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HIGHLIGHTS

Planning expert in urban, rural, local and regional topics
Senior level project management and technical skills
Skilled client recruitment and relations
Great presentation skills to boards, commissions, councils

Strong background in land use, housing, agricultural and natural resources, and redevelopment planning
Advanced event and meeting planner/facilitator
Written/spoken fluency in English and Spanish

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Senior Community Planner | Capital Area Regional Planning Commission | May '11-Feb '14

- Managed multi-government Future Urban Development Area planning projects, including environmental conditions reports and scenario planning studies with robust community engagement to update local plans
- Assisted in creating and managing the Sustainable Communities Partnership (40+ members) to develop a shared vision for regional growth with metrics for advancing equitable, sustainable, and healthy communities
- Administered community engagement planning grants to non-profits working with marginalized communities
- Planned Capital Area Planning Conferences (2012, 2013) and educational events
- Chaired and staffed farmland, equity, planning for sustainable development, and air quality/GHG work groups
- Presented, moderated, and emceed public meetings, conferences, and federal symposiums
- Evaluated programmatic process effectiveness and outcomes through surveys and interviews

Community Planner | Capital Area Regional Planning Commission | Sept '08-May '11

- Authored annual reports and newsletters, established electronic communications and news delivery service
- Acquired HUD Sustainable Communities Planning Grant (\$2 million) and other grants
- Created the Capital Area Planning Conference (2010, 2011), Working Lands Workshop, and educational events

Consultant | University of Wisconsin Environmental Behavior Consulting | Jan '07-May '07

- Project manager for *Phosphorus Free for Lake Ripley Community Based Social Marketing Program* to aid the water district board in pollution prevention outreach and initiatives

Planning Analyst III | University of Wisconsin Planning Group | Sept '06-Dec '06

- Led a planning team to pass the *Village of Norwalk Economic Development and Housing Strategic Action Plan*
- Client relations and public engagement lead for visioning and 3 other public events with over 50 attendees

Assistant Administrator | Wisconsin Comprehensive Planning Program | Jan '06-Aug '06

- Completed grant policy manual, application workshops, and statutory comprehensive plan review
- Managed Access database and created online plan library

Researcher | UC Davis, Environmental Science and Policy Department | Jun '04-Jul '05

- Research design including literature review, telephone, in-person interviews, and case studies
- Published *Smart Growth Strategies in California's Central Valley*. The McNair Scholars Journal, UC Davis. Vol. 7. 2005

Statewide Coordinator | California Student Sustainability Coalition | Sept '03-Jun '05

- Designated representative to the University of California Regents and the Office of the President
- Developed organizational framework including by-laws, consensus decision-making protocol, etc.
- Managed coordination between 10 campuses via conference calls, file sharing, and convergences

UC Davis Coordinator | California Student Sustainability Coalition | Sept '03-Jun '05

- Led chapter and successful green building/clean energy, mobility, procurement, and healthy food campaigns
- Led student, faculty, staff working group to mobilize administration to develop an office of sustainability
- Created and led the 2004 and 2005 Sustainability Summit and several sustainable living lecture series

EDUCATION

Bachelors of Science | Environmental Biology and Management, University of California, Davis | Jun 2005

Masters of Science | Urban and Regional Planning | University of Wisconsin, Madison | May 2007

Accredited Professional Legacy, LEED® | US Green Building Council | Jul 2007

Facilitation By Heart Certificate | University of Wisconsin Continuing Studies | Oct 2008

Racial Justice Certificate | YWCA Dane County | Aug 2012

AICP Certification | American Institute of Certified Planners, American Planning Association | May 2013