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PHOTOS: Laserfiche celebrates grand opening of new Long Beach headquarters

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Dozens of people turned out for the grand opening celebration of the new Laserfiche headquarters in Bixby Knolls Tuesday, April 12, 2022. Photo by Brandon Richardson.

Laserfiche, the Long Beach-based software company that specializes in business management products, has unveiled its new global headquarters.

Officials celebrated the grand opening of the 102,840-square-foot, four-story facility at 3443 Long Beach Blvd. this morning.

The project, according to the developers, was built with a “biophilic” vision, which is a design philosophy that looks “to increase occupant connectivity to the natural environment.” The concept won the Los Angeles Business Journal 2022 Commercial Real Estate Award.

“Our objective with this building,” Laserfiche CEO Chris Wacker said during the ceremony, was “to create the best possible experience for anyone who comes to talk, to meet to discuss ideas to close deals or just to be with peers and business partners.”

The building achieves that vision with natural light throughout the entire building by way of floor-to-ceiling windows that offer 270-degree views, a roof cooling system that reduces the heat-island effect and the reintroduction of greenery to the site, which is a remediated oil field.

To mitigate solar heating, the project was built with features like vertical and horizontal fins around windows to help shade the interior, which has created an environment less reliant on electric heating and cooling systems.

The workspace, which can accommodate 550 employees at one time, is vast and open. And though it was planned before the COVID-19 pandemic, it includes features that will enable a hybrid workforce. Meeting rooms were specifically designed to accommodate video conferencing with employees at home, for example, by setting up V-shaped tables with a camera at the end for full visibility.



Laserfiche CEO Chris Wacker speaks to dozens of people during the grand opening celebration of the firm's new headquarters near the corner of Long Beach Boulevard and Wardlow Road, a short walk from its old building, Tuesday, April 12, 2022. Photo by Brandon Richardson.

“Our workspaces are modular and flexible, readily adapted to ideally fit the occupant’s and the occasion’s needs,” Wacker said.

Work on the new building began in 2019, when company officials imagined their in-office payroll would soon outgrow the leased property at 3545 Long Beach Blvd. that served as Laserfiche headquarters. While the plan at the time was to keep both buildings occupied, the emergence of a hybrid workforce during the pandemic rendered the original building unnecessary.

As such, the debut of the award-winning project marks a new chapter for Laserfiche, which was founded in April 1976 by Wacker’s wife, Nien-Ling Wacker, after her realization that businesses needed an easy way to access documents digitally.

