct 29, 2015 at 4:20 PM
Subject: Great teamwork on fixing the permitting process for shoring/lateral support

Congratulations to you and to your two departments for collaborating to fix the confusing and duplicative process of permitting shoring and lateral support—a process that almost every builder has to go through for new construction.

The problem has been plaguing developers for years, and was highlighted at the “Listen to the Industry” conference that DM Bernard sponsored earlier this year. Your departments quickly sloughed off old habits and came up with a joint solution that more than satisfies the people who complained about the problem at the conference.

So, great work, and great teamwork. You’ve made Los Angeles easier to build safely in.

I was also heartened by the efforts of both your departments to handle more inspections at the counter. Face-to-face inspections are a triple winner: They improve quality through better communication; they mean less work for the city because most plans are handled just once; and they save the developer money because they are handled much faster.

I look forward to seeing ever more plan checking done at the walk-in counters.

Proud to be on your team.
Bob Stone
Performance Advisor to the Deputy Mayor for Budget & Innovation
Office of Los Angeles Mayor Eric Garcetti

Happy Valentine’s Day!
February 14, 2016

BOE Participates in Career Fair at UCI

Andrew Kin and Darshna Patel did a great job representing the Bureau of Engineering at the University of California at Irvine’s Career Fair on January 21, 2016.

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Spring Zoo Camp

Bring your kids for a day or week of Spring Zoo Camp fun at the Los Angeles Zoo and Botanical Gardens March 21–25, 2016, 9 am – 3 pm. Your child will enjoy making new discoveries every day. Through fun, safe, engaging activities, your campers will trail blaze through the week. This adventure is something your child will never forget. Registration begins February 1, 2016.

Who is Spring Zoo Camp for?
Spring Zoo Camp is for children (grades pre-K through 3rd Grade) independent of their parents. Zoo Camp provides a safe and fun social setting where children can focus on making both child and animal friends during the spring break.

Our Staff:
Each camp is led by a trained instructor along with trained assistants. The maximum class size is fifteen for pre-school/pre-Kindergarten class and twenty for Kindergarten, 1st, 2nd and 3rd grade classes. Each camp includes crafts, games, activities, and tours; all focused around the theme of the day.

Lunch and Snacks:
You MUST provide your child with a snack and a sack lunch each day. Throughout the day we make frequent stops at drinking fountains to keep the campers properly hydrated, but you are encouraged to send along water bottles with your child’s lunch. Children attending morning and/or afternoon extended care should have extra snacks packed, as well.

Extra Fees (if applicable):
In the event a camper is dropped off after 9:15 a.m. or has to be picked up before 2:50 p.m., a $10/day charge applies. In addition, there is a late pick-up fee of $1/minute, beginning at 3:15 p.m. for regular pick-up and 5:00 p.m. for extended care pick-up.

Cancellation Policy:
Camps are held rain or shine. Please make sure your camper dresses appropriately for the weather. Provide rain gear in the event of rain and/or cold weather gear for chilly temperatures. If we must cancel a camp due to low enrollment, we will notify you two weeks in advance by telephone and issue a full refund. To receive a full (100%) refund, you must give at least 2 weeks (14 days) advance notice. All cancellations are handled by our Reservations Office.

Registration Cost:
Members: $60/day
Non-Members: $65/day
Extended care is available for an extra cost**:
AM (8-9 am) $5/day
PM (3-5 pm) $10/day

Mayor and ESRI Launch Innovative Platform That Puts Open Data To Work

GeoHub makes the City's extensive collection of map-based data available for real-time analysis and use by decision-makers, first responders, and the public.

Mayor press release:
January 29, 2016 - Mayor Eric Garcetti and Esri President Jack Dangermond today unveiled the City of Los Angeles’ new GeoHub - one of the nation’s most complete collections of urban map data. The GeoHub builds on Mayor Garcetti’s third Executive Directive, which created L.A.’s first open data portal. By making more than 500 types of map data available to residents, city workers, and private industry, the GeoHub helps Angelenos better understand their communities, and City departments better coordinate construction, road paving, and public safety efforts.

