



**Javier Gutierrez is currently the Manager for the Downey Animal Care Center. He began his career as an Animal Shelter Aide in 1998 at the Carson-Gardena Animal Care Center. During his tenure, Javier has served at a variety of locations and in a variety of roles for the department. Prior to becoming an Animal Control Manager in 2015, Javier oversaw the operations of both North and South County Communications. In 2006, Javier was trained to become part of the Departmental Animal Response Team (DART) which works in collaboration with the County of Los Angeles Fire Department's Urban Search and Rescue Team.**

**Javier holds an Associate Degree in History from Cerritos College and is a member of the Los Angeles County Management Council. He likes to stay active in the community by volunteering his time as a youth football and cheer coach. He enjoys working with the kids and seeing them develop and grow in their academics, becoming future leaders in their communities and as athletes. His family enjoys the company of a Pomeranian/Chihuahua mix named Sophie that he adopted from the care center in 2007.**