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## **Education**

Masters Degree, Urban/Regional Planning, State University of New York at Albany (*pending completion of final credits.*)  
Graduate Studies Certificate, Urban/Regional Planning, State University of New York at Albany, 1990  
Bachelor's Degree, Liberal Arts, State University of New York at Albany, 1985

## **Experience**

### **2013-Present**

**Director of Legislative Affairs**  
**County Administrator's Office**  
**Monroe County Board of County Commissioners, Monroe County Florida**

Manage the legislative and intergovernmental initiatives and functions for the County. This includes: development of the County's annual legislative agenda; coordinating County positions on and responses to pending legislation; analyzing, monitoring, and reporting on state and federal legislation affecting Monroe; working with County's state and federal lobbyists to support and advance the County's legislative priorities, funding priorities and appropriations; preparing regular legislative updates and memos, briefings, resolutions, talking points, press releases, testimony; working closely with state and congressional legislative delegation and their staffs; includes being actively involved in major legislative issues of direct importance to the County including specifically those related to the changes to the National Flood Insurance Program at the federal level and Citizens' wind insurance at the State level. Also responsible for implementing and managing the Monroe County RESTORE Act program which to date has entailed developing \$80M in federal RESTORE Act grant requests and positioning the County for \$11M in local RESTORE Act grant funding.

### **2008-2013**

**Senior Grants Administrator**  
**Office of Management and Budget**  
**Monroe County Board of County Commissioners, Monroe County, Florida**

Managed Monroe County grants department, financial and management oversight of local, state and federal grant contracts (managed a \$3M annual portfolio of county funded grant contracts), responded to competitive funding opportunities (secured a \$2.6M state Energy Grant, a \$1.9M FEMA Trap Debris Water Clean Up grant and a \$2M DEP Working Waterfront grant), led the Monroe County strategic planning effort (developed and wrote Monroe County's draft Strategic Plan), provided support to the County's legislative and lobbying efforts (developed the County's first annual Legislative Agenda), provided staff support to the County's Human Services Advisory Board the Substance Abuse Policy Advisory Board and the Mental Health and Substance Abuse Reinvestment Grant Planning Council), and coordinated the response to hurricane recovery grant funding and managing millions of dollars in FEMA and state storm-related grants.

### **2006-2008**

**Affordable Housing Coordinator**  
**Division of Housing**  
**Monroe County Board of County Commissioners, Monroe County, Florida**

Coordinated Monroe County's response to affordable housing including drafting land use regulations and ordinances to facilitate development of affordable housing, preparing comprehensive plan and FLUM amendments, stewarding affordable housing applications and development agreements through review and approval; preparing technical reports, studies and implementation materials, preparing grant applications; providing educational outreach to residents and developers regarding the County's housing programs, initiatives and requirements; staffed the County's Affordable Housing Taskforce.

### **1999- 2006**

**Director of Development**  
**Grant Writer**  
**The Valley, Inc., New York, New York**

Preparation and stewardship of federal, state, local government and philanthropic grants, development of long-term strategic growth plan, and training development staff of this social services agency; grew the organization's total operating budget from \$3 to \$10M.

### **1998-1999**

**Grant Writing Technical Assistance Provider**  
**Columbia University, New York, New York**

Provided training to NYC public school system and education-based non-profit organizations related to the preparation of competitive federal funding applications, including program development and budgets.

**1996-1998**

**Housing Authority Management Consultant  
SMART, Inc., Camden, New Jersey**

To HUD-assisted public housing authorities and multi-family units under or in threat of HUD administrative receivership, my responsibilities included development of financial and property management deficiency and needs assessments, development of corrective measures for HUD policy compliance, resident service coordination, and re-organization of program contracts.

**1994-1996**

**Housing Development Project Manager  
Mutual Housing Association of New York, Brooklyn, New York**

Responsible for coordinating, planning and implementing all aspects of low-income, multi family residential development and rehabilitation projects for non-profit affordable housing developer, including planning, design, construction, public and private financing including LIHTC, and preparation of competitive funding applications.

**1992-1994**

**Director of Community Development  
South Brooklyn Local Development Corporation, Brooklyn, New York**

Developed community-based land use plans and zoning change recommendations designed to balance economic and residential development needs in mixed-use, waterfront communities in South Brooklyn. Implemented economic and community development initiatives. (Secured numerous grants, including winning federal recognition of one community as an Economic Enterprise Zone.)

#### **Appointments/Commendations**

Current Member, City of Key West Planning Board  
Current Member of FIRM's Biggert-Waters Taskforce  
Current Member of Florida Association of Counties Medicaid Taskforce  
2007-2009, Member of City of Key West Affordable Housing Committee  
Recipient of Honorary Conch Certificate, Monroe County  
Recipient of Mayor's Award, Key West