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CITY MANAGER & CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

A visionary leader with 25+ years of experience in both municipal government and the private sector. Proficient in planning, organizing, directing, coordinating, and evaluating results of day-to-day municipal operations focused on implementing policy directives by working independently and coordinating with various departments, agencies, and the public within the city. Adept at negotiations, community development, project management, and financial and budget knowledge to accomplish a vision.

Leadership □ **Budgeting and Financial Management** □ **Strategic Planning**
Development □ **Program Implementation** □ **Communication** □ **Contract Negotiation**
□ **Municipal Management**

CAREER HISTORY

CEO and Founder of Local Government Consulting Group, LLC

October 1, 2018 – Present

Incorporated in October 1, 2018, Local Government Consulting Group is a local government consulting firm that specializes in providing specialized services in the Office of the City Manager, Community Development, and Community Redevelopment Agency (CRA)

Interim Town Manager, Town of Century, FL (December 2023 to Present)

- Provide part-time Interim Town Manager Services
- Oversee and serve as Chief Advisor to the Community Redevelopment Agency

Interim City Manager, City of East Point, GA (February 2024 to October 2024)

- Provided full-time City Manager Services
- Oversaw and served as Chief Advisor to the Tax Allocation District (TAD)

Senior Advisor (Sub-Consultant), Miami Dade County, FL (January 2024 to Present)

- Provide consulting services as a sub consultant for MHCP Colab. Serves as Senior Advisor to two (2) CRAs: NW 79th Street and NW 7th Avenue Community Redevelopment Agencies
- Provide Economic Development Advisory services to two of the largest redevelopment agencies in Florida

Planning Consultant: *past experiences as a Planning Consultant on short term projects for the following cities: City of North Miami, City of Miami Gardens, and City of South Fulton, GA (January 2023 - December 2023)*

Village Manager, Village of Indiantown, FL

January 2019 – January 2023

Incorporated in December 31, 2017, the Village of Indiantown is unique, being the 413th municipality incorporated in South Florida.

- **Negotiated a multimillion-dollar** interlocal agreement with Martin County saving the residents of the Village approximately \$1.5MM as a result of an interlocal agreement for Fire Rescue Services.
- **Created and implemented a 5-year Strategic Action Plan** together with the initial Village Council; we hit the ground running, achieving it within 3-years. Accomplished all goals within 3 year period
- **Negotiated and purchased a private Water and Sewer Plant for \$8.5MM**, subsequently satisfying 80% of the loan to purchase the asset forgiven; Negotiated a 0% interest rate over a 30-year term.

City Manager, City of Bell

January 2016 – October 2018

The City of Bell, CA, is an incorporated city in Los Angeles County, California. \$32MM in annual operating and capital budgets, and 150+ employees serving a daytime population of 50,000+.

- **Led the City through its first-ever recodification** of all city codes of ordinances, including retaining a consultant to conduct a charter review for Council Consideration. Led to several charter amendments that were approved by voters in the election.
- **Prepared a balanced budget**, successfully adopted by the Mayor and Council two years in a row despite declining property, sales taxes, and rising pension costs.
- **Organized several neighborhood groups, including Neighborhood Watch**, and met regularly with the community to develop a Strategic Plan focused on public safety

City Manager, City of Muskogee, Oklahoma

January 2014 – January 2016

The City of Muskogee is an incorporated city located in the Tulsa, Oklahoma, metropolitan area.

- **Oversaw day-to-day operations of all city departments** while managing a \$61MM operating and capital budget and 600+ employees serving a daytime population of more than 50,000.
- **Partnered** with Muskogee County, Oklahoma and facilitated a land swap with the County that produced the development of a multimillion dollar juvenile detention center and more than a million square feet of commercial development that included national big box retailers, restaurants and other personal service establishments.
- **Oversaw the development of three fairly large capital projects** involving a multi-use community center with flex space, runway improvements which included airport building improvements and a gateway and way finding signage project.
- **Collaborated with the Mayor and City Council to develop** an employee compensation plan and labor relations strategy for three collective bargaining agreements: Police, Fire Services, and non-uniformed employees.
- **Wrote the Muskogee 2020 Strategic Plan**, adopted by the Mayor and City Council.

City of Opa-Locka, FL

January 2010– January 2014

The City of Opa-Locka, FL, is an incorporated city in Miami-Dade County, FL.

ACTING ASSISTANT CITY MANAGER (2013-2014)

- **Led the reorganization of the Building Services Division** to reduce the budget deficit by 25% and created the city's first Certificate of Use program, generating \$1MM per annum.
- **Directly supervised and managed** Police, Human Resources, IT, Finance, Public Works, Parks and Recreation, Planning and Community Development, Code Enforcement, and Building and Licensing Departments. Supported the City Manager in overseeing the departments.

DIRECTOR, PLANNING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT (2010- 2013)

- **Prepared the city's first Annexation Plan** based on the Miami-Dade County Code and the State of Florida Annexation law.
- **Managed/directed all Community Development Block Grant (CDBG)** funding, including project management/grant proposal writing.
- **Received 1.2 million dollar Community Challenge Planning Grant** – from the United States Housing and Urban Development Department. Only two cities within the state of Florida was awarded.

Director, Planning and Development Services, City Of Albany, GA

October 2007– July 2010

Neighborhood Improvement Manager, City of Lilburn, GA

September 2002 – October 2007

Chief of Code Enforcement, City of Lauderdale Lakes, FL

June 2000 – September 2002

EDUCATION

Harvard University, Cambridge, Massachusetts (2022)
Certificate, Program for State and Local Government Executives

University of West Florida, Pensacola, Florida (1995)
Master of Public Administration

Florida State University, Tallahassee, Florida (1993)
Bachelor of Science in Criminology

CERTIFICATION & PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Credentialed Manager, International City Manager's Association (ICMA)
Certified Urban Planner, American Institute of Certified Planners (AICP) - Certification No. 24680
National Incident Management Systems (NIMS) Certifications: ICS 100, 200, 300, 400, 700 & 800

GOVERNMENTAL MEMBERSHIPS

International City/County Management Association (ICMA), Full Member
Florida City and County Management Association (FCCMA), Full Member
American Institute of Certified Planners (AICP), Full Member
American Planning Association (APA), Full Member

VOLUNTEER ACTIVITIES & CIVIC CONTRIBUTIONS

Habitat for Humanity, Albany, GA
Boy Scouts of America, Tulsa, OK and Indiantown, FL
International Rotary Club of America, Rotarian, Tulsa, Ok, and Albany, GA

HONORS – AWARDS – PROFESSIONAL RECOGNITION

National Defense Service Medal – Persian Gulf War, United States Army
Humanitarian Service Medal - Hurricane Andrew Disaster Relief, United States Army
40 under 40 – most influential persons - Albany Herald, Albany, GA