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Maintenance Worker Responds to Calls for Repairs with a Side of Compassion and Care



Fontana, Calif.- For the past 15 years, this City of Fontana employee has devoted himself to all things maintenance at City facilities through the Public Works Department. From painting to audio/visual installations to plumbing, Maintenance Services Worker II Larry Burks is always ready and eager to respond to all maintenance-needs big or small.

Larry began working for the City, because he knew it meant big changes for him and his family. Working for the City allowed Larry to escape "living hand-to-mouth" and "has been a true blessing," states Larry. His tasks also include drywall, electrical, floor and ceiling tile works, lighting, office remodeling, basic HVAC, basic janitorial, furniture assembling and moving.

Larry is most proud of his role in installing a public address (PA) system within Miller Fitness Center, along with installing smaller systems in City Hall, Development Services Office and Lewis Library to play holiday music.

The most enjoyable aspect of his job includes, "getting to interact with workers in other departments, seeing how their day is going, asking about their family, their dreams and hopes for the future," beams Larry. It's evident that his coworkers are appreciative of those conversations. Larry is "never

too busy to stop and listen, look you in the eyes and make sure you know that at that very moment, you are his priority," states a coworker. He is also described as helpful, patient, thorough and an exceptional listener by other staff members.

Maintenance worker by day, bassist by night. Outside of work, Larry rocks his Afro wig and bell bottom pants playing bass in a 70's Disco band. He also enjoys spending time with his wife of 16 years whether it be dancing, singing karaoke, riding motorcycles or playing Air Hockey together. Larry also hosts a Christian podcast sharing stories and his faith. His podcast is currently followed by listeners spanning eight countries.

Larry has been selected as the City of Fontana Employee Spotlight for the month of March based on nominations from his peers who describe him as someone who consistently goes out of his way to help anyone, takes the time to say hi and make each person he encounters feel valued.

For more information about the City of Fontana Public Works Department and to make a maintenance request, please visit the [Public Works web page](#).