“On its own, data gives us important insights into how our city works, and now we are putting open data to work,” said Mayor Garcetti. “The GeoHub provides real-time access to all the data we need in one convenient place, allowing us to improve everything from pothole repair to 311 call times, make smarter urban planning decisions, and make it easier for emergency responders to get to their next location. This is back to basics at its best.”

The Los Angeles GeoHub was created in collaboration with Esri, the world’s leader in geographic information systems (GIS) technology.

By pooling key data sets, and mapping their locations, City departments are now equipped with additional tools to get their work done more quickly and efficiently. For example, by providing a complete picture of what’s happening on the streets of Los Angeles — including real-time traffic data, road obstructions, the inspection status of nearby buildings, business activity, and even the nearest fire hydrants — GeoHub can help firefighters, sanitation workers, utility workers and all City personnel better understand the neighborhoods they serve.

Built on Esri’s ArcGIS platform, GeoHub pools map data layers from more than 20 different departments — allowing users to create living maps and build custom applications to solve pressing challenges and optimize city services.

“We are thrilled to partner with Mayor Garcetti and the City of Los Angeles to launch a data insight model that includes powerful collaborative and do-it-yourself mapping tools,” said Esri President Jack Dangermond. “Our hope is that other communities around the world will follow Mayor Garcetti’s lead and enable public works, transportation, health services, and other agencies to share location data and analysis in real time. That kind of data accessibility and transparency boosts community engagement. It also creates trusted networks that link local government to its businesses and its citizens.”

To show the power and range of the hub, the City is developing three “flagship” applications: “Streetwize,” which shows all of the permitted activity on the City’s public right of ways; “The Road to 2400,” which tracks the Bureau of Street Services’ progress on paving at least 2,400 lane miles per year; and “Vision Zero High Injury Network,” which can help improve pedestrian safety by providing users with key information - including where schools and high speed streets intersect.

The L.A. GeoHub is an important pillar in Mayor Garcetti’s broader strategy of using technology and data to delivery transparency, efficiency, and community engagement. Explore the L.A. GeoHub at http://geohub.lacity.org.

About Esri
Since 1969, Esri has been giving customers around the world the power to think and plan geographically. The market leader in GIS technology, Esri software is used in more than 350,000 organizations worldwide including each of the 200 largest cities in the United States, most national governments, more than two-thirds of Fortune 500 companies, and more than 7,000 colleges and universities. Esri applications, running on more than one million desktops and thousands of web and enterprise servers, provide the backbone for the world’s mapping and spatial analysis. Esri is the only vendor that provides complete technical solutions for desktop, mobile, server, and Internet platforms. Visit us at esri.com/news.

Thanks to Tseng
This e-mail was sent to Paul Tseng, Architectural Division:
Date: Oct 28, 2015 7:08 PM
Subject: Thank you/Greek Theatre
Paul:
Mike and I can’t thank you enough for your diligent work and BOE’s excellent handling of project management on the Greek Theatre project to date. Obviously, Mike and I are pretty hands on regarding this, as it’s among our Department’s top priorities. So we really appreciate your partnership, collaboration, time, efforts, attention to detail and hard work. Much appreciated and good job!

Anthony-Paul (AP) Diaz
Deputy City Attorney
General Counsel Division
Los Angeles City Attorney’s Office
Seminars offered by the Construction Management Association of America, Southern California Chapter.