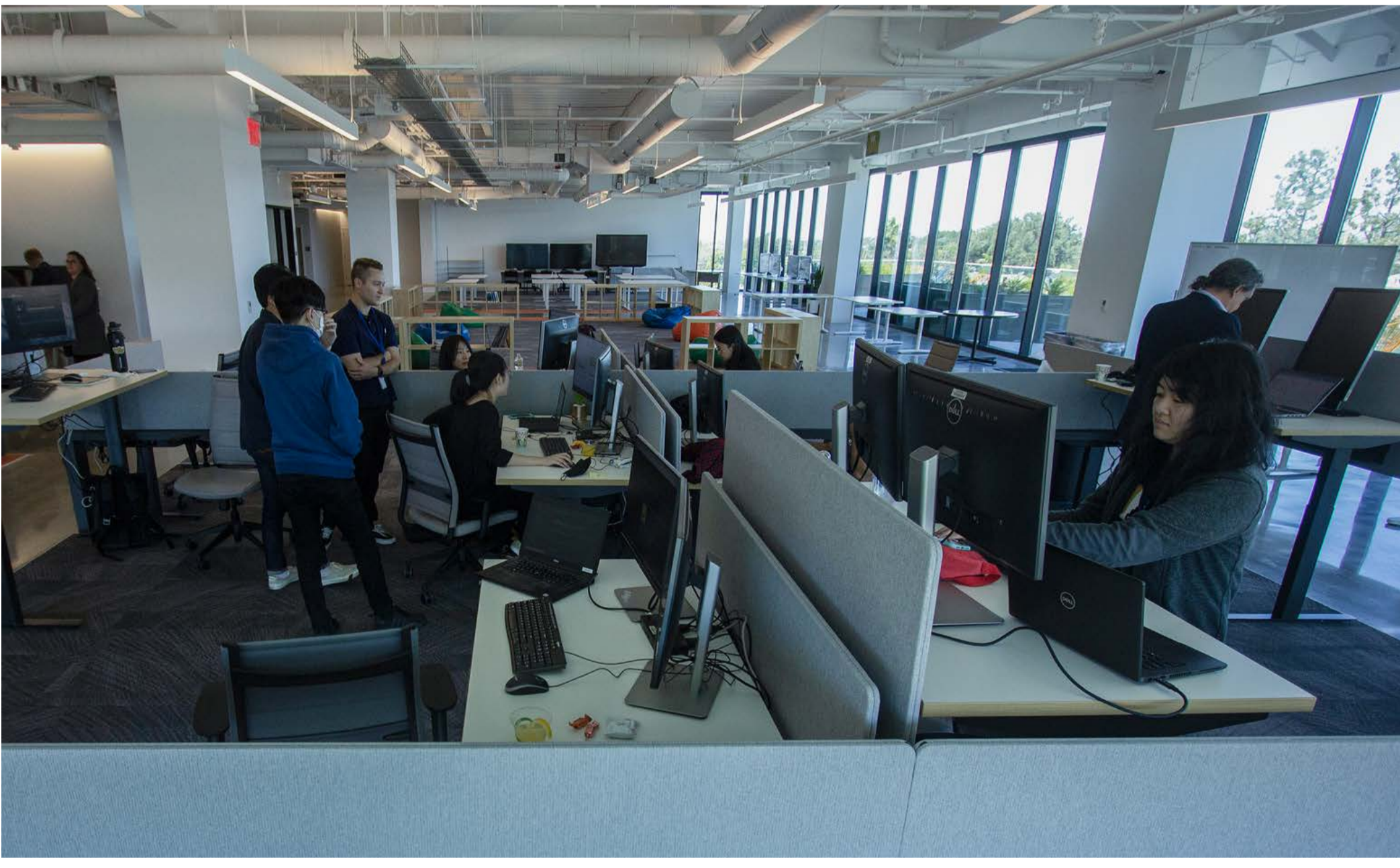
“She really had a vision to transform the way the world works,” Wacker said.

Nien-Ling Wacker died from breast cancer in October 2014, and Chris Wacker then took the reins as CEO.

“Her vision is manifested in this building,” he said, “and it’s alive in our employees and customers around the world who do incredible things with our technology.”

Representatives for one of those customers—the city of Long Beach—were, for their part, pleased with the new addition to Bixby Knolls.

