

**Margaret Smith** retired in May 2013, after 36 years of employment as a Human Resources professional in the Public Sector. Her career began in Los Angeles County in 1978 where she worked for over 10 years. She, along with her husband, Thurston (Smitty) and two sons, (Frank & Brandon), moved to the high desert in 1988. At that time, Smitty moved his business, Smitty's Concrete Pumping, from Long Beach to Hesperia where his parents also lived. Shortly after moving to the High Desert, the City of Hesperia incorporated. Margaret began working for the City in October 1988. She was the 7th employee hired and the first employee hired to manage Human Resources for the City. She worked for the City of Hesperia, Human Resources for approximately 12 years. In February 2000, she left her position as the City's Administrative Services Director, responsible for Human Resources & Risk Management, to work for the County of San Bernardino, Human Resources Department. She worked in various capacities of the County, serving as Human Resources Officer, Interim Human Resources Director, Interim Public Health Director and retiring as the County's Human Resources Benefits Chief. During her career, she served on many high desert boards as a volunteer in various community service capacities, such as High Desert United Way, Victor Valley Business & Professional Women's Organization, San Orco Regional Business & Professional Women's Organization, Hesperia Rotary, and the Victor Valley Bicycle Tour. She has her Associate's Degree from Victor Valley College and her Bachelor's Degree in Business/Public Administration. Since retirement, Margaret and Smitty have traveled many thousands of miles in their motor home. Her passion since retirement is quilting and traveling