

# Direct to You

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Patricia Wells, OHA Executive Director



## Sending my thanks to all at OHA

With August now well underway, I want to say, “Thank you!” to each OHA team member for your part in doing what we do best: Helping house our clients and helping each other do the best we can, especially during these trying times.

Over the last couple of weeks, I have heard from many of you about concerns for your personal safety both at work and in general; questions about the coronavirus Delta variant and its impact on OHA’s phased approach to re-opening; and our plans to resume Town Hall meetings. I want you to know that the Leadership Team has been working on these topics of concern with the goal of creating actions that will help all of us be more engaged and feel supported.

In the short-run, I will be hosting a series of “Listening Sessions” later in August. During these virtual discussions, my aim will be to hear from you and learn about the ideas, questions and thoughts that will help us design solutions to doing our work in the most positive way given the daily challenges we face. It is not always possible to use every idea offered, but we definitely consider all of your input. We also hope to issue the survey on Employee Health & Safety this week, so look for an email with that link in the next few days.

I hope everyone finds many moments of appreciation, hope, satisfaction and joy in your work, this week and always.

Thank you for all you do,

Patricia

**PS...** Scroll down to view the list of new hires and those who’ve moved on from OHA. And don’t forget to say “HI!” when you pass our new team members in the hallway!

HAVE A GREAT  
*week*

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# On the Move

## NEW HIRES • DEPARTURES

When you find yourself in the office and things seem different—like new faces where others used to be—just realize that all of our teams and our Human Resources department have been busy seeking and finding talented new individuals to fill key roles throughout the agency. Here's a list of people who have joined the OHA staff and moved on.\* When you see someone you don't know, take a moment to introduce yourself and welcome them to the team.

### New Hires\*

Alejandro Adame, Building & Grounds Worker I (OPO)  
Jocelyn Agloro, Assistant Property Administrator (PM)  
Fatimah Aure, Policy Analyst (EO)  
Nan Barton, Accounting Officer III (FIN)  
Juan Carrillo, Maintenance Mechanic (OPO)  
James Duncan, Assistant Property Administrator (PM)  
Vireaksy En, Building & Grounds Worker I (OPO)  
Rachel Ferguson, Assistant Director of Human Resources (HR)  
Vielka Elise Geiger, Assistant Program Manager (ORED)  
Duane Hopkins, Chief Officer of Program and Finance Administration (EO)  
Richard Jackson, Building & Grounds Worker I (OPO)  
Wayne Johnson, Building & Grounds Worker I (OPO)  
Michael Knight, Maintenance Mechanic (OPO)  
Tuan Le, Building & Grounds Worker I (OPO)  
Dylan Lyles, Building & Grounds Worker I (OPO)  
Jermaine Miller, Building & Grounds Worker I (OPO)  
Lonnie Monson, Building & Grounds Worker I (OPO)  
Robert Antonio Mullings, Police Officer (PD)  
Alejandro Pineda, Assistant Program Manager (ORE)  
Masio Rayfield, Police Officer Recruit (OHAPD)  
Priscilla Taylor, Central Services Administrator (CCGS)  
Stephen Vance, Jr, Police Services Aide III (PD)  
Ismael Velasquez, Police Officer Recruit (PD)  
Jamie Walters, Contract Specialist (CCGS)  
Joel Watts, Maintenance Mechanic (OPO)  
Tinny Yu, Computer Technician (IT)

### Departures\*

Rachael Allamby (OPO)  
Trena Armstrong, Retired (LH)  
Roy Bang (OHAPD)  
Guo Xiong Chen, (FCP)  
Kin Chow, Retired (IT)  
James Costanzo, Retired (LH)  
Kimberley Doppe, Retired (IT)  
Leo Duhay, Retired (OPO)  
Alicia Espinoza, (OHAPD)  
Leeann Farner, Retired (CAHI)  
Inez Garcia, Retired (EO)  
Stephanie Hawke (PIC)  
Anna Marie Hoch-Kenney, (CCGS)  
Alan Jones, Retired (OPO)  
Darlene Jones (LH)  
Brandon Laroco (OHAPD)  
David Laury (OPO)  
Richard Lopatto EO)  
Jonathan Luong (FCP)  
Andres Manriquez, Retired (OPO)  
Lanell Marshall,\*\* Deceased (LH)  
Choca Lee Mathieu HR)  
Keith McCree (OPO)  
Loren Morgan, Retired (CCGS)  
Malinda Paniagua (OPO)  
Kenneth Robinson, Retired, (OPO)  
Kellan Sanderlin (OHAPD)  
Annabelle Sibthorpe (FCP)  
Derek Souza, Retired (OHAPD)  
Jose Toscano (OHAPD)  
Carmen Valdez (HR)  
Joe Vega, Retired (OPO)  
Lenita Wheeler, Retired (FCP)  
James Williams, Retired (OHAPD)  
Joy Zandona, Retired (ORED)

\*As of August 9, 2021



We recently lost one of our long-term team members. After nearly 20 years with OHA, both in OPO and LH, Lanell Marshall passed away earlier this year. As an OHA work family, we mourn her loss and will keep her family in our thoughts at this time.



## Employee Assistance Program

As we work through the many challenges we are facing in our home and professional spaces, individually and collectively, we may forget there is help out there if we need it. OHA offers 24/7 assistance through LifeWorks. From mental health to financial planning to childcare referrals and so much more, LifeWorks is a reliable source of free information, as well as free or discounted services.

# Direct From Me

Messages from OHA Employees to Leadership



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**REMEMBER:** if you have reasonable suspicion that you have been exposed to someone with COVID-19 or if you are experiencing symptoms of fever (100.4 Fahrenheit or higher), coughing, or shortness of breath, do not report to work. Immediately contact your primary care provider and then your supervisor for instructions on what you need to do next. If you have any questions regarding your schedule, please contact your supervisor or Director. If you have questions in regards to pay or leave time, please contact Human Resources at (510) 874-1575.