Avoiding the Traps of Construction Contracts - 5 Things You Need to Know on Thursday, February 25, 2016, at The Grand Conference Center, 4101 E. Willow St., Long Beach, CA, 8:00 am Registration, 8:30 am Seminar. Many construction disputes can be avoided by learning to identify the potential problem areas within construction contracts. Topics covered during the presentation will include change orders, indemnity, project scheduling, insurance and bonds, claims, and dispute resolution, among others. The difference between profit and loss on a construction project is more often due to problematic terms and conditions than it is due to bad estimation. The same problematic terms and conditions come up time and again as the source of disputes. Before you issue or sign that next contract, you can improve your ability to spot these problematic clauses, understand what they mean, and learn how to address the issues they create. Learning objectives:

- Scope of Work
  - Inclusions
  - Exclusions
- Change Orders
- Differing Site Conditions
- Type I Indemnity Provisions: Are They Still Valid?
- Payments
- Schedule/Delay
- Insurance
- Default/Termination
- Attorney's Fees, Expert Fees, Arbitration vs. Litigation
- Design Responsibility


Cost: Register by Friday, Feb. 19 $70/member, $110/non-member; After Feb. 19 $85/member, $135/non-member.

Lease-Leaseback – Is this still a viable project delivery method for public school construction? on Thursday, March 17, 2016, at the Grand Conference Center, 4101 E. Willow St., Long Beach, CA, 8:00 am Registration, 8:30 am Seminar. Learn about Lean Construction and the 4-P’s of the Toyota Way Process (Problem Solving, People, Process, and Philosophy). Learn how these techniques can be deployed by CM’s, A/E firms and Owners.

Takeaway Toolbox

- Learn how Owners can determine if A&E’s, CM’s and GC’s current practices are LEAN
- Learn how Continuous Quality Improvement (CQI) in small steps is the heart of LEAN Construction
- Learn how GC’s are utilizing Pull Planning Panel Members:
  - Alix Walsh O’Brien, AIA, Facilities Asset Development Director, LAUSD. Alix will discuss her observations on benefits of Pull Planning from the eyes of an Owner/CM
  - David Slomanson, Superintendent, S.J. Amoroso Construction Co. David will discuss his Continuous Quality Improvements (CQI) on a $75M project.
  - Juan Penaherrera, Resident Construction Engineer, LAUSD. Juan will discuss his observations on benefits of Pull Planning from the eyes of an Owner/CM.
  - Eric Ahlstrom, Senior Manager/LEAN Leader, Amgen.

Facilitators:

- Mike Vega, P.E., LAUSD. Mike will present the background and current status of Lean Construction and project future use of Lean Construction to facilitate an open discussion.
- Chris Maslyk, Director of Planning & Lean Initiatives - Berrards. Chris will facilitate a fun Pull Planning exercise.

Cost: Register by Friday, March 11 $70/member, $110/non-member; After March 11 $85/member, $135/non-member.

For additional information please go to www.cmaasc.org.

SO No. 01-2016 BOE e2020 CPM System

Special Order No. 01-2016 dated January 27, 2016, titled Bureau-Wide Use of Web-Based Construction Project Management System states that beginning February 15, 2016, all Bureau of Engineering (BOE) Divisions and Groups will be required to use the e2020 system, a web-based project management and document control system, to better manage their construction projects.

The use of the e2020 system will enable construction project team members to manage project information more effectively and efficiently for more successful project delivery by:

- Accessing project documents and information via the web.
- Transmitting and processing project documents electronically.
- Receiving notifications and reminders of pending actions via emails.
- Using standardized construction management workflows, including the processing of change orders, submittals and requests for information that are consistent with BOE’s Project Delivery Manual.
- Archiving and retrieving project documents in a uniform manner.

Currently, eight programs within BOE utilize the e2020 system. However, over the course of several years, the e2020 system was enhanced and tailored by each program to fit their specific needs resulting in discontinuity and non-uniform workflows. There is now one standard e2020 Construction Project Management System that will be used for all BOE projects starting construction after February 15th. Projects currently in construction will finish in whichever version of e2020 they are currently using and will not need to be moved over to the new standard system.

Over the next couple of weeks, separate training classes will be held on the use of the new e2020 standard system for those Divisions and Groups that have never used the e2020 system, and on the new features and upgrades for those Divisions and Groups that already have experience with the e2020 system.

If you have any questions, please contact the Jose R. Fuentes, Division Engineer of the Construction Management Division, at Phone No. (213) 847-4833.

