



Los Angeles County  
Chicano Employees Association  
**Newsletter**

## IMPORTANT NOTICE

In order to better represent you it is important that all of your member information is accurate and up to date.

Please note that the County will not forward your contact information to LACCEA. You may update your mailing address and telephone numbers by sending us a notice by email or telephone.

Email: [info@lacountychicano.org](mailto:info@lacountychicano.org)  
Phone: 626-395-1591

Please include your full name, employee number, and department, along with the updated information.  
Thank you.

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# President Message

Dear LACCEA Members,

As we reach the halfway point of the year, it's remarkable how quickly time has flown by. The past months have been filled with significant achievements and milestones, thanks to the dedication and hard work of our members. With the end of the year approaching, we have much to look forward to, including some of our most anticipated events.

One of the highlights on our calendar is our annual Turkey Drive, a cherished tradition that brings our community together to support those in need during the holiday season. This event is a powerful reminder of the impact we can make when we unite for a common cause. But that's not all—we are also gearing up for our largest event of the year, the Winter Scholarship Gala. This elegant evening celebrates our commitment to education and recognizes the achievements of outstanding students in our community. It's a night of inspiration and giving back, and we can't wait to share more details with you.

To ensure you don't miss out on any of these exciting events, we'll be sharing updates and announcements through our social media channels. Make sure to follow us for the latest news, event details, and opportunities to get involved.

In our ongoing efforts to keep our members well-informed, we're pleased to announce a new initiative: starting this month, we will be sending the Board of Supervisors' agenda to our members on a weekly basis. This will provide you with timely insights into key decisions and developments within the County Departments and our community, empowering you to stay engaged and informed. On a celebratory note, I would like to extend our heartfelt congratulations to Edward Yen on his recent promotion to Executive Officer of the LA County Board of Supervisors. This is a significant achievement, and we are thrilled to see such a dedicated and talented individual take on this important role. Edward's leadership and vision will undoubtedly have a positive impact on our community.

We also want to take a moment to recognize and thank Martha Diaz, LACCEA's top recruiter. Her exceptional efforts and unwavering dedication have been vital to our continued success. Martha's passion for our mission and her ability to connect with potential members have made a lasting impact, and we deeply appreciate everything she has done.

Additionally, we hope our raffle winners are looking forward to the upcoming events and Dodger games. These experiences are a small token of our appreciation for your support, and we can't wait to see the excitement on your faces. On behalf of LACCEA, we invite you to share your photos and memories with us so we can feature them on our platform and celebrate these special moments together.

Thank you all for your continued support and dedication to our mission. As we move forward, let's continue to grow, achieve great things, and make a lasting difference in our community.

By Johanna Hernandez, LACCEA President

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August Newsletter

## Meet LACCEA's new Board Member Ildefonso Cardenas



Mr. Cardenas boasts over two decades of dedicated service within the Probation Department and active involvement with LACCEA. His comprehensive career spans various roles including Juvenile Institutions, Administrative duties, and both Adult and Juvenile Field operations. Commencing as a Deputy Probation Officer I at Challenger Memorial Youth Center (CMYC), he advanced steadily through the ranks to assume pivotal roles such as Deputy Probation Officer II, Special Assistant, Acting Director, and Director.

In his capacity as Director, Mr. Cardenas exercised oversight over several key facilities and units, including Camp Mendenhall, Foothill Juvenile/Adult Field Office, Los Padrinos Juvenile Hall, Camp Paige, the Department of Justice – Compliance Unit at Central Juvenile Hall, and presently oversees the Post Release Services Bureau (AB109) Regions 1, 2, and Countywide Units. His extensive experience across diverse facets of the Probation Department has not only fostered his professional growth but also enabled him to mentor and coach individuals across all organizational levels.

Mr. Cardenas eagerly anticipates contributing to the LACCEA Board, committed to serving its members with pride and dedication.

# Meet LACCEA's new Office Manager



I'm Leslie Martinez, the new Office Manager here at LACCEA. While some of you may already know me from recent calls or events, I wanted to take this opportunity to introduce myself to everyone.

From a young age, I had the privilege of working alongside my father, washing carpets and cleaning windows with my little rag. These early experiences taught me the value of hard work and dedication, lessons that have been instrumental throughout my career.

In recent years, I've worn many hats in roles such as a Transaction Coordinator in Real Estate, Apartment Manager, and Office Administrator in the construction industry. Each of these positions has equipped me with a diverse skill set, all of which I am eager to bring to my role at LACCEA.

I look forward to making a meaningful impact and growing with LACCEA. Thank you for your continued support and for believing in the mission and values of our organization.

# MEET THE LEGAL TEAM AT LACCEA



Attorney,  
Donna Wells

Donna Wells has been an attorney with the Los Angeles County Chicano Employees Association (LACCEA) since 2010. The legal services she provides include representation in disciplinary actions and discrimination matters to hearings before the Civil Service Commission.

Prior to joining LACCEA, Wells was in private practice, handling labor, employment and civil rights law litigation, as well as representing and counseling municipalities and public employees on labor issues. Previously, she was also General Counsel at Film L.A., Inc., and Director of Government Relations for the Motion Picture Association of America.

