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I have a love for Community-driven Planning and always have an open door for anyone. I am a believer in equity in Transportation. After only 6 months of taking the Director position in Winter Park, I was selected as one of 2019's Most Influential People by Winter Park Magazine, dubbed the 'Placemaker.'

## EXPERIENCE

**OCTOBER 2018 – CURRENT**

**DIRECTOR OF PLANNING & TRANSPORTATION, CITY OF WINTER PARK, FL**

The Planning Department provides vision, fostering good design and guidance over development to ensure the excellent quality of life in Winter Park reflected in its heritage and the built and natural environment is maintained and enhanced. The Director is responsible for supervising all staff and programs within planning, economic development, and community redevelopment. Responsibilities include redevelopment activity, revitalization projects, affordable housing policies, social development strategies, and annexation strategies and transportation planning.

**MAY 2011 – OCTOBER 2018**

**DIRECTOR OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT, CITY OF OWASSO, OK**

I served as the Director of Community Development for the City of Owasso. As the Director, I oversaw three (3) divisions: Code Enforcement, Building Safety and Planning. I was directly in Economic Development, leading the effort over a 5-year period to re-create a Main Street that had been economically stagnant and largely forgotten. I was able to accomplish this through the creation of an Overlay District, the successful creation and implementation of a Tax Increment Finance (TIF) District, and oversaw the branding campaign for what is now the heart of the City, the Redbud District. I wrote a new Land Development Code for the City personally and I also wrote a new Comprehensive Plan, with a Steering Committee of citizens and City leaders. As Director I oversaw or acted as liaison to: Planning Commission, City Council, Sales Tax Watchdog Committee, Board of Adjustment, Capital Improvements Committee, Technical Advisory Committee, Owasso Economic Development Authority, Annexation Committee and other Ad Hoc Committees. I have a comprehensive understanding of all aspects of Municipal Government and I worked daily to create positive change and enhance quality of life in the community. I also served on a number of committees throughout the community and was very active in the community as a representative of the City at numerous functions.

**MARCH 2009 – JUNE 2011**

**CITY PLANNER, CITY OF STILLWATER, OK**

I coordinated and oversaw all current planning for the City of Stillwater including zoning/subdivision administration and the development review process. I wrote staff reports for all land use applications to various review bodies including City Council and Planning Commission. I reviewed all proposed developments for compliance with Stillwater City Code relating to zoning, Land Development Code, streets, driveways, sidewalks, drainage, water

distribution and sewage collection. I was staff liaison to the Board of Adjustment, Planning Commission, and City Council. I reviewed the health, safety and welfare impacts of each proposed development on the citizens of Stillwater. I facilitated public participation in the planning and development review processes, reviewed and wrote appropriate development ordinances and policies, provided and maintained an appropriate level of quality review for new development. I worked closely with Water Utilities, Building Safety, Transportation, City Attorney, and City Manager's Office on a daily basis. I used GIS to perform daily job duties.

**JANUARY 2007 – MARCH 2009**

**ASSISTANT CITY PLANNER, CITY OF DEL MAR, CA**

Primary public contact for the Planning Department in the beautiful coastal City of Del Mar. I coordinated the permitting process and I also acted as an Environmental Planner, reviewing and preparing documents in accordance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), National Environmental Quality Act (NEPA), prepared staff reports to the Planning Commission, Design Review Board, and City Council.

**EDUCATION**

2015

**MASTER OF PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION, UNIVERSITY OF OKLAHOMA**

2007

**BACHELOR'S OF GEOGRAPHY, SAN DIEGO STATE UNIVERSITY**

**SKILLS**

- Municipal Governance, Community Planning, Creation of and Adherence to Development Policies, Creative and Environmentally-Sensitive Land Development, Placemaking, Downtown Revitalization, Long-Range Planning, Current Planning, Comprehensive Plan Updates, Transportation Planning, Budgeting and Long-Range Capital Planning, Mapping, Strategic Planning, Tax Increment Financing (TIF), Intergovernmental Relations