Like all of us, Haynes Lindley's life was a work in progress until his untimely death last Sunday.

We know him as a husband and father, friend and colleague, investor attorney and artist.

We know him for his courage, grace and wisdom -- and we are grateful that he touched our lives.

Today I want to talk about an important side of Haynes that may be less well known to you: Haynes was a scion of an important Los Angeles family. He turned his legacy into action, making Los Angeles a better place.

Haynes was the great nephew of John Randolph Haynes and his wife Dora. The Haynes were childless; however, their nephew Francis Lindley was like a son -- and Haynes was Francis' son.

John Randolph Haynes was a leading civic activist of his day. At the turn of the last century he supported women's suffrage, child labor laws, and direct legislation (initiative, referendum, recall). Dora Haynes was a founder of the League of Women Voters.

John and Dora died in the 1930's but the Foundation they established endures.

The Foundation Trust Document outlines their interest in "everything tending to promote civic and economic progress; in assisting to improve the physical and educational standards of our people; and in helping in matters designed to better the conditions under which eroding people live and labor."

What an ambitious agenda for Haynes to further!

In 1987, at the age of 42, having served on the Board since the age of 33, Haynes Lindley became the fourth president of The John Randolph Haynes and Dora Haynes Foundation.

During his almost 10 year tenure as president of the Board of Trustees, the Foundation awarded $27.4 million (not inflation adjusted) for research grants, faculty fellowships, dissertation fellowships, stipends and other fellowships -- 690+ awards in all.
Some highlights:

.. A study of public attitudes on key issues in conjunction with a strategic plan fit L.A.

.. A path breaking book on Mayor Tom Bradley and biracial coalition politics

.. A major study showing that pricing can reduce traffic congestion

.. An important study on immigrants and the Los Angeles economy

.. An examination of the role of religious institutions in post-riot L.A.

.. A seminal book on African-Americans and the making of L A.

During his tenure as president, Haynes changed the public face and internal culture of the Foundation.

.. He recommended the Board's first female member (me);

.. The Board's first African American member

.. A noted academic

.. He hired Diane Cornwell almost right away and together they brought the Foundation into the modern era. They were a team; together, they built and housed the Haynes Foundation we know today.

So today I say goodbye to Haynes with sadness because he died too soon but with gratitude and admiration for his accomplishments. I shall miss his keen insights, his wry wit, his uncommon courtesy and his passionate commitment to the Haynes Foundation.

Thank you, Haynes. You have left your own legacy -- and we are grateful.

JGP