Newsletter Submissions

We are always pleased to receive submissions for the Newsletter. There are a few tips that we’d like to be kept in mind. If you have photos, please send them in their native format, i.e., jpg or tif. Do not place photos in a word processing document. Also, it’s appreciated if you could provide the names of any people in the photos. Again, thanks to everyone for their contributions.
Mayor Announces Partnership with Xerox to Help Ease Congestion & Improve Transportation in L.A.

The Go LA app offers one stop mobile access to public and private forms of transportation Mayoral press release:
January 27, 2016 - Mayor Eric Garcetti today joined Xerox for the launch of Go LA, a transportation app that provides detailed information on available mode of getting around the Los Angeles region.

“Go LA will help Angelinos get where they need to go by connecting smart technology with infrastructure,” said Mayor Garcetti. “The app helps users move around in faster, cheaper, and greener ways by linking them to all of the transportation options available to them - from freeways, to Metro, to bike routes - while also providing the City with useful data that can help us shape a more mobile future for the people who live and work here.”

Go LA aggregates and calculates the time, cost, carbon footprint, and health benefits from walking, biking, driving your own car, parking, taking public transit, or using emerging private transportation options like Lyft, Zipcar, FlitWays, and Uber.

“There are individual apps for public transit, car sharing, and other transportation options but the Go LA app captures the array of options in a hyper-local way, mixing and matching both public and private transportation options,” said David Cummins, senior vice president, Mobility Solutions, Xerox. “Beyond the seamless travel experience for citizens, Go LA will help the City glean important information they can use to advance their transportation systems.”

The app takes an individual’s destination and desired arrival time and calculates the different routes available - categorized by “sooner,” “cheaper,” and “greener.”

The details provided include length of trip, price, number of calories burned, and how much carbon dioxide is released into the atmosphere. As the app learns more about its user’s individual preferences, it will eventually recommend and highlight personalized commuting options. Customers can also save trips they take often, like from home to work, in their “My Rides” area of the app.

“With the launch of the Go LA app, Los Angeles is embracing technology to create the connected city of the future,” said Councilmember Bob Blumenfield who serves as Chair of the Trade, Commerce, and Technology Committee. “It’s part of our concerted effort to expand opportunities for Angelinos to interact with their government virtually. Go LA allows access to an integrated transportation platform that allows anyone to quickly and easily access and compare the fastest, cheapest, and greenest ways to get from point A to point B.”

Through the app, data on destination and preferred travel modes is anonymously shared with the Los Angeles Department of Transportation - to deliver insights on how people travel and inform policy decisions.

“Our city has many centers. People are commuting in all directions at all times by many modes,” said Seleta Reynolds, General Manager of the Los Angeles Department of Transportation. “Xerox’s work could help us learn where to improve infrastructure for people who walk, roll, bike, take transit and drive - it’s invaluable insight to help make Los Angeles more livable and enjoyable.”

Xerox is working with its partners to integrate booking and payments into the app, so that users can coordinate an entire trip with a single click. Future versions of the app will also include ridesharing - so that users can carpool with people traveling in the same direction - as well as destination parking information. After enough data is collected, users will be able to create a profile where they can set goals and track progress on personal fitness, finances, and time.

The Go LA app is now available for iOS and Android systems in the Apple and Google Play stores at www.golaapp.com.

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Xerox is helping change the way the world works. By applying our expertise in imaging, business process, analytics, automation and user-centric insights, we engineer the flow of work to provide greater productivity, efficiency and personalization. We conduct business in 180 countries, and our more than 130,000 employees create meaningful innovations and provide business process services, printing equipment, software and solutions that make a real difference for our clients - and their customers. Learn more at www.xerox.com.

Mayor Announces New Finance GM

Mayor Garcetti Appoints Claire Bartels as General Manager of the Office of Finance
Mayor’s press release: January 19, 2016 - Mayor Eric Garcetti today appointed veteran executive Claire Bartels as General Manager of the Office of Finance.

“Claire brings institutional knowledge, years of experience running complex operations, and fiscal management expertise to the Office of Finance,” said Mayor Garcetti. “Her knowledge and understanding of customer service, and her commitment to transparency, give her the tools necessary to enhance and modernize the department.”

