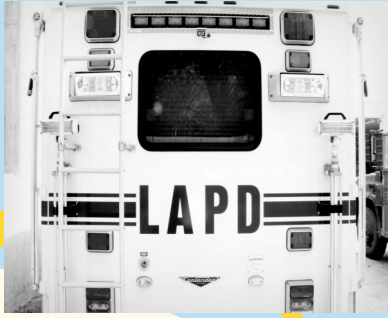


# LAFPP Bulletin

FOR ALL MEMBERS OF LOS ANGELES FIRE & POLICE PENSIONS

MARCH 2016



## Los Angeles Fire and Police Pensions Is Moving to a New Location

**A**fter leasing our offices in Little Tokyo for nearly 30 years, Los Angeles Fire and Police Pensions (LAFPP) will be moving two blocks away to our own building. We will be open for business at our new location on **Monday, March 21, 2016**. (Our actual move will take place from noon on Friday through Sunday, March 18-20, 2016.)

Our new address is:

**701 East 3rd Street,  
Los Angeles, CA 90013  
(NE corner of East 3rd Street &  
Alameda Street)  
in the downtown Arts District**

**Parking will be available in the  
adjacent lot to the east of the  
building. Street parking is also  
available.**



Although LAFPP has been housed in leased space for approximately 30 years, the Board decided to pursue the purchase of our own building to house the Department for the next 30 years or longer. In 2013, the Board purchased a 54,000 square foot, four-story office building constructed in 1924. The building is known as the Neptune Building in the community, as it originally housed the Neptune Water Meter Company. LAFPP will occupy floors 2 through 4, with plans to lease out the 1st floor. Over the past two years, the building has undergone a number of tenant improvements such as:



- *Seismically strengthen the building to bring it up to current building standards.*
- *Larger and more counseling rooms – for private individual appointments with members.*
- *Upgraded Board Room – with technology to offer all stakeholders the benefits of improved viewing and audio of Board meetings. This room will also be used for training sessions for members and staff.*
- *Enhanced security with key card access to office space and security guard stationed in the lobby.*





## BOARD OF FIRE & POLICE COMMISSIONERS STATE-OF-THE-ART BOARDROOM

### Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) A Standard for Green Buildings

As part of the planning and design of the tenant improvements, LAFPP worked to secure a LEED certification for the new building. LEED provides building owners and operators with a framework for identifying and implementing practical and measurable green building design, construction, operations and maintenance solutions.

LEED certification means healthier, more productive places, reduced stress on the environment by encouraging energy and resource-efficient buildings, and savings from decreased utility costs. As a LEED-certified building, we aim to:

- **Be resource efficient**
- **Use less water and energy**
- **Reduce greenhouse gas emissions**
- **Save money**

The LEED rating system offers four certification levels for new construction - Certified, Silver, Gold and Platinum - determined by the number of credits accrued in five green design categories: sustainable sites, water efficiency, energy and atmosphere, materials and resources and indoor environmental quality. Taking time and budget into consideration, LAFPP is currently targeting a Silver LEED certification, which is commendable given that the building was originally constructed in 1924.

LAFPP continues to strive to reduce operating costs in the future and benefit the environment by designing a building that is truly green. You can find more information about LEED certification at the U.S. Green Building Council website at:

<http://www.usgbc.org/leed>

Beginning April 7, 2016, Board meetings will be held on the 4th floor of LAFPP's new office location. The Boardroom was designed to allow the 9-member Board of Fire and Police Pension Commissioners to efficiently conduct Board business and offer all stakeholders the benefits of improved viewing and audio of meetings. The room will feature:

- Larger table - to provide Commissioners with plenty of workspace
- State of the art audio/visual systems, including wall-mounted monitors for presentations
- Convenient anteroom for members and other attendees
- Availability to be used for training of staff and Plan members

In 2013, the new LAFPP Boardroom was dedicated and named in honor of Commissioner Sam Diannitto, retired Fire Department representative, to recognize his numerous contributions to LAFPP members and unprecedented service to the residents of Los Angeles.

Commissioner Diannitto currently serves on the Board and was a member of the Los Angeles Fire Department for 43 years, retiring in 1997 at the rank of Assistant Fire Chief. He was first elected to the Board in 1972 and has served for 40 years - 25 years as the active Fire Department representative and 15 years as the retired Fire Department representative. More information on the Board, meeting schedule and agendas are available from the *Board of Administration* section of our website.

