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Abbreviated Resume

EXPERIENCE

Village Manager - Village of Oak Park Cook County, Illinois

August 2006 to March 1, 2012

Manager of one of America's most innovative, diverse, and highly participative communities bordering Chicago, with \$100 million in budgets. Oak Park is home to 53,000 residents, living adjacent to 12 transit-orientated business districts, and the Frank Lloyd Wright and Ernest Hemingway Tourist Districts. Accomplishments include reducing crime to a 39 year low, rebuilding the administration after a large early-retirement incentive program, crafting and implementing an innovative animal control and care partnership, reversing 10.7 million in general fund and parking fund deficits, updating housing programs, reorganizing performance measurement efforts, improving economic development efforts, development and oversight of award winning street scape projects. Advanced Oak Park's smart grid sustainability efforts, negotiating several TOD developments, and improved municipal services in high-expectation community with a highly unionized workforce. Recipient of LEAN Energy "Green Breakthrough Award" and 2012 nominee for the National Edison Innovation Award.

City Manager - City of Ferndale Oakland County, Michigan

March 1998 to August 2006

Chief Administrator of inner ring Detroit suburb established in 1917 along historic Woodward Avenue. Achievements include acclaimed revitalization of downtown district, opening of two recreation centers, securing millions in grant funds, implementing brownfield redevelopment policies, achieving record number of new housing starts, completion of \$42 million infrastructure project and \$1.5 million parks improvement project, and implementation of a technology master plan. Active leadership role in regional coalitions addressing the environment, urban sprawl, improved regional public transportation. Founder of the 23 city Michigan Suburbs Alliance representing one million residents on metro issues.

Community Development Director - City St. Clair Shores Macomb County, Michigan

January 1997 to March 1998

Appointed by the City Manager as Department Head of the Community Development Department. Responsible for city planning, engineering, construction bidding/management, inspection services, grants, housing and economic development in 68,000 population, 11.6 square mile city with 14 miles of waterfront. Coordinated planning and redevelopment of Lake St. Clair Nautical Mile and secured funding for major flood control project.

Assistant to the City Manager - Troy Oakland County, Michigan

November 1996 to January, 1997

Appointed by the City Manager to research special project initiatives, including major capital improvement financing, total quality management benchmarking, and concept development of economic revitalization strategy for older area of dynamic 80,000 person, 34 square mile city.

**City Manager - Hazel Park
Oakland County, Michigan**

April 1995 to October 1996

Appointed by City Council as Chief Administrative Officer of Detroit border community at intersection of Michigan's three most populated counties. Position also included serving as City Personnel Director and Purchasing Agent. Secured over \$3 million in supplemental revenues and infrastructure investment in the first year, as well as securing via state legislation 'direct monthly community host fees' from horse race track.

**Executive Director - Wurtsmith Base Conversion Authority
Michigan Department of Commerce
Oscoda Township, Michigan**

June 1993 to April 1995

Recruited for this position by the governor's office and the Michigan Department of Commerce to organize, staff, and manage caretaker team to preserve, protect, and facilitate conversion to private ownership of the closed Wurtsmith Air Force Strategic Air Command Base. Facilities were valued at over \$1 billion. Property management included 1,300 housing units, 273 commercial buildings, large airport, heating plant, water, sewer, electrical, and pollution cleanup systems. Collaborative economic development efforts resulted in over 400 new jobs in the first year of conversion.

**Village Manager - Village of St. Charles
Saginaw County, Michigan**

October 1986 to July 1993

Major responsibilities included budget and finance, economic development, planning, strategic management, formulating policy recommendations, managing two tax increment finance districts, grant writing and administration, special projects, and liaison to other government units and agencies. Achievements included rebuilding from a devastating flood and construction of a \$1 million flood protection program, construction of a 40 acre industrial park, doubling sewage capacity, one mile of new water main, construction of a new water tower, planning and implementing downtown and riverfront revitalization plans.

**Executive Administrator - City of Warren
Macomb County, Michigan (population 161,000)**

November 1981 to November 1985

Appointment to this position is by the Mayor of Michigan's third largest city. With a 1980 population of 161,000, covering 34.5 square miles Warren is home to the General Motors Technical Center. The city has over 1,000 municipal employees and budgets over \$90 million. The position served as Chief Appointed Administrator in the City. Major responsibilities included coordination of the Mayor's 10 person office staff in the administration of 15 city departments, intergovernmental relations, research, and community relations. Achievements included recruitment of highly talented city management staff, \$500 million Dodge City Project, and initiating a \$55 million neighborhood revitalization program. Established constructive working relationship with the City of Detroit.

EDUCATION

Harvard University, Cambridge, Massachusetts

Taubman/SEMCOG Scholarship

Senior Executives in State and Local Government Program, 2001

Central Michigan University, Mt. Pleasant, Michigan

Master of Science Degree in Administration, 1992

Michigan State University, East Lansing, Michigan

Bachelor of Science Degree with honors, 1977

University of London, London, England

Comparative Criminal Justice Studies, 1976

RELATED EXPERIENCE

Municipal Cultural exchange to China, 2011

Humanitarian Mission to Nigeria, 2011

Service on numerous Government, Service, and NFP Boards, Commissions, and Foundations

Student Intern, State Senator Jackie Vaughn II

Michigan Senate, State Capitol, Lansing, Michigan

YMCA World Ambassador

India, Sri Lanka, and the former USSR

PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS

ICMA ~ MCMA ~ MML ~ ILCMA

CIVIC INVOLVEMENT and AWARDS

LEAN Energy "Green Breakthrough Award"

State of Illinois Police Training Board

2008 Oak Park Citizen of the Year

Oak Park Newcomer of the Year

St. Charles Citizen of the Year

Transportation Riders United, Incorporator, Board

Metro Allies Leadership Committee

Recipient of the J.C. Penney Golden Rule Award

Ferndale Community Foundation, Incorporator

Lions Club, Past President

Brookings Institute, Older Cities Conferee

Clinton River Watershed Council, Past Vice President

Saginaw County Foundation Board

Expanded resume and references will be provided upon request.