

# WELCOME ABOARD!



It is my pleasure to announce the selection of Carolyn Jones as Government Relations Officer, reporting directly to Marisol Barajas, Manager, Government Relations. Carolyn assumed her new position on Thursday, May 1, 2025.

Carolyn will be responsible for collaborating with local government offices, elected officials within Long Beach Transit's (LBT) service area, and other community stakeholders. She will help LBT achieve its strategic goals, address state and federal policies, track legislation and regulations, and identify funding opportunities for LBT.

Carolyn joins LBT with over 13 years in government relations, fundraising, and outreach experience. Most recently, she served as the Director of Incubation Services at the Los Angeles Cleantech Incubator, where she managed programs that supported clean technology startups. She developed outreach strategies and fostered connections across the public, private, and nonprofit sectors. Previously, Carolyn also held various legislative positions in government agencies, in addition to being a fundraising assistant in Washington, D.C.

**Carolyn can be reached at extension 5531 or by email at [cjones@lbtransit.com](mailto:cjones@lbtransit.com). She is located at LBTCO office 842.**

Please join the President and CEO, as well as the Executive Leadership Team, in welcoming Carolyn to LBT!

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**Elizabeth Brown**

Executive Director/VP, Organizational Development and Administration



**CAROLYN  
JONES**

Government Relations Officer  
General Management

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It is my pleasure to announce the selection of Ralph Jaramillo as Employee and Labor Relations Officer, reporting directly to Elizabeth Brown, Executive Director/Vice President, Organizational Development and Administration (ODA). Ralph assumed his new position on Thursday, May 1, 2025.

Ralph will be responsible for creating strategies for managing labor relations for represented employees. His responsibilities will include overseeing the grievance process and procedures, managing arbitration proceedings, and participating in contract negotiations.

Ralph brings over 20 years of experience in employee and labor relations, most recently serving as System Director for Employee and Labor Relations at Dignity Health. In that role, he led labor relations efforts, advised leadership, managed grievance and arbitration matters, and contributed to negotiation strategies. He also aimed to reduce disputes and strengthen workplace relationships. Before that role, Ralph served as Senior National Director of Human Resources at Hyundai Glovis, where he led Human Resources operations, including staffing, employee development, benefits, and labor relations.

## **RALPH JARAMILLO**

Employee and Labor Relations Officer  
Organizational Development and  
Administration

**Ralph can be reached at extension 5329 or by email at [rjaramillo@lbtransit.com](mailto:rjaramillo@lbtransit.com). He is located at LBTCO office 739.**

Please join the President and CEO, as well as the Executive Leadership Team, in welcoming Ralph to LBT!

### **Elizabeth Brown**

Executive Director/VP, Organizational Development and Administration

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It is my pleasure to announce the selection of Kevin Schrader, as Budget Analyst, reporting directly to Ashley Liang, Treasurer. Kevin assumed his new position on Wednesday, April 16, 2025.

In his new role, Kevin will be responsible for providing a comprehensive review of Long Beach Transit (LBT). This includes identifying the costs of every service and program in the agency, evaluating them based on strategic priorities and budget objectives. This will ultimately help guide the development of the annual operating and capital budget to ensure fiscal sustainability.

Kevin joined LBT in January 2025 in a temporary capacity, supporting budget analysis within the Finance and Budget department. He has more than nine years of analysis and financial experience. His most recent role was supporting Topmark Funding as a Senior Financial Analyst, providing key data analysis to stakeholders. He also worked with incorporating data into internal memos to enhance overall business decisions.

**Kevin can be reached at extension 8843 or by email at [kschrader@lbtransit.com](mailto:kschrader@lbtransit.com). He is located at LBTCO workstation 851.**

Please join the President and CEO, as well as the Executive Leadership Team, in welcoming Kevin to LBT!

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Executive Director/VP, Organizational Development and Administration



**KEVIN  
SCHRADER**

Budget Analyst  
Finance and Budget

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It is my pleasure to announce the selection of Jacob Varela, as Supervisor, Fleet Maintenance, reporting directly to Sergio Ortiz and Branden Spalding, Managers, Fleet Maintenance. Jacob assumed his new position on Wednesday, April 2, 2025.

Jacob will be responsible for supervising mechanics and utility workers in the maintenance and repair of Long Beach Transit (LBT) buses. Jacob will also diagnose vehicle and equipment failures, and train new mechanics in proper repair procedures.

Jacob comes to LBT with over 5 years of experience in fleet maintenance management. Most recently, he served as an Assistant Fleet Maintenance Manager at Warner Brothers, where he collaborated with the Fleet Manager to ensure smooth operations and compliance with regulations. He also managed a team of technicians, created work schedules, provided training, and monitored maintenance costs and repairs. Jacob also worked as an Automotive Fleet Supervisor at UPS. In this role, he conducted audits, managed the budget for the automotive department, collaborated with unions to ensure safety, and supervised a fleet of over 300 vehicles operating on diesel, gas and propane.

**Jacob can be reached at extension 1020 or by email at [jvarela@lbtransit.com](mailto:jvarela@lbtransit.com). He is located at the LBT2 Maintenance Supervisor Office.**

Please join the President and CEO, as well as the Executive Leadership Team, in welcoming Jacob to LBT!

**Elizabeth Brown**

Executive Director/VP, Organizational Development and Administration



**JACOB  
VARELA**

Supervisor, Fleet Maintenance  
Maintenance and Infrastructure