

PLANNING AND COMMUNITY SERVICES DIRECTOR

DEFINITION

To plan, organize, direct and review the activities and operations of the Planning and Community Services Department including current and long-range planning, zoning and development; to coordinate assigned activities with other departments and outside agencies; and to provide highly responsible and complex administrative support to the City Manager.

SUPERVISION RECEIVED AND EXERCISED

Receives administrative direction from the City Manager.

Exercises direct supervision over assigned professional, technical and administrative support staff.

EXAMPLES OF ESSENTIAL DUTIES - Duties may include, but are not limited to, the following:

Develop, plan and implement department goals and objectives; recommend and administer policies and procedures.

Coordinate department activities with those of other departments and outside agencies and organizations; provide staff assistance to the City Manager and City Council; prepare and present staff reports and other necessary correspondence.

Direct, oversee and participate in the development of the department's work plan; assign work activities, projects and programs; monitor workflow; review and evaluate work products, methods and procedures.

Supervise and participate in the development and administration of the Planning and Community Services Department budget; direct the forecast of additional funds needed for staffing, equipment, materials and supplies; monitor and approve expenditures; implement mid-year adjustments.

Select, train, motivate and evaluate personnel; provide or coordinate staff training; conduct performance evaluations; implement discipline procedures; maintain discipline and high standards necessary for the efficient and professional operation of the department.

Implement General Plan or other planning projects; prepare Request for Proposals (RFP) and evaluate consultant proposals; manage consultant work.

Oversee and participate in the processing and implementation of current planning activities, including applications, abatements, and public inquiries.

Attend meetings and make presentations to the City Council, Planning Commission, and other

commissions and committees.

Represent the department to outside groups and organizations; participate in outside community and professional groups and committees; provide technical assistance as necessary.

Research and prepare technical and administrative reports and studies; prepare written correspondence as necessary.

Build and maintain positive working relationships with co-workers, other City employees and the public using principles of good customer service.

Foster an environment that embraces diversity, integrity, trust, and respect.

Be an integral team player, which involves flexibility, cooperation, and communication.

Perform related duties as assigned.

MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS

Knowledge of:

Principles, practices, theory and techniques of municipal planning.

Principles and techniques of Geographic Imaging Systems (GIS).

Principles and practices of leadership, motivation, team building and conflict resolution.

Pertinent local, state and federal laws, rules and regulations.

Organizational and management practices as applied to the analysis and evaluation of programs.

Principles and practices of organization, administration and personnel management.

Principles and practices of budget preparation and administration.

Ability to:

Plan, direct and control the administration and operations of the Planning and Community Services Department.

On a continuous basis, analyze budget and technical reports; interpret and evaluate staff reports and related documents; know and interpret laws, regulations, codes and procedures; observe performance and evaluate staff; problem solve department related issues; and explain and interpret policy.

On a continuous basis, sit at desk and in meetings for long periods of time; intermittently

twist to reach equipment surrounding desk; perform simple grasping and fine manipulation; use telephone; write or use a keyboard to communicate through written means; and lift or carry weight of 10 pounds or less.

Prepare and administer department budgets.

Develop and implement department policies and procedures.

Supervise, train and evaluate assigned personnel.

Gain cooperation through discussion and persuasion.

Analyze problems, identify alternative solutions, project consequences of proposed actions and implement recommendations in support of goals.

Interpret and apply City and department policies, procedures, rules and regulations.

Establish and maintain effective working relationships with those contacted in the course of work.

Work with various cultural and ethnic groups in a tactful and effective manner.

Communicate clearly and concisely, both orally and in writing.

Experience and Training

Any combination of experience and training that would provide the required knowledge and abilities is qualifying. A typical way to obtain the required knowledge and abilities would be:

Experience:

Seven years of increasingly responsible experience in planning and community development; including three years of administrative and management responsibility.

Training:

Equivalent to a Bachelor's degree from an accredited college or university with major course work in planning, urban studies, architecture, public administration or a related field.

License and Certificate

Possession of, or ability to obtain, a valid California driver's license.