

LENGTH OF SERVICE RECOGNITION



To: Mayor and City Council

From: Kathy Payne, Human Resources Coordinator/City Recorder

Date: August 17, 2022

I am happy to announce that we have three employees who have reached milestones in their employment with the City of St. Helens. The following individuals will be recognized at the August 17 Council Work Session.

15 Years

In August of 2007, the City hired **José Castelléja** as a Patrol Officer. After spending time as a Detective, in July of 2013 José was promoted to Sergeant where he currently serves as the Administrative Sgt. A word from our Police Chief Brian Greenway, *"José goes above and beyond his assigned duties without complaint or hesitation. On many occasions, José has volunteered his time to teach classes to CIRT and other community partners, assists with community events to ensure SHPD is represented, and even repairs things that break in our 50-year-old station. José has a knack for fixing things and always carries a positive demeanor. José has been an asset to both our community and department, and we are fortunate to have him."*

In August of 2007, **Curt LeMont** was hired as a Parks Utility I. In November of 2008, he moved into a Utility Worker I position and then a Utility Worker II position in October 2012, where he currently serves the community.

In August of 2007, **Jacob Graichen** was hired as an Assistant Planner. In October of 2009, Jacob served as the Interim City Planner after Skip Baker retired. He was subsequently appointed as City Planner in July of 2011, where he currently serves. A word from our Associate Planner/Community Development Project Manager Jenny Dimsho, *"During his 15 years of tenure with the City, Jacob has created lasting relationships of mutual respect with his Councilors, fellow staff, and customers. Jacob recognizes the importance of humor in his day-to-day work, which is welcome by staff and St. Helens residents alike. Those who work with Jacob directly see him as an experienced and thoughtful manager who can balance competing interests with careful expertise."*

Congratulations, José, Curt, and Jacob, and thank you for your service!