## SITTING IS THE NEW SMOKING

LAFPP has made a move toward improving the health and wellness of staff. All cubicles and offices in our new location will provide Sit-to-Stand computer desks as a healthy alternative to sitting all day. These workstations can provide for improved productivity by allowing better mental focus and less fatigue. To read more about the effects that sitting can have on our bodies and minds visit [www.mayoclinic.org](http://www.mayoclinic.org).



# LAFPP PHONE DIRECTORY

All LAFPP phone numbers are changing effective March 21, 2016.  
Please take time to update your records.

## Accounting

(213) 279-3040

(213) 628-7782 (Fax)

- Form 1099-R (current and prior tax years)
- Workers Compensation Recapture (balances due, offset inquiries, etc.)

## Active Member Services

(213) 279-3140

(213) 628-7716 (Fax)

- Annual Member Statements
- Beneficiary Designations
- Contribution Accounts
- Dissolution of Marriage Information
- Refund of Contributions
- Request to Purchase Service Credit
  - Military or Other Government Service (PSP)
  - Recruit Training Time
  - Other Service Credit

## Communications & Education

(213) 279-3155

(213) 628-7720 (Fax)

- Annual Report
- Benefits Presentations
- Financial Planning Education Seminars
- Social Media (e.g., Facebook, Twitter)
- MyLAFPP
- Newsletters
- Website Updates

## Disability Pension

(213) 279-3165

(213) 628-7782 (Fax)

- Active Member Deaths - Survivor Pensions
- Disability Pension Inquiries, Processing & Reviews
- Review of Dependent Children/Dependent Parent Qualifications

## DROP/Service Pensions

(213) 279-3100

(213) 628-7716 (Fax)

- DROP - Information on the Deferred Retirement Option Plan
  - DROP Entry/Exit Inquiries and Processing
  - DROP Member Beneficiary Designation
- Service and Deferred Pension Inquiries and Processing

## Medical & Dental Benefits

(213) 279-3115

(213) 628-7782 (Fax)

- Health and Dental Insurance Subsidies
- Health Insurance Premium Reimbursement
- Medicare Part B Reimbursement
- Year-to-Date Insurance Deduction Totals

## Retirement Services

(213) 279-3125

(213) 628-7716 (Fax)

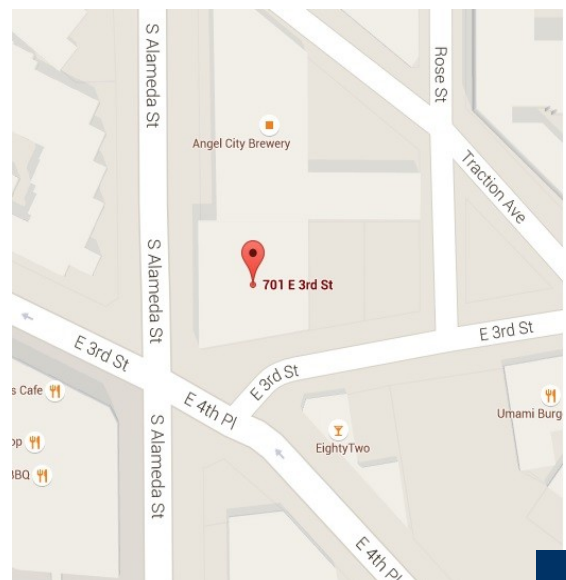
- BPP Web Passport
- Post Retirement Marriage Dissolutions
- Retired Member Records and Information
  - Change of Address
  - COLA
  - Direct Deposit
  - Pension Verification Letters
  - Tax Withholding
- Retired Member and Qualified Survivor Deaths
- Survivor Benefit Purchases - Post Retirement Marriages/Domestic Partnerships
- Survivor Pensions

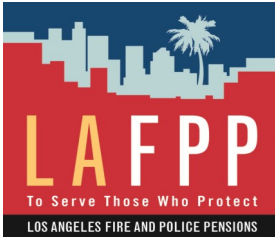
## OTHER WAYS TO CONTACT US

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<b>E-MAIL</b>	—	pensions@lafpp.com
<b>WEBSITE</b>	—	http://www.lafpp.com



Our website will always have the most current information. You can also find us on Facebook and Twitter.





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## **VISION**

**To be a leader and innovator in the public pension industry through an uncompromising dedication to excellence, customer service, transparency, and education**

## **MISSION**

**To advance the health and retirement security of those who dedicate their careers and risk their lives to protect the people of Los Angeles**

**We look forward to serving you at our new offices in March 2016!**