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OBJECTIVE

Planning position in a dynamic operation that will allow me to continue to develop and grow professionally and sustain a positive career trajectory. Looking for situation that will require me to test, refine and expand my skills and abilities through engagement on demanding assignments. Seek opportunity to participate actively and contribute as I learn and grow with guidance from highly-talented and successful mentors and leaders. Management will value my education, research, analytical, written, computer and design skills, and project experience as a solid foundation on which to build.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Land Planner & Planning Technician, LVA Urban Design Studio: Tempe, AZ (3/13 - 11/14)

Specialized in land use planning/site planning, general plan amendments, rezoning, conceptual design, landscape and amenity design, technical document creation and production, due diligence analysis, research, public communication and participation, computer drafting/design, graphics, plus hand-rendering for a variety of multi-disciplinary development projects and entitlements throughout the state.

Responsibilities:

Maintained close coordination and attended meetings with the project team, city officials, and LVA staff while multi-tasking on multiple projects. Made continuous modifications and coordinated daily with team members and clients on various aspects of projects. Responsibilities increased with demonstration of abilities to anticipate needs, adapt readily to project changes, manage project details, and produce submittal documents. Trained two planning interns, instructed CAD technicians, and coordinated with administrative positions. Offered recommendations to senior managers and clients while providing excellent customer service. Conducted research involving case files, mapping, county assessor information, and project specific municipal regulations. Managed and prepared required general plan, zoning, public outreach documents, submittal exhibits, and project submittals to various cities and counties. Produced deliverables such as: plans, applications, presentation and submittal exhibits, graphics, written narratives, submittal documents, legal protest analysis, site plans, land use data, land use tables, land use bubble plans, conceptual designs, NAOS plans, various landscape plans, and new business proposals.

LVA Projects:

- *StoneHaven*, Glendale, AZ (Residential Master Planned Community PAD & Minor GPA)
- *Granite Vista*, Maricopa County, AZ (Residential Master Planned DMP & Minor GPA)
- *West Point - Parcel 12*, Surprise, AZ (Mixed-Use PAD Amendment & Minor GPA)
- *New Pathways for Youth*, Historic Garfield Neighborhood, Phoenix, AZ (Youth Center PAD)
- *Sienna Hills*, Scottsdale, AZ (Private Gated Residential Subdivision in ESL Area.)
- *Cochise Estates*, Scottsdale, AZ (Private Gated Residential Subdivision in ESL Area.)
- *Pinnacle Peak Patio*, Scottsdale, AZ (Residential Rezoning and Minor GPA)

Pro Bono Community Project:

- *Windes-Belle Historic House & Property, Tempe, AZ (7/14)*
Produced site plan used in creating a new landscape master plan for the property which contains the Historic 1920's California Bungalow and two other structures.

Planning Intern, Pierce County Long Range Planning Department: Tacoma, WA (7/12 - 3/13)

Assigned to "Historic Preservation Property Registry Update" project. Visited historic property sites, recorded information, gathered data, captured photographic documentation, communicated with residents and community members, researched property and history information, wrote reports, identified plots with mapping technology and reported findings to senior management.

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Planning & Urban Design Intern, City of Scottsdale: Scottsdale, AZ (5/11 - 7/12)

City of Scottsdale Projects:

- ***R1-7 Residential Remodel Enhancement Program (12/11 - 7/12)*** - Developed design guidelines including graphics for homeowners, developers, contractors, and architects to remodel the facade of their property on variations of Ranch style homes. Revised the design guidelines document, conducted input sessions and made follow-up presentations to staff and Neighborhood Advisory Commission, followed project through final approval of City Council.
- ***Citywide Design Guidelines Project (5/11 - 12/11)*** - Revised, consolidated, and re-branded the City of Scottsdale Citywide Design Guidelines. Created and categorized a cohesive document including graphics that embodies design principles and citizen adopted community principles. Met weekly to present findings and discuss project direction.
- ***Shea Boulevard Streetscape Plan (5/11)*** - Analyzed, categorized, compared, and conceptualized needs and improvements along a major arterial, and incorporated multiple types of information into graphics and diagrams.

EDUCATION

Bachelor of Science in Urban Planning (12/12)

Arizona State University, Tempe, AZ

Dean's List

ASU Student Planning Association: Senior Student Leader and Representative

ASU Course Projects:

- ***City of Tempe County Island, Senior Planning Project (1/12 - 5/12)*** - Analyzed, created written reports, graphics, conceptual designs, plus final document that presented a phased clean up and new development concept for a contaminated county island that included links to nearby natural habitats.
- ***Arizona Healthy Lifestyle Policy Plan, Studio Planning Project (8/11 - 12/11)*** - Working with Arizona in ACTION, Maricopa County Health Department, and the City of Goodyear, our team developed a healthy lifestyle plan promoting active living and healthy food choices through effective land use planning and public policy development. Gained practical experience developing policy document including: multiple project case studies of community gardens policy plans, healthy lifestyle policy plans, written reports, research, document formatting and analysis of data. Took active role in team progress, document updates and collaboration with various organizations. Assisted in public participation events with public speaking at community meetings.
- ***Business Proposal Edson Award for Entrepreneurship (4/11 - 5/11)*** - Developed, researched, and submitted 40-page business proposal working with multi-disciplinary team and mentors for a regional marketing design company that incorporated planning theories.

AWARDS AND ACHIEVEMENTS

- Published "Civic Space" article in APA-AZ "Vision" Magazine: March 2012
- Eagle Scout

SKILLS

- Microsoft Office
- Adobe Creative Suite
- AutoCAD 2015
- Communication - Written and verbal
- Research – Internet, case history, and city requirements
- Creativity & Design – Design, Hand Drawing, Aerial Photography, Video/ Editing

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COMMUNITY ENRICHMENT

- Eagle Scout Board District Review Chair, Boy Scouts of America, Camelback District, Phoenix, AZ.
- Various Community Service Efforts: BSA, Valley Partnership, New Pathways for Youth, etc.
- Scottsdale Government 101 – 8 Class Course

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS & NETWORKING

- APA Member
- APA Urban Design & Historic Preservation Division Member
- APA National Conference Attendee 2012, Los Angeles, CA

References and portfolio proudly submitted on request.