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WORK EXPERIENCE

Director of Building, Development Review Services and Code Enforcement, *Pinellas County*

January 2019 – Present

- Departmental oversight for 104 employees, including, but not limited to, organizational health management, process improvements, land development code updates, and technological advancements.
- Development and management of a \$13.6M annual budget
- Chair of Development Review Committee (DRC)
- Chair of GIS Working Group
- Executive Sponsor of Accela Civic Platform implementation

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July 2014 – January 2019

- Implementation of Pinellas County's Strategic Plan, with an emphasis on catalyzing redevelopment through planning and regulatory programs.
- Departmental oversight, including, but not limited to, organizational health management, process improvements, land development code updates, budget development, and technological advancements.

Development Review Services Manager, *Pinellas County* Feb 2014 – July 2014

- Manage a multi-disciplinary team conducting the review of applications for land development activities in unincorporated Pinellas County to ensure the most efficient, effective and coordinated review possible.

Planning Manager *City of Redwood City* 2012 – 2014

- Manage multiple employees within the Planning & Housing Division, which includes the following work groups: Current Planning, General Plan Implementation and Special Projects, Geographic Information Systems (GIS) and Housing (CDBG/HOME).
- Support of the Community Development Director with the dissolution of the Redevelopment Agency (RDA) and serve as the Mayor's appointee to the RDA Oversight Board.
- Provide coordination and strategic oversight on the processing of development proposals.
- Meet with members of the development community who are interested in pursuing projects in Redwood City and facilitate an effective and efficient review process.

Acting Principal Planner *City of Redwood City* 2011 - 2012

- Supervising Manager of General Plan Implementation and Special Projects.
- Supervising Manager of the Geographic Information Systems (GIS) work group.
- Project Manager – for high profile, complex project involving NEPA/CEQA review, as well as managing other current and strategic planning projects.
- Planning Commission (PC) Liaison – provide oversight to all projects requiring PC review.

Senior Planner *City of Redwood City 2007-2011*

- Zoning Administrator – presided over land use decisions at public hearings, reviewed and edited staff reports, and presented written and oral reports to City Council.
- Project Manager – for multiple complex projects involving coordination with local, regional and State agencies.
- Plan Review Committee Administrator – managed a multi-departmental entitlement review team

Associate Planner *City of Redwood City 2002 - 2007*

- Assisted in the revitalization efforts of Redwood City’s Downtown including urban design of the public realm and project management of public/private catalyst projects.
- Developed land use policies and assisted in the implementation of a “Cost Recovery” system.

Assistant / Associate Planner *City of Santa Monica 2001-2002*

- Project Manager - facilitated the coordination of various land use entitlements, analyzed data, prepared both written and oral reports for various boards, commissions, and the City Council.

Project Planner, Environmental Analyst *Impact Sciences, Inc. 1998-2001*

- Drafted, reviewed, and participated in the preparation of various environmental assessments in accordance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA)
- Worked on a variety of diverse projects that were of local, regional, and state significance.
- Coordinated sub-consultants and analyzed technical reports such as traffic studies, wetland delineations, and geotechnical reports.

EDUCATION

Master’s in Public Administration *Notre Dame de Namur, Belmont, CA 2011*

- Academic Excellence Award, School of Business & Management

B.S. Environmental Science, Minor Business Admin. *Principia College, Elsau, IL, 1997*

Urban Design, *University of California, Los Angeles, 2001*

Retail Planning Principles for American Cities and New Urban Commercial Centers

Harvard University Graduate School of Design Executive Education Program, Boston, MA July 2006

Subdivision Map Act, *University of California, Davis, 2009*

Land Use Law, CLE International, 2014

ICMA University, Local Government 101, July 2020

ORGANIZATIONS

- Congress for the New Urbanism, 2005
- Urban Land Institute, 2016
- ICMA, 2019

MANAGEMENT TRAINING

- Pinellas County: Supervisory and Management Competencies Series, 2014
 - Supervisor’s Academy: Development of essential leadership and management skills, 2012
 - Redwood City / San Mateo County Chamber of Commerce Leadership Program, 2008
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