

**HON. JOHN G. VONGLIS**

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Mr. Doug Thomas  
Executive Vice President  
SGR  
P.O. Box 1642  
Keller, TX 76442

RE: City Manager, Palm City, FL 34990

Dear Mr. Thomas,

Although I do not possess any direct city management experience, I believe my varied professional experiences across a broad range of positions of increasing responsibility within the private sector, military, and government – at the federal level – provide me sufficient understanding and appreciation of the complexities of this position.

From a personal perspective, the offerings of a community such as Palm City, are quite enticing. As such, I welcome the opportunity to explore further this opportunity. Should you have any additional questions, I may be reached at: 917-309-5643.

Thank you in advance for your time and consideration.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'J. Vonglis', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

John G. Vonglis

# THE HON. JOHN G. VONGLIS

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**SUMMARY:** Decisive, results oriented, crisis tested military and senior civilian leader: CFO, COO, and U.S. Federal Agency Director, with proven track record of significant and transformational accomplishments in demanding, visible, and highly complex private and public sector environments. Retired U.S. Army Reserve Colonel with 34 years' experience in conventional, and special, operations.

## **EXPERIENCE**

**NANO Nuclear Energy, Inc., New York, NY** **December 2024 – Present**  
*Chairman, Advisory Board for Strategic Initiatives and Executive Director, Global Government Affairs*

**GAMCO INVESTORS, INC., Rye, NY** **June 2019 – Present**  
*Senior Advisor to the Chairman and CEO*  
*Advise this \$41B global Asset Management firm on government affairs and off-market opportunities within the energy, aerospace & defense, and technology sectors. Founding partner of a SPAC resulting in a \$500M cybersecurity exit.*

**THE ROCKEFELLER FOUNDATION, New York, NY** **December 2023 – December 2024**  
*Senior Advisor to the President*  
*Advise President and RF team on \$1B global energy initiative and support its spinoff as an independent foundation from a financial and operational perspective.*

**U.S. DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY, Washington, D.C.** **December 2017 – May 2019**  
*Chief Financial Officer and Acting Director, ARPA-E*  
*Twice appointed by the President and confirmed by the U.S. Senate. Statutorily responsible for all matters financial of the Department of Energy (DOE), and its \$36B budget.*

*Acting Director of the Advanced Research Projects Agency, Energy (ARPA-E)*

- Federal Agency Director. Evaluated and awarded \$100M in innovative, high-potential / high-impact, R&D energy projects with emphasis on novel technologies.

### *Chief Financial Officer*

- Responsible for all capital deployment across DOE and the 17 National Labs; the Strategic Plan, WCF, Loan Programs, the \$495B environmental liability portfolio, and public reporting. Successfully reorganized and led a 200+ person organization. Served also as Chief Risk Officer.
- Advanced national energy security by prioritizing investments in grid protection, infrastructure, advanced fossil, civil and military nuclear programs.
- Effectively persuaded OMB and Congress to increase the DOE budget and to establish a new Office of Cybersecurity. Funded AI, STEM, Supercomputers, and sensitive national security programs.

**CROSS RANGE CAPITAL LLC, New York, NY** **November 2016 – December 2017**  
*Advisor to Private Equity firm pursuing investments in both the government and commercial sector.*

**RED APPLE GROUP, INC., New York, NY** **March 2013 – November 2016**  
*Senior Vice President and Chief Financial Officer*

*Hired by Founder, Chairman, and CEO of this privately held \$5B conglomerate in dual capacity: as corporate SVP of Finance, and CFO of the firm's second largest energy portfolio company.*

**SVP:** Advised Founder on growth strategies, risk, and disruptive technologies. Co-led M&A team.

**CFO:** Restructured energy company, post-acquisition. P&L responsibility for corporate performance: doubled growth to \$850M in 18 months. Realized 40% greater A/R than Acquired and secured \$200M ABL.

**THE HUDSON GROUP, LLC, New York, NY**

**March 2012 – March 2013**

*Co-Founded advisory assisting clients in cyber, aerospace & defense, telecommunications, and media.*

**IBM CORPORATION, New York, NY and Washington, D.C.**

**June 2009 – March 2012**

**Associate Partner; Public and Private Sector**

*Practice Area / Thought Leader; P&L responsible for growth, governance, and risk mitigation initiatives across multiple sectors for IBM's \$20B Global Business Services practice.*

- Provided insights to IBM and to its key clients, on the delivery of Solutions to improve complex operating models. Engagements included advising NATO on consolidations, and guiding numerous Government, Financial, Cyber, and Healthcare clients through intricate and sensitive transformational endeavors.
- Co-hosted IBM's "Business of Government" media series, pursued external alliances and acquisitions, and reviewed a Strategy primer from the CEO to the President of the United States.

**U.S. DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE, Washington, D.C.**

**January 2002 – April 2009**

**Chief Management Officer (CMO) and acting Air Force Assistant Secretary (CFO) July 2004 – April 2009**

**CMO:** Responsible for all business modernization, strategic planning, ERM, and CPI/LSS initiatives across the Air Force. Instituted new governance constructs to expand the authorities of the Under Secretary (COO). Championed transparency and improved accountability on strategic investments.

