

2014
La Verne State of the City



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Dedication



The “Pride of La Verne”

Robert Rodriguez

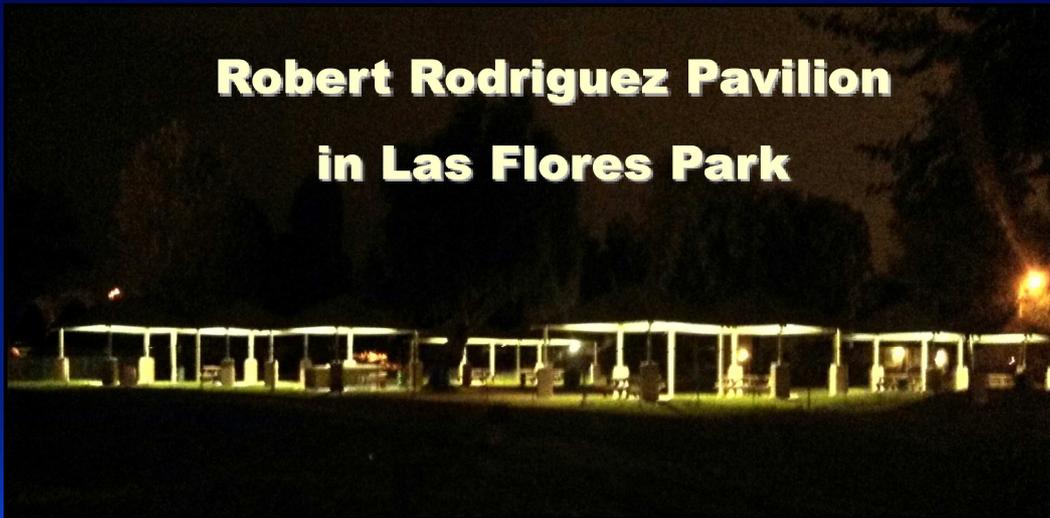
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Each year this presentation focuses on significant events in the previous year and sets a vision for the coming year. The year 2013 was a challenging year in the City of La Verne. The longest serving Council Member in the history of the City, Robert Rodriguez, passed away in July. We are so very lucky to have had the leadership, guidance, and good-natured spirit for over 31 years on the City Council. Robert loved this City and was honored to serve the residents. He often joked that he was the ‘self-proclaimed Pride of La Verne,’ but in reality it was very true. No one epitomized the ‘Pride of La Verne’ like Robert. We take great pride in his extraordinary example of selfless service and unwavering dedication. For that, we dedicate in honor of Robert Rodriguez, this State of the City Presentation.



Dedication

Robert Rodriguez Pavilion in Las Flores Park



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In 2013 we remodeled the picnic shelter area in Las Flores Park. We removed the 30-year old wooden picnic structures and replaced them with state of the art metal shelters and added LED lighting and a barbeque center. We will be dedicating this as the Robert Rodriguez Pavilion in spring 2014.