A central support department, the Office of Finance is charged with tax and permit collection, cash management, and short-term investments. Finance, the Controller’s Office, and the City Administrative Officer handle the majority of fiscal services for the City.

“I applaud the Mayor’s choice of Claire for the Office of Finance,” said Controller Ron Galperin. “For the past two-and-a-half years, Claire has been a catalyst for change and transparency in my office — and her appointment will only serve to further strengthen the partnership between Finance and the Controller.”

Bartels brings seven years of executive-level experience in the City’s fiscal operations, most recently as Executive Officer and Chief Deputy Controller for both Galperin and Wendy Greuel. She oversaw the successful implementation of the new enterprise financial management system and helped launch ControlPanelLA, opening the way to greater transparency and accountability through open financial data.

Bartels has been serving Los Angeles for nearly 30 years, beginning in the General Services Department. Later, she served as a special projects deputy for Councilmember Cindy Miscikowski and as Chief of Staff to Councilmember Wendy Greuel. She was also appointed by Mayor Richard Riordan to head his Targeted Neighborhood Initiative in 2000. There, Bartels was responsible for managing and administering the $36 million program - which provided 25 neighborhoods with resources to increase economic development and reduce blight in the community.

“I am honored to serve as the General Manager of Finance, a department that plays an important role in the Mayor’s vision of a well-run and fiscally sustainable city government,” said Bartels. “I look forward to working with the Mayor, the Controller, and stakeholders to modernize the department,” Bartels said.

Bartels replaces the former General Manager, Antoinette Christovable, who retired earlier this month with over 16 years of Service. “I thank Antoinette for her service to the City. She made history as the first African-American woman appointed as General Manager of the Office of Finance,” said Mayor Garcetti.

The Mayor has appointed Deputy Mayor Matt Szabo to serve as the interim General Manager for the Office of Finance as Bartels transitions from her role as Deputy Chief Controller to General Manager.

Bartels’ appointment will now move to the City Council for confirmation.
HBCU Graduates to be Honored

In celebration of African American Heritage Month, Council President Herb Wesson (Council District 10) and Councilmember Marquéece Harris-Dawson (Council District 8) will be honoring City employees that are alumni of Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCU’s). A presentation in the honor of these City employees will take place on February 26, 2016.

If you have graduated from a HBCU, please send an e-mail to Candice Arnold, BOE Executive Division, with your name and the name of the college. Please provide this information no later than Friday, February 5, 2016.

Passing of Honan

We are very sorry to report that Senior Management Analyst Mike Honan unexpectedly passed away at his home on January 31, 2016. He supervised the Land Records Section in the Land Development and GIS Division. Mike had 28 years with the City working in the Department of Water and Power, the Department of Recreation and Parks, the Information Technology Agency and for the last four and a half years with the Bureau of Engineering. Information on services was not available at time of publication. Our deepest condolences go to his family.

Exam Open for Filing

The Personnel Department has announced that the Environmental Specialist (7310) exam is open for filing. Applications must be received by Thursday, February 11, 2016. Applications will only be accepted on-line. On-line job bulletins are available at http://agency.governmentjobs.com/lacity/default.cfm for Open Competitive Examinations.

Houston to Retire

After over 35 years of City service, Personnel Records Supervisor Olga Houston has decided to retire. A luncheon in her honor will be held Wednesday, February 17, 2016 at Luminarias, 3500 Ramona Blvd., Monterey Park, CA 91754. RSVP to Myrna Braithwaite at 213 485-4947 or Javlin Wells at 213 485-5097 by February 5, 2016. Cost of $40 includes lunch and gift. Cash is due by February 10, 2016.

We’d Like to Hear from You

If you have any articles for the Newsletter, please e-mail them directly to BOENewsletter@gmail.com. Also cc: Myrna Braithwaite (myrna.braithwaite@lacity.org) Administration Division. Deadline for the next issue is Thursday, February 25, 2016.