**CFO:** Statutorily responsible for all matters financial of the U.S. Air Force and its \$150B budget. Led over 10K globally dispersed professionals in the effective use of taxpayer money during war. Pentagon staff consisted of 275 persons: Eight (8) direct reports; three, of 2-star General Officer / SES rank.

- Drove transformation in Air Force and DoD by establishing a Shared Services Center that consolidated operations from 93 bases to one, generated savings of \$210M, and positively impacted the local economy.
- Ensured SOX and CFO Act compliance, partnered with industry on \$370M Financial and Logistics ERPs, and pursued "Unqualified Audit Opinion" for the Air Force.
- Implemented \$20B asset recapitalization plan by reducing \$6B in contractor costs, 40K personnel, and other ROI actions. Pursued innovative initiatives in fuel hedging, alternative energy, and real property use.
- Created "Named Awards" in honor of 3 financial leaders; bestowed annually to the best in their fields.
- Internationally, met with the Deputy Defense Minister of Japan and their Air Chief of Staff. Represented U.S. defense interests in South Korea, Kuwait, Qatar, Turkey, Italy, Germany, and the U.K., among others.
- Retained "By Name" by the incoming Obama Administration to ensure seamless transition at DoD.

**Office of the Under Secretary of Defense (Personnel & Readiness)**

**Director of Management Initiatives**

**January 2002 – July 2004**

- Co-Chaired Senior Steering Group responsible for implementing the President's Management Agenda and pursued a merit based national security human resources system.
- Instrumental in the creation of a new Military Occupational Specialty (MOS): "09L; Combat Translator."
- Conducted \$40B divestiture assessment of the Defense Commissary Agency and the Health Program.

**U.S. SPECIAL OPERATIONS COMMAND, MacDill AFB, FL** **September 2001 – December 2001**

Annual military duty commenced one day before the 9/11 attacks. As a U.S. Army Captain, assumed the duties of a Division Chief and became responsible for a Crisis Action Cell that participated in the immediate response to 9/11, including the introduction of special operations forces into Afghanistan.

**"SHAREDGREETINGS.COM", New York, NY**

**November 2000 – September 2001**

**Chief Financial and Chief Operating Officer, as Principal of Tri-Tech, LLC**

*Provided P&L guidance to Internet start-up firms requiring assistance in IT, Finance, and Operations.*

**UNITED STATES HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES**

**Election Year 2000**

**Candidate; 18th Congressional District of New York**

**THOMSON FINANCIAL CORPORATION, New York, NY**

**August 1999 – February 2000**

**Chief Financial Officer**

*Responsible for all financial (P&L), matters of the Investor Relations Group of this \$7B media company.*

**PRICewaterhouseCOOPERS LLP, New York, NY**

**December 1996 – August 1999**

**Director of Global Finance**

*Responsible for the financial performance (P&L), of the firm's Management Consulting Practice.*

**SYBASE, INCORPORATED, New York, NY**

**May 1996 – December 1996**

**Director of Finance**

*Hired to turn around losing North American professional services practice of the firm; submitted recovery plan.*

**AMDAHL CORPORATION, New York, NY**

**April 1990 – May 1996**

**Assistant Controller**

### **MILITARY SERVICE**

**COLONEL (ret), UNITED STATES ARMY RESERVE**

**May 1989 – August 2023**

*Commissioned as an Infantry Officer. Thirty-four (34), years' leadership experience across Army and Joint force conventional and special operations and activities.*

- U.S. Army Combined Arms Center: Instructor; Peacekeeping and Stability Operations Institute.
- U.S. Special Operations Command: Deputy Director; Responsible for the development and employment of among the most sensitive and complex programs critical to National Security Strategies.
- Advisor to 'SOFWERX', USSOCOM's technology incubator and the Army Cyber Institute.

Awards include: the Defense Superior Service Medal, Legion of Merit, Defense and Army Meritorious Service Medals, Joint and Army Commendation and Achievement Medals, Parachutist badge, among others.

### **EDUCATION**

**THE JOHNS HOPKINS UNIVERSITY, School of Advanced International Studies, Washington, D.C.**

M.I.P.P. - Master of International Public Policy

**FORDHAM UNIVERSITY, Graduate School, and College of, Business Administration, New York**

M.B.A – International Finance

B.S. – Economics/Finance

### **ORGANIZATIONS, AFFILIATIONS, and AWARDS**

- Federal government clearances held: Top Secret / SCI / Q
- U.S. Air Force Civilian Awards for Exceptional and Meritorious Service
- Recipient of Association of Government Accountant's Award for Distinguished Federal Leadership
- Eagle Scout; Recipient, National Outstanding Eagle Award, Boy Scouts of America
- Business Executives for National Security (BENS) member
- Board Member and Treasurer, Americas Warrior Partnership; veteran's advocacy

### **ENGAGEMENTS and PUBLICATIONS**

- Public speaking activities on defense and energy security matters across all media platforms
- Testified before U.S. Senate and House Armed Services and Energy committees
- Guest Lectured: "National Security and the Economy"; United States Military Academy, West Point, N.Y.
- Published: "Cost Take Out: The New Top Priority for Government CFO's", IBM White Paper; July 2011
- Published: "Touting Transparency" Government Executive Magazine; August 2008
- Published: "Wartime Financial Management" Federal Times; June 2008
- NYSE: rang the "Closing Bell" in honor of the U.S. Air Force's 60th Anniversary, 2007