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EDUCATION:

Knox College, Galesburg, Illinois: B.A. in Political Science and Secondary Education
Kirkwood Community College: Business and continuing education classes
University of Iowa: Business classes

PROFESSIONAL and COMMUNITY EXPERIENCE:

Commissioner, Iowa Department of Natural Resources. (Current)

Appointed by Governor Culver to serve on one of two commissions that over-see the Iowa Department of Natural Resources, including a \$110,000,000 annual budget, over 1,100 employees, and the largest project in DNR history. Set policy, adopt administrative rules and hear appeals in contested cases related to fish, wildlife, conservation law enforcement, park and forestry programs. Approve or disapprove the acquisition or disposal of state lands and waters relating to state parks, recreational facilities and wildlife programs. Approve or disapprove all expenditures of over \$50,000.

Past Chair/Member, Johnson County Trails Advisory Committee. (Current)

Inaugural chair of the new committee. Took the County Board's outline plan and developed it into a working committee, whose responsibility is to give advice and recommendations on funding priorities, maintenance levels, signage policies, and other trail-related issues. Worked with the East Central Iowa Council of Governments to coordinate a number of grants.

Chair/Commissioner, Iowa City Municipal Airport. (Current)

One of a five-member commission responsible for all functions of the airport. Responsible for a \$400,000 annual budget and approximately \$5,000,000 in capital improvement projects this year. Responsible for tenant leases, commercial leases, airport operations, construction, and managing staff, contractors and consultants.

Development Director, Iowa Bicycle Coalition. (Current)

Responsible for membership and development of a state-wide non-profit organization. Assist with strategic planning, budgeting and public policy.

Owner, Alternatives.

Owned and operated a retail business on the north side of Iowa City. Responsible for all aspects of business operations, including purchasing, budget, sales and employees.

Founding Member/President, Northside Marketplace Business Association.

Helped coordinate an alliance of locally-owned businesses into an organization to highlight commerce on the north side of Iowa City. Liaison to the City of Iowa City and Iowa City Neighborhood Associations.

Staff Assistant and Field Representative, Congressman Jim Leach.

Organized and implemented operations of Iowa City district office. Researched and monitored grants and other regulatory issues. Conducted Veteran Affairs constituent casework. Served as liaison to governmental and community groups. Recruited and supervised interns and volunteers. As Field Representative, developed and implemented a campaign plan for four counties.

Chief Assistant and Campaign Manager, Illinois State Representative David Hultgren.

Served as Chief Assistant and oversaw all aspects of the district offices. Analyzed, researched, wrote and recommended legislation. Responsible for media and public relations. Recruited, trained and supervised volunteers. Coordinated work flow with other employees. Responsible for scheduling, advancing campaign events, and answering public inquiries. Developed and monitored district and campaign budgets.

National Advance Staff and Regional Field Representative, Dole for President.

Coordinated and responsible for all details of campaign events including location, presentation, transportation, security, media, and publicity. Organized a grassroots campaign in three Congressional Districts.

COMMUNITY SERVICE:

Neighborhood Representative, Washington Hills Neighborhood Association
Treasurer, Joe Bolkcom for Senate
Advisory Council, University of Iowa Center for Human Rights
Co-Chair, Citizens for Our Land, Water and Future
Johnson County Compensation Board
Caucus Co-Chair: Bradley for President, Kerry for President, Clinton for President
Treasurer, Sally Stutsman for County Board
Treasurer/Board Member, Iowa Women's Music Festival
Founder/Chair, Iowa Coalition for Human Rights
Treasurer/ Board Member, League of Women Voters
Parks and Recreation 2000 Task Force
Johnson County, Iowa Sesquicentennial Commission
Numerous political campaigns
Numerous task forces, committees, and commissions
Public speaker at school classes, civic organizations, and college classes
Volunteer for many other community organizations and events

Human Right's Awards: 1997 Stonewall Award, Iowa City Area Pride Committee
2007 Rick Graff Award, Iowa City Human Rights Commission

MEMBERSHIPS:

Bicyclists of Iowa City
FAIR!
Iowa Archeological Society
Iowa City American Legion Post #17 Auxiliary
Iowa City Area Chamber of Commerce
Iowa Civil Liberties Union
Iowa Natural Heritage Foundation

Johnson County Heritage Trust
Johnson County Historical Society
Johnson County Trails Foundation
League of Women Voters
Pheasants Forever
Sierra Club
Friends of Hickory Hill Park