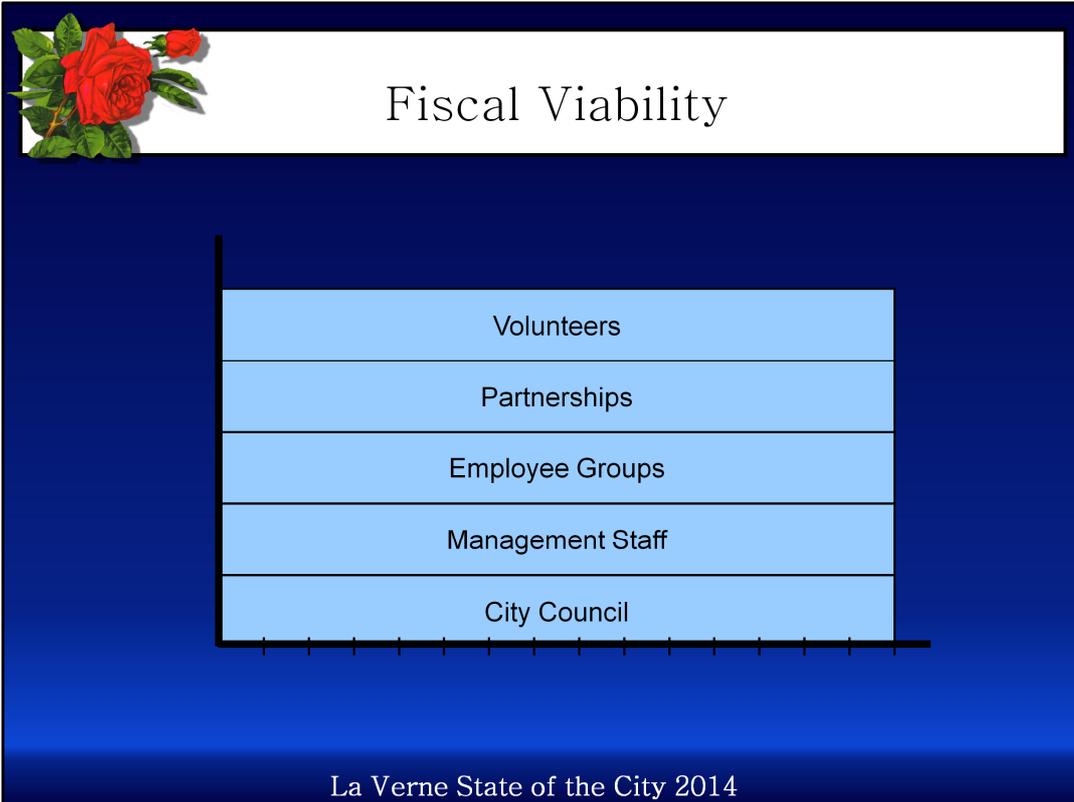
City Council Appointment



Council Member
Ron Ingels

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While there is no replacing someone like Robert Rodriguez, The City Council did fill his vacancy on the City Council. In August, Ron Ingels, was appointed to fill the remainder of Robert's term which ends in March 2015. Ron was among the 18 very well qualified applicants for the appointment. Ron has lived in La Verne for over 50 years and served 34 years on the La Verne Police Department, the last 13 years as Police Chief. Ron is very receptive to receiving your input so please be sure to share your thoughts with him whenever you see him.



The past few years have been a financial challenge. We currently have a balanced general fund budget of \$29.1 million while being able to maintain our reserves on hand above the 15 percent minimum threshold. There are several factors that have made our fiscal viability possible.

The City Council has been focused on providing the leadership and support to the staff to bring our expenses in line with our revenues.

Management staff have been prudent in managing their finances and requesting only what was necessary. In fact we have reduced the number of full time positions from 174 to 157 without reducing any services.

Our employees groups have been part of the solution as well. In an effort that was started 5 years ago, we have successfully completed negotiations with all of our labor groups where they have agreed to pay their share of retirement costs within the next two years. This change will help to reduce the city's costs by a total of \$1,000,000.

Our outstanding partnerships have helped us stretch our resources by sharing program and service costs. These partnerships include Bonita Unified School District, the University of La Verne, Tri City Mental Health and other organizations.

And finally our volunteers do a tremendous amount of work. They donate thousands of hours each year to help us provide the services our residents want and appreciate.



Retiring of Bonds



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On a positive note, how often does government **give back** money? This doesn't happen often, but in 2013 we paid off a 30-year community Facilities District bond. These bonds were issued to pay for the sidewalk, street, and sewer system in the San Polo Business Park. As a result of paying off the bonds, 65 property owners in the San Polo Business District received refund checks that totaled \$250,000. Going forward, these businesses no longer will be assessed this special tax.