Wells is a graduate of UCLA School of Law and serves on the UCLA Law School Alumni Board. She is a member of the California Employment Lawyers Association, and the Labor & Employment Law sections of the California and L.A. County bar associations. She also serves on the County Bar President's Advisory Committee for the Status of Women in the Legal Profession.



Attorney,  
Dion DiNome

Attorney Dion DiNome came to LACCEA in 2017 after a decade with the County of Los Angeles Probation Department. As a son to a parent in the County workforce, the husband to a wife in the County workforce, and a previous employee himself, Mr. DiNome has a strong understanding of the County, including both policy and politics. Mr. DiNome deals extensively with workplace investigations, discipline, IPMs, and more. Mr. DiNome carries a strong interest in ensuring our members are treated fairly and with the respect they deserve.

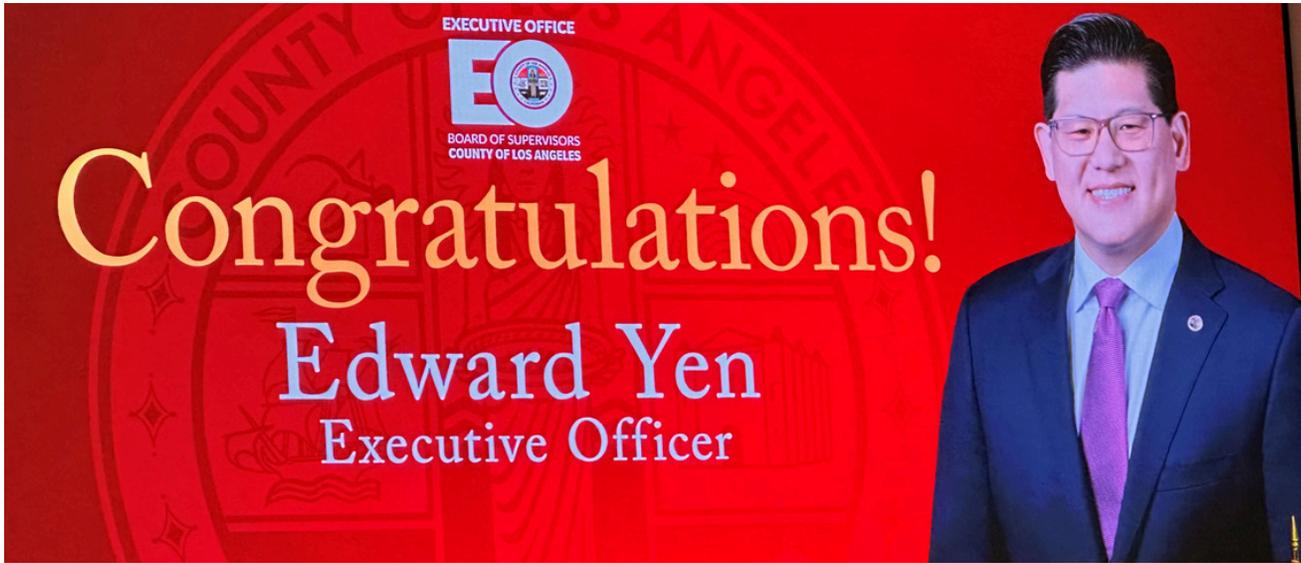


Attorney,  
Robert Meneses

Mr. Robert Meneses has 34 years of operational and administrative experience in the County of Los Angeles. He served as Student Professional Worker and rose through the ranks to become Administrative Deputy where he oversaw a \$100 million dollar budget with 345 employees and was responsible for budget, payroll, personnel, management services, facility services and assisted overseeing information technology. He has worked in the Community and Senior Services Department, the Treasurer-Tax Collector, the Chief Executive Office, and the Alternate Public Defender's Office.

After graduating from Loyola High School, he was accepted at Loyola Marymount University where he graduated with a Bachelor of Science degree in 1984. He then received a Master of Business Administration degree in finance and marketing from California State University at Los Angeles in 1988. While working at the Alternate Public Defender's Office, he pursued his law degree at night at Whittier College of Law where he graduated in 1998. In 1999, he passed the California State Bar examination and was sworn in by Chief Judge Terry Hatter at the Central District Federal Court. He has been a licensed attorney for approximately 25 years.

# Edward Yen Executive Officer



On behalf of the entire LACCEA team, we extend our heartfelt congratulations to Edward Yen on his official swearing-in as the Executive Officer of the LA County Board of Supervisors, which took place on July 22, 2024. This significant achievement is a testament to his dedication, hard work, and exceptional leadership.

We are confident that Mr. Yen will bring a unique and valuable perspective to his new role, and his contributions will undoubtedly have a positive impact on the future of LA County. We wish him immense success and fulfillment in this prestigious position and eagerly anticipate the continued excellence he will bring to his work.



# Summer Mixer in recognition of Edward Yen

HOSTED BY LACHMA



We recently gathered at Cities Restaurant in Los Angeles to celebrate a significant milestone: Eddie Yen's appointment as the Executive Officer of the Board of Supervisors.