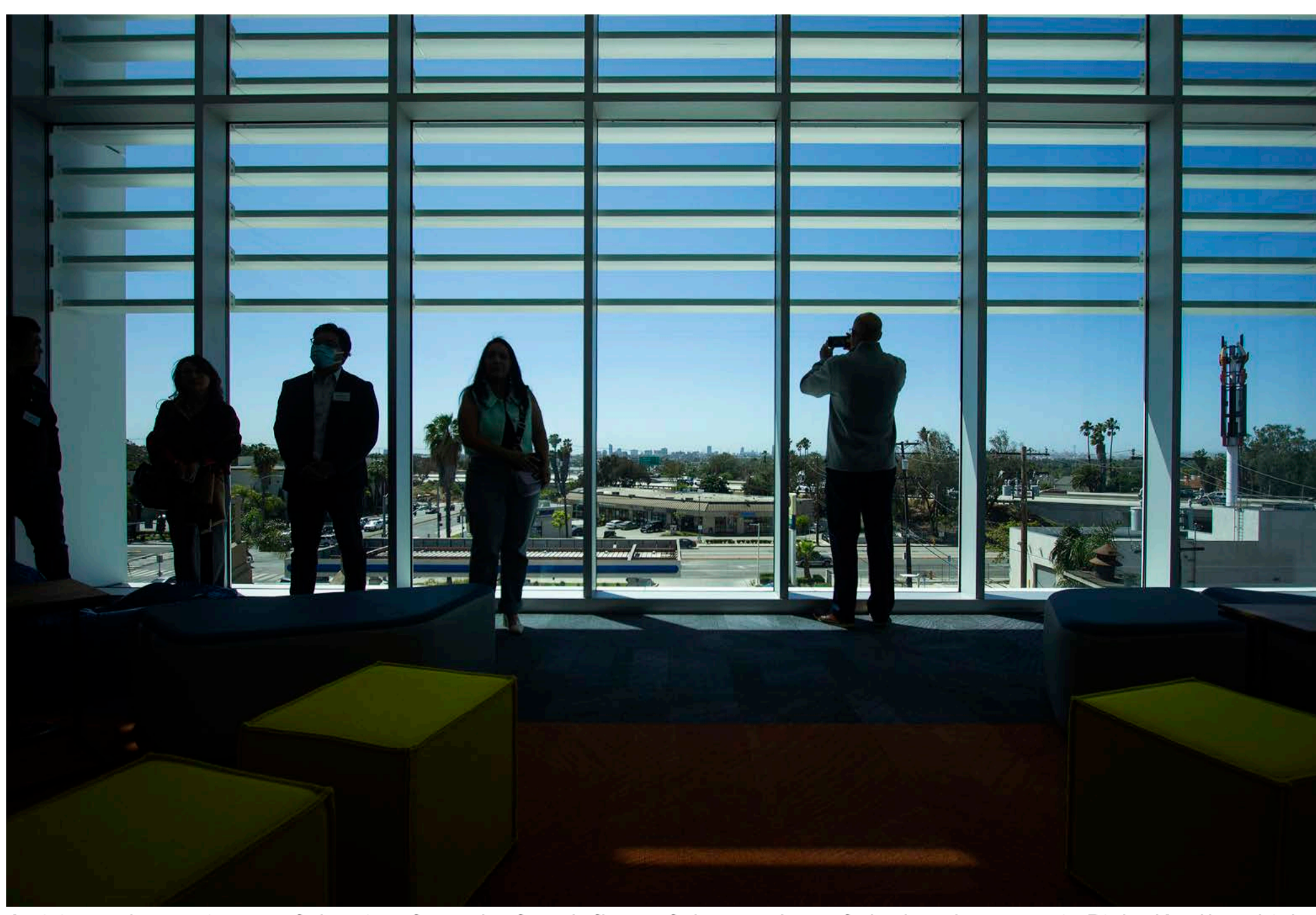
“Long Beach is so proud,” Mayor Robert Garcia said, “of our entire Laserfiche team.”