Economic Development

1375 Foothill Boulevard

Available Sites and Commercial Vacancies

1375 Foothill Blvd

Available for lease is a vacant grocery store as one of two anchors for an existing commercial center located on the historic Route 66 in La Verne, California, on the eastern edge of Los Angeles County. With easy access to the 210, 10 and 57 freeways, La Verne is located halfway between Los Angeles and San Bernardino.

Lot size: 5.28 Acres (Part of an existing)

Building Size: 32,000 S.F.

Zoning: Commercial/Office

Traffic Counts: Weekday = 29,300 AD

For more information, please contact the
Combined Properties
Nadia Gilmore (310) 205-9621
or La Verne Community Development Dept.

Download Brochure

Return to Available Sites and Comm

1950 Foothill Blvd

Available for commercial development is a vacant pad designed for restaurant use on a site with a 1.2-acre lot.

Lot size: 5.28 acres

Building size: 32,000 S.F.

Estimote Regal Cinema

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Ongoing financial stability is tied to our development of businesses. In February we will be launching a new section on our web site for developers. The site has an interactive map that shows commercial properties and development sites with basic property information including lot size, building size, zoning designation, traffic counts, broker information, and essential demographics. Anyone looking to open a business in La Verne can use this comprehensive tool to find the perfect location at their fingertips. We believe by having this inventory available to prospective business and developers, it will help fill vacancies and keep our commercial corridors thriving. We are being very proactive in promoting the benefits of a business being in La Verne.



Public Safety



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DUI Checkpoints

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Public Safety

In 2013:

The Fire Department participated in a pilot study called the Electronic Patient Care Reporting system. It's a system that transmits medical data to the hospital during transport by our paramedics. Doctors then receive data prior to seeing the patient. This allows for faster treatment of the patient.

The Police Department received approximately \$42,000 in grant funding to conduct 6 DUI Checkpoints throughout the 2014 calendar year. The Department is also currently participating in the "Avoid the 100," a Los Angeles County multi-agency, multi-jurisdictional, DUI enforcement program that utilizes checkpoints and roving patrols to locate and remove intoxicated drivers from the roadways.



Public Safety



Aerial Truck

Parent Education Program



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In 2014:

The Fire Department is finalizing the purchase of a new \$1million dollar ladder truck. With buildings being built taller, the Fire Department needs to have the equipment to respond to any emergency calls. The good news is that the general fund is not impacted by this purchase. This new truck is being paid for through a Community Facilities District paid by new developments containing these taller buildings.

In the spring of 2014 the Police Department, with sponsorship from the Youth and Family Action Committee, will conduct a Parent Education Program. The Program is designed to educate the parents of middle school and early high school age children on current drug trends. The topics will include: marijuana, prescription drugs, designer drugs, and methamphetamines. Presenters are all experts in the field and represent the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) and the La Verne Police Department.



Public Works/Community Services



Teen Summit



Movie in the Park

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In 2013:

Completed a very successful first Teen Summit in May. Over 60 youths from Ramona Middle School participated in workshops and group discussions. The goal for this event was to empower young people to have a voice in our community.

Hosted one Movie at Heritage Park. More than 500 residents participated. This program will continue with more movies this summer.



Public Works/Community Services

Campus West



Solar Project



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Also, in 2014:

The University of La Verne Campus West Athletic Complex is scheduled for dedication in April 2014. Through a joint use agreement with the University, we will begin scheduling these same facilities for our youth sports programs.

City Yard Solar Project was recently awarded at the City Council's December 2 meeting and is expected to be under construction very soon. Once completed, the city expects to realize an annual savings of \$20,000 - \$30,000 in energy costs from what we are currently paying. Even though the solar panels will be located at the City Yard on First Street, all generated electricity will be credited against use by all City facilities.



Traffic Signal Upgrades



Bonita Ave. & B Street



Bonita Ave. & White Ave.