The event was a wonderful occasion, bringing together professionals from across the region to honor Eddie's achievements and leadership. His appointment marks a new chapter for the Board, and the gathering was filled with a sense of pride and excitement for the future.

Eddie Yen's dedication and vision have earned him this esteemed position, and we are confident that under his guidance, the Board will continue to thrive. We look forward to witnessing the positive impact he will undoubtedly make in his new role.

# LACCEA Members at the Dodger Games



“Hi Leslie! Thank you so much for the tickets. We had a great time! 🙏”

- Josh LACCEA Member



If you would like to be featured in our social media channels or newsletters, please email us your photos along with a brief comment or note for inclusion. Kindly send your submissions to [info@gmail.com](mailto:info@gmail.com). Thank you for your participation!

Mark your calendars!

We are pleased to announce the upcoming events that LACCEA will be attending. We encourage you to stop by and connect with us. We look forward to seeing you there!

NATIONAL LATINO PEACE OFFICERS ASSOCIATION  
SAN GABRIEL VALLEY CHAPTER

41ST ANNUAL

ALBERT RIVERA  
**MENUDO RUN**  
5K/10K RUN & FUN WALK

Proceeds Benefit Our 2025 Scholarship Funds

AUGUST 24 Race Starts at 8 AM  
WHITTIER NARROWS PARK  
750 S Santa Anita Ave, South El Monte

PRE REGISTRATION \$40

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30<sup>th</sup>  
ANNIVERSARY  
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Sep 28, 2024 6:00 AM to 4:30 PM



## PROBATION SERVICES WEEK

During Probation Services Week, we want to extend our heartfelt appreciation for your unwavering hard work, dedication, and exceptional service. Your commitment to excellence in probation services has not gone unnoticed and is deeply valued. Your tireless efforts and dedication play a crucial role in enhancing our community's safety and well-being. This week has provided an opportunity to recognize and celebrate the important contributions you make every day. Thank you for your continued service and for upholding the highest standards of professionalism. We are grateful for your relentless commitment and look forward to our continued success together.

With sincere appreciation,

**LACCEA Board of Directors**



# Unlock Exclusive Perks with **Employees Club of California**

Join a community that celebrates your dedication as a Los Angeles County employee. Enjoy up to 55% off on entertainment tickets, travel deals, dining experiences, shopping offers, and a suite of membership perks tailored just for you.

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TO 2 OF OUR  
PATIENTS'  
LIVES.**



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Hospital**  
LOS ANGELES.



## Join First City and Wescom in helping CHLA

**Blood transfusions are  
lifesaving treatment for:**

- Bleeding trauma patients
- Patients undergoing surgical procedures
- Patients battling cancers
- Sickle cell disease and thalassemia patients

**Date:** August 29, 2024

**Time:** 10:00am - 4:00pm

**Hosted by:** CHLA, First City & Wescom

**Location:** Rose Bowl

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Your blood donation can be a lifeline for children in need.  
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# WINTER *Scholarship* RECEPTION

**2024 TOYS FOR TOTS**

BRING AN UNWRAPPED TOY AND YOU WILL RECEIVE 1 FREE RAFFLE TICKET



## *Save the date!*

**DECEMBER 5, 2024**

LUMINARIAS

6 PM - 11 PM

3500 W. RAMONA BLVD. MONTEREY PARK, CA 91754  
ENTERTAINMENT, FOOD & RAFFLES!

*Let's celebrate together!*

**@Lacceaoofficial**



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Employees Association



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[lacountychicano.org](http://lacountychicano.org)

Please tag us on all social media platforms with the hashtag #laccea for a chance to be reposted or featured in our upcoming newsletter.



# **VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**

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We are looking for Good-Hearted members who are willing to help us at Events and our Charity work.

Interested in Joining us?

Find out more info:

LACountychicano.org/volunteer-opportunities  
Office No. 626-365-1591

## 2024 TURKEY DRIVE

Join us for our upcoming Turkey drive and help make a difference in our community. Let's work together to fight hunger and provide support to those in need. So follow us on our Social Media to stay updated on the latest news and upcoming events.

*it pays to*  
**RECRUIT!**



**RECEIVE \$25 OR 2 DODGER TICKETS**

LACCEA IS OFFERING \$25.00 FOR EACH NEW MEMBER THAT YOU RECRUIT. WANT MORE CASH? THERE IS NO LIMIT TO THE NUMBER OF MEMBERS YOU MAY RECRUIT, YOU WILL RECEIVE \$25.00 FOR EACH NEW MEMBER THAT SIGNS UP. PLEASE NOTE THAT YOU WILL RECEIVE THE \$25.00 FOR EACH NEW MEMBER THAT YOU RECRUIT AFTER THE 90-DAY APPLICATION PERIOD. DON'T FORGET TO INCLUDE YOUR INFORMATION IN THE "RECRUITER'S INFORMATION" BOX TO GET CREDIT FOR THE RECRUITMENT. IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS PLEASE CALL 626-365-1591. PLEASE NOTE THE DODGER TICKETS APPLY WHEN AVAILABLE.

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