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PROFILE

Retired Urban Planner with over 46 years of public and private sector experience, with the last 17 years being in Florida. Accomplished administrator/manager with excellent oral and written communication skills. A good listener with a high degree of success as a consensus builder. In depth knowledge of Florida land use planning and historic preservation law.

EXPERIENCE

Retired — 2016 - PRESENT

Active in community local service organizations (Vice President Venice Lions, Vice President Kiwanis (Punta Gorda, FL), volunteer Venice library book store, volunteer Venice Downtowners, member of Punta Gorda Main Street program, volunteer Peace River Hospital and past member of Venice Historic Preservation Board.

PROFESSIONAL POSITIONS — 20170 - 1973

Planning Consultant, Cookingham and Associates, Punta Gorda, FL

Director of Planning, Desoto County, FL

Assistant Community Development Director, City of Bradenton, FL

Director of Community Development, Charlotte County, FL

Executive Director Community & Economic Development, City of Reading, PA

Director of Planning, Cortland County, NY

Director of Planning, Tioga County, NY

Project Manager, JACOBS Engineering Grp., Los Angeles, CA

Principal Planner, GRUEN Associates, Beverly Hills, CA

Senior Planner, Ventura County, CA

Assistant & Associate Planner, City of San Diego, CA

EDUCATION

UNIVERSITY OF ARIZONA - BS - 1973

CSU, NORTHRIDGE - CERTIFICATE (Policy Analysis) - 1979

IMPAC UNIVERSITY - MPA - 2002

SKILLS AND KNOWLEDGE

- Excellent oral and written communication
- Good listener

- Consensus builder
- In depth knowledge of Florida planning and land use law
- Comprehension and use of technical information in decision making