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Traffic Signal Upgrades expected in the next 24 months:

Bonita/White Avenue Traffic Signal Modification. The city successfully solicited a “Highway Safety Improvement Program (HSIP) grant to modify the traffic signal at this location to include left turn arrows.

Bonita and B Street, New Traffic Signal – Part of the above project, but this is a new traffic signal at Bonita and B Street.



Park Improvements



Mills Park



Live Oak Park

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Park Improvements:

New shade structures will soon be installed at Emerald Park

New play equipment has been designed and ordered to replace the old square post play areas that currently exist at Live Oak and Mills Parks.



Public Works Crews worked diligently to construct the Memorial at Veterans Hall before Veterans Day 2012 and complete finishing touches before Memorial Day 2013. An example of the work that was completed included pouring concrete, tying rebar, running electrical, installing lights, placement of brick pavers, and stucco work. In addition, crews installed sprinklers and an irrigation valve. Vegetation and bark was included after the installation of sprinklers to give the monument area a finished look.

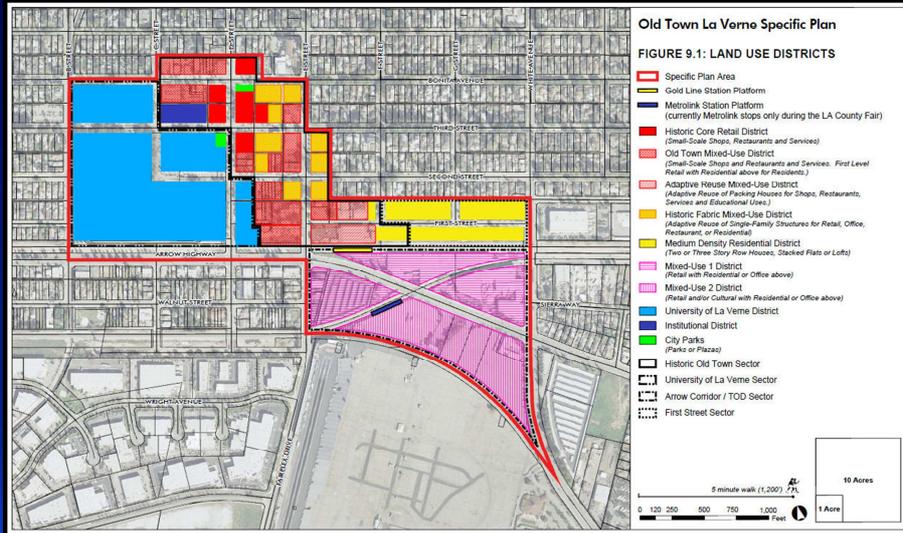
The Community Services Department coordinated a very successful Memorial Day dedication last May. They will also continue to facilitate updating the Memorial with any new bricks purchased before Memorial Day and Veterans Day each year.

Through the various efforts of the Veterans Memorial Committee, fundraising efforts for the Memorial have been completed. A total of \$230,000 was donated for the construction of the Memorial.

In 2014, please be sure to join us for Memorial Day and Veterans Day celebrations. They are always scheduled at 11:00 a.m.



Old Town Specific Plan



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In 2013 the Old Town Specific Plan was completed after nearly ten years in development and input from hundreds of residents, businesses, and organizations. It contains a vision for the next 30 years of development in Old Town, including transit-oriented housing and mixed-use development in the vicinity of the Gold Line light rail station. In addition, this document received a regional Award of Merit from the American Planning Association LA Section for a Comprehensive Plan – Small Jurisdiction as well as an Award of Merit from the American Planning Association for the State of California.



“Sip of La Verne” Wine Walk



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2013 brought the City's first “Sip of La Verne” Wine Walk in Old Town under the coordination and staffing from our Community Development Department. This first event sold-out a week prior to the event. Be sure to mark your calendars now for the next wine walk on April 26, 2014.



