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EDUCATION

Master of Landscape Architecture, UNM, School of Architecture and Planning
Bachelor of Arts, University of New Mexico
Major: Geography Minor: Psychology

OBJECTIVE: To utilize my experience, skills and training in a position that would allow me to use my skills to the benefit of your organization. I have a proven record as a collaborative leader with proficient negotiating skills, budgetary and financial management expertise, ability to select and develop outstanding staff, a good decision maker, and a person who remains calm under pressure, who is innovative, a strategic thinker and a leader that is committed to excellence in customer service.

WORK EXPERIENCE

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR – DOWNTOWN ACTION TEAM

July 2012 – Present

Hired by the Businesses Improvement District for downtown Albuquerque to be responsible for running a small non-profit that serves the needs of downtown. Similar to many non-profits throughout the country, the Downtown Action Team (DAT) provides services that are supplemental to city services, such as cleaning, planning, event organization, art programs, economic development, etc. In the past 18 months we have implemented a street tree replacement program, a Pop Up Shop program for temporary businesses to have a storefront downtown, an urban farm program, an urban art program, a new membership program and many other initiatives. Due to a shrinking budget that was not balanced for many years prior, we have made cut backs and are solvent and able to continue business under our new financial reality. Work with a Board of Directors as well as ratepayers within the DAT boundary and the Mayor's office and City Council. Run the day-to-day business of a non-profit. Manage a staff of 11.

PLANNING DIRECTOR – PLANNING DEPARTMENT

December 2009 – June 2012 (Retired)

City of Albuquerque – Planning Department

Appointed by the Mayor to be responsible for directing the execution and implementation of the Mayor's initiatives as well as major City Council projects and contributing to major citywide and cross departmental project and policy development efforts. Maintain effective working relationships with the Mayor's Office, City Council Office, other Department Directors and other City personnel, elected and appointed officials, volunteers, neighborhood associations, representatives of a variety of State, Federal, and municipal agencies, and the general public. The

Planning Department operates an annual budget of \$12.6 million with 151 employees and 8 distinct divisions. We ensured efficient use of funds by the preparation and administration of the department budget.

SENIOR POLICY MANAGER - PLANNING & URBAN DESIGN

July 2008 – December 2009

City of Albuquerque – City Council Services/Policy Division

Manage the Planning Division for the City Council. Shape land use and planning policy with City Councilors. Provide policy review and evaluation of executive proposals. Provide project management for sector planning for communities within each council district. Manage planning consultant contracts. Supervise planning staff. Serve as Chair of the Transportation Coordinating Committee for Mid-Region Council of Governments.

MANAGER – ADVANCE PLANNING & URBAN DESIGN DIVISION

July 2006 – January 2008

City of Albuquerque – Planning Department

Manage the Advance Planning Division of the Planning Department. Participate in and supervise the development of future planning, including the Comprehensive Plan, Area Plans and Sector Plans. Serve as Department Director in Director's absence. Serve as Vice Chair of Transportation Coordinating Committee of MRCOG. Attend District Coalition meetings as well as sector planning meetings and meetings for the Director. Coordinate and work with City Councilors on district projects. Coordinate contracts for on-call consultant work. Represent the Division at City Council meetings.

GOVERNOR'S DROUGHT TASK FORCE PROGRAMS MANAGER

September 2004 – July 2006

State of New Mexico/Office of the State Engineer

Develop and manage the drought planning and mitigation activities for the state. This included the preparation and revision of the New Mexico Drought Plan along with the production of the annual Drought Summit. Analyze and develop policy plans for land use and water resolution as well as assist with fiscal and economic assessments of drought management alternatives. Contribute to the state report on climate change and review and comment on legislation related to water and drought issues. Draft proposals for the Governor to present to the legislature. Manage 5 work groups, and their projects related to water, drought issues and policies. The work groups of the Drought Task Force (DTF) included Forest Service, Bureau of Land Management, Natural Resources Conservation Service, National Weather Service-NOAA, Department of Agriculture, Bureau of Reclamation and tribal governments, with climate professionals from all levels of government. Manage the group's reporting of all available climate data, soil moisture readings, reservoir storage levels, and other pertinent information necessary to analyze the current status of drought conditions in the State of New Mexico. The group also examined and reported on long-term forecasts to assist the DTF in their preparedness and response actions. As necessary, issue "notices" based on various stages of drought that trigger actions by the DTF. Worked closely with the Interstate Stream Commission. Organized annual Drought Summit.

PLANNER/SENIOR PLANNER

October 1999 – September 2004

City of Albuquerque/Planning Department – Development Services Division

Using the principles of urban development and redevelopment, review requests for zone changes, site development plans, annexations, etc. for consideration. Analyze requests and prepare staff reports for senior level cases by reviewing, interpreting, and evaluating economic, social, physical and land use data. Prepare agreements for signatures and recording. Write legislation as directed by the Mayor and City Council. Present reports and recommendations to the Planning Commission and City Council.

ASSOCIATE PLANNER

April 1996 – October 1999

City of Albuquerque/Mayor's Office/Parks Department – Planning and Design

Development Review Board member for Parks Department. Gather information, research and analyze cases and prepare comments for applicable meetings. Process cash for land. Sit on DRB to consider applications for development.

WATER USE COMPLIANCE OFFICER

June 1995 – April 1996

City of Albuquerque/Public Works Department

Communicate with the public regarding community concerns about water resources, conservation, xeriscape, and the Water Conservation Landscaping and Water Waste Ordinance. Review landscaping plans, conduct water audits, and investigate complaints. Supervise, plan and schedule inspections for interns and water officers. Provide feedback as to status of complaints, take enforcement actions and represent the city in appeal hearings. Educate clients and attend neighborhood meetings. Certified Landscape Irrigation Auditor.

GRAPHICS SYSTEMS TECH/ADMIN ASSISTANT

February 1986 – April 1996

City of Albuquerque/Planning/Public Works Department

Provide geographic analysis and support services. Provide accounting assistance and prepare payroll.

PRECISION POLYGRAPH – OWNER

1983 – 1986

Owned and operated investigative firm providing services to businesses and law enforcement.

OTHER RELATED EXPERIENCE & ACTIVITIES

- Serve as alternate for CAO on Metropolitan Transportation Board
- Elected Chair of MRCOG Transportation Coordinating Committee – July 2008 to July 2009/ Elected Vice-Chair – July 2007 to July 2008
- Appointed by the Mayor to the City of Albuquerque's Environmental Planning Commission March 2005

- Member New Mexico American Society of Landscape Architects
- Member American Planning Association
- Member Urban Land Institute
- Lavender Farmer