

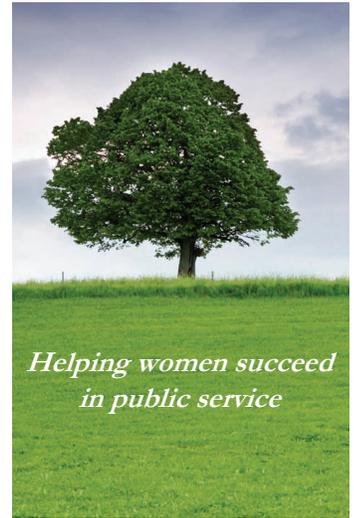


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## Presenting WLG Connections!

Women Leading Government is pleased to debut its first e-newsletter. As the world is adjusting to the “new normal” and a much faster pace, many people are finding it more difficult to stay connected with one another. The mission statement of WLG purports its purpose as:

*“To help women succeed in public service by enhancing career-building models that develop leadership skills and by networking professional women in government.”*



One of goals of the 2010 WLG Work Plan is to produce and distribute an electronic newsletter to its members and interested partners to share what’s happening with WLG and the women who support this incredible organization. Even when we cannot meet face to face, we want to stay connected with you. Please bear with us as we get our “tech feet” wet and let us know what’s important to you. We look forward to hearing from you.

## Meets, Greets and More Events

WLG has hosted a bevy of great events so far in 2010. In February, the Southern California roundtable was held at Union Station on the topic of **Ethics in the Workplace**. On April 8th, the Central Regional Roundtable was held at Lake Cachuma with discussion on **Staying Fresh in Your Career**. Several **Nothing and Networking** lunches were held throughout the state on March 25th where women had a chance to gather more informally in their neighborhoods to discuss common issues. In April,

WLG sponsored the pre-conference workshop at the 2010 Women’s Leadership Summit in Northern California. The presentation was on the **Basics of Leadership — Essential Skills for Success**. In May, WLG partnered with MMASC at its Annual Conference in Santa Barbara and showcased a panel on **Leading Through Difficult Change**. Also in May, WLG Chair Jennifer Phillips and Past Chair Tammy Letourneau accepted the **Tom Bradley Equal Opportunity Award** (see photo to the right) from the ASPA Los Angeles Metropolitan

Chapter for successfully promoting equal opportunity in the workplace. Coming up next, WLG will host a roundtable on **July 28, 2010** at the Frontier Project, a new demonstration project in Rancho Cucamonga. Come hear Wendy Rogers, a prominent speaker on **Planning for Sustainability** and network with the best of the best. Stay tuned for more exciting events to be held in concert with the **ICMA and MMANC Annual Conferences** in San Jose in October, a Northern California Roundtable in October and **CSAC Conference** in November.

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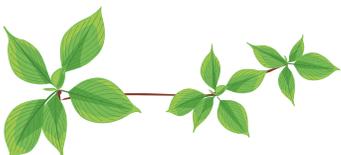


### **Past Chair Tammy Letourneau**

Tammy Letourneau served as the second Chair of Women Leading Government, following the founding chair Penny Culbreth-Graft. Tammy lives with her husband Paul and their dog Max in Yorba Linda, CA, and is a former city manager of two cities and is currently Senior Manager with the local government consulting firm Management Partners. She says that her favorite part of the work she does is to “improve the quality of life in communities.” She has a Bachelor of Science in Business Administration from Cal Poly Pomona and a Master of Public Administration from Cal State Long Beach. Tammy is a member of ICMA as well as the California City Management Foundation (CCMF).

Tammy was inspired to enter local government because she “believes that working in local government is a ‘calling’”. She found her passion for local government when she was 18 years old and carries that passion with her today as she works to improve the quality of life in the communities that she serves.

*Why WLG is important to Tammy:* “As a former city manager, I understand the issues that women leaders face in local government today. The networking and educational opportunities that WLG provides is outstanding. It is important that we provide opportunities for women working in local government to share their experiences with other women so we can learn from each other and support each other. WLG has provided me with an opportunity to learn from other women in this profession and I have had the opportunity to share my experiences with others as well.” Tammy encourages women in local government to be active members of WLG and ICMA and to continue to learn from and share their knowledge with other women in this profession.



### **Current WLG Chair Jennifer Phillips**

Jennifer Phillips lives in Tustin, Ca with her husband Wes and three dogs, Montreux, Ascona and Squirt. She is Assistant City Manager in the City of Santa Monica, is a member of ICMA, and has both a Bachelor of Science and a Master of Public Administration degree from Cal State Long Beach. Jennifer says about her job: “I enjoy my entire job – it’s too hard to carve out one part: I love working with passionate and talented staff, serving the citizens by offering exceptional customer service, delivering top notch programs and services that truly make a difference in the community, and implementing Council policy that moves a community and organization forward towards meeting society’s complex and growing expectations and needs. It’s truly a rewarding and challenging profession and I feel blessed and privileged everyday that I am a public administrator.”

*Why WLG is important to Jennifer:* “One of the benefits of our profession is the professional network that exists among our colleagues. WLG takes networking a step further, offering women leaders in public service a support network and exposure to professional development that focuses on the unique skills and abilities that women bring to the profession. At each WLG event, I reconnect with colleagues, meet new women in the profession, and learn techniques and skills to further enhance my abilities. As the current Chair, I am honored to work with a highly talented Board of Directors that is passionate about the profession and the programs offered by WLG. Both my professional career and personal life have been enhanced through my participation in WLG.



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