Development Activity

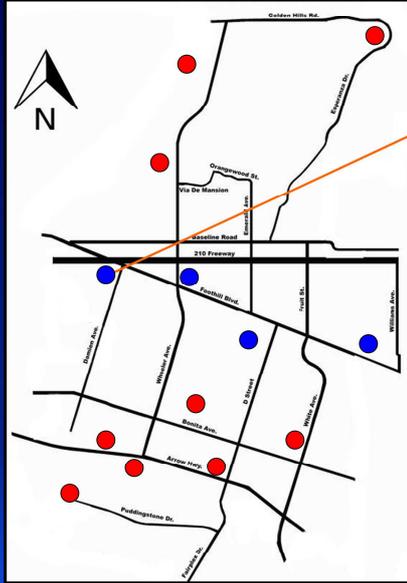


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Completion of commercial rehabilitation of the old Vons store to accommodate the new Crunch Fitness Gym and Dollar Tree store, and to include new public art depicting a historic citrus label.



Development Activity



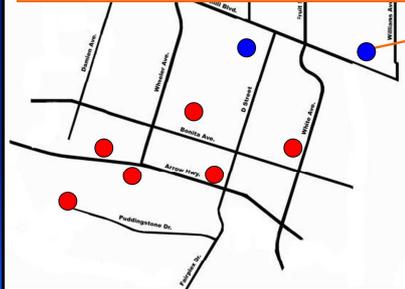
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Completion of the new Jack in the Box restaurant.



Development Activity

Hutton Co's La Verne Village

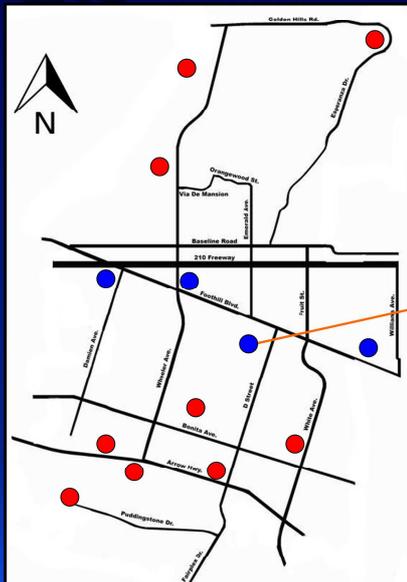


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Substantial construction progress on the Hutton Co's "La Verne Village" mixed use development with 172 luxury apartments and adjoining commercial development. Completion is expected in 2014.



Development Activity



Olson Co.'s Oakgrove Walk



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Substantial construction progress on the Olson Co's 66-home "Oakgrove Walk."



Development Activity



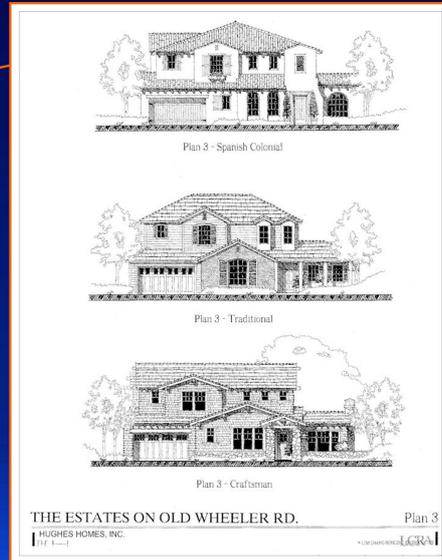
La Verne Technology Center

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Construction of the Trammell Crow Co., 23-acre, 380,000 sq.ft. La Verne Technology Center, southeast of Arrow and Wheeler, adjacent to the La Verne-San Polo Business Park and across the street from ULV's Campus West.



Development Activity



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Six housing related projects:

Construction of the remaining 13 homes in the “Old Wheeler Estates” housing development (Worden Ranch).



Development Activity



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Construction of 15 single-family homes as part of the Puddingstone Hill Specific Plan at De Anza Heights Road.