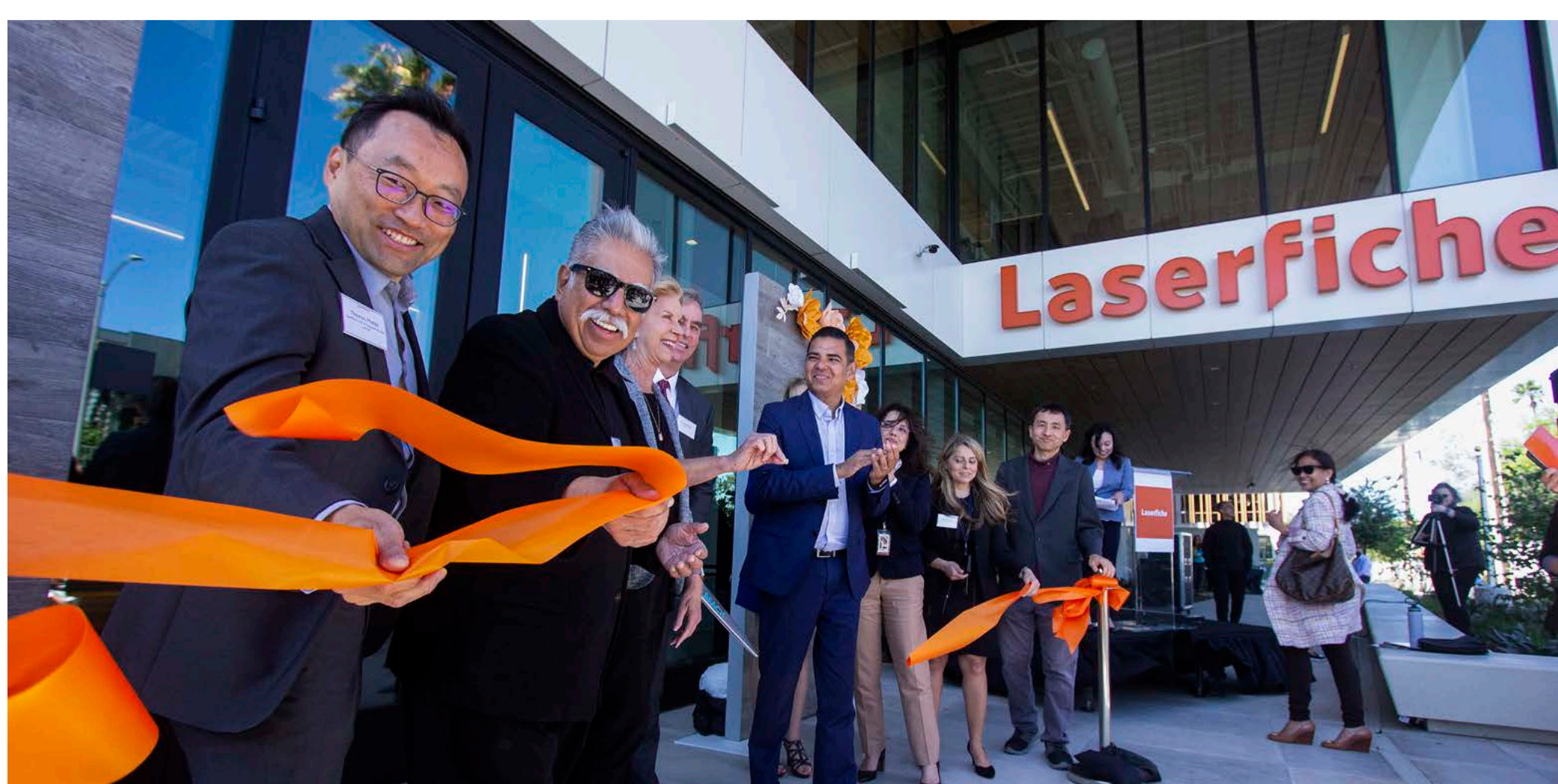
Laserfiche employees work in the company’s new Bixby Knolls headquarters Tuesday, April 12, 2022. Photo by Brandon Richardson.



Peter Wayman, son of Laserfiche founder Nien-Ling Wacker, watches as his son Winston, 1, splashes in the koi pond inside the tech firm's new Bixby Knolls headquarters Tuesday, April 12, 2022. Photo by Brandon Richardson.



A visitor takes a picture of the view from the fourth floor of the new Laserfiche headquarters in Bixby Knolls, which overlooks the 405 Freeway and Downtown, Tuesday, April 12, 2022. Photo by Brandon Richardson.



Elected officials and Laserfiche leaders and staff members celebrate the grand opening of the firm's new Bixby Knolls headquarters with a ribbon-cutting ceremony Tuesday, April 12, 2022. Photo by Brandon Richardson.

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