Development Activity

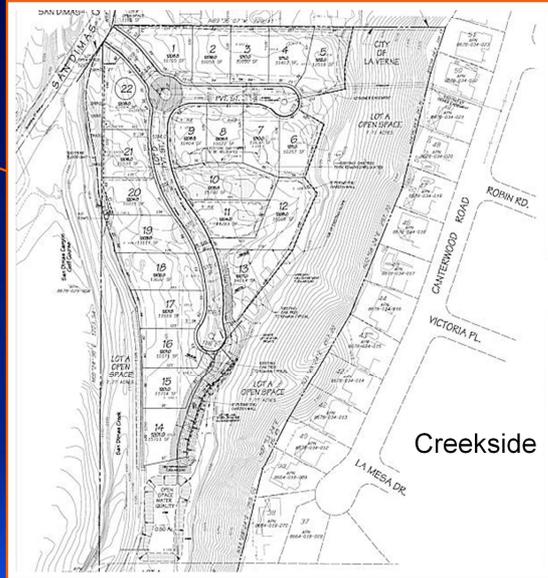


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Completion of the Live Oak Estates residential project, with 17 new single-family homes.



Development Activity

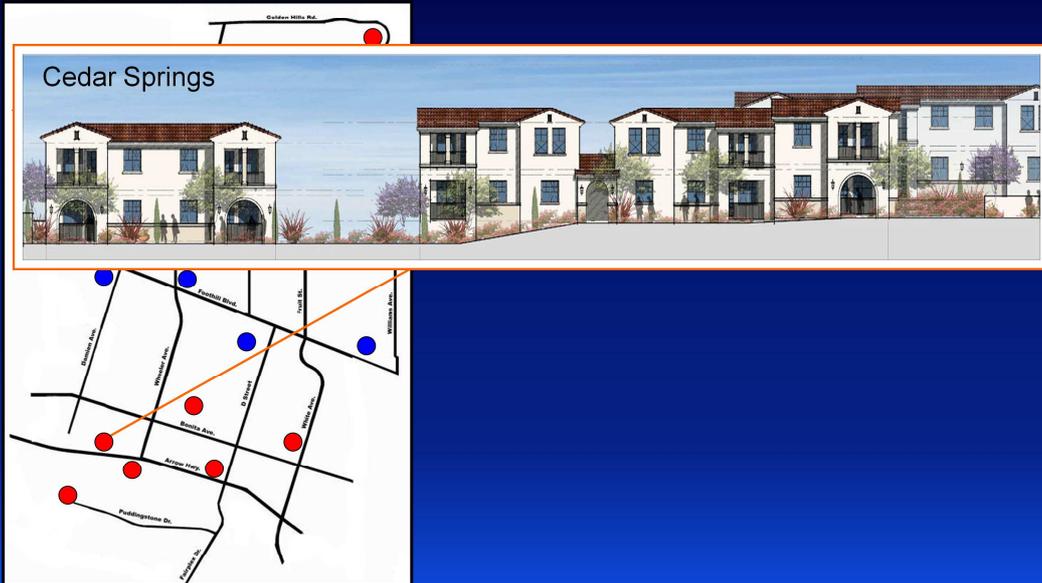


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Consideration of “Creekside,” a proposed development of 22 new homes on the former Sturrock tree Farm property on San Dimas Canyon Road, and including an anticipated reconstruction/reopening of Golden Hills road west of Wheeler.



Development Activity



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Construction of the “Cedar Springs” 36-unit transitional and supportive affordable housing development on the south side of the David & Margaret Home campus.



We make this presentation once a year, but we are trying to provide more updates and information on a regular basis. One of the ways we are doing that is through the La Verne Community News. We have a page dedicated to City news each month. We include current issues and events and hope you find this information useful.

Thank you for attending today and for all that you do as volunteers, as business leaders, as educators, as community leaders, and as citizens who uphold the values of this community and make La Verne a very special place.