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Franklinton Development Association, Community Development Corporation, Columbus, Ohio
Executive Director - October 2002 to present

- Employed various conventional and affordable housing financing programs, including HOME, NSP, and LIHTC to develop or co-develop 155 affordable units in the low-mod income community of Franklinton
- Built viable and sustainable grass-roots organization. Led organizational capacity building initiatives including strategic planning, board reorganization and development, resource development planning, succession planning, and all other organizational policy development. Maintained a board of trustees with 51% community representation
- Created and implemented neighborhood redevelopment and strategic housing revitalization plans and other strategies including the award winning East Franklinton Creative Community Plan
- Created and managed administrative and construction budgets and expenditures
- Created productive partnerships with private and public sector interests
- Represented and advocated for the community and housing interests of Franklinton at federal, state, and local levels
- Served on several community boards and associations including Franklinton Area Commission, Franklinton Board of Trade, and founded the Franklinton Arts District
- Hired, trained and supervised staff of four plus interns and volunteers

Homes On The Hill, Community Development Corporation, Columbus, Ohio
Development Coordinator - July 2001 to June 2002

- Evaluated development proposal according to development costs and target affordability market and wrote HOME grant and loan proposals
- Pre-qualified buyers for program eligibility
- Created housing revitalization plans
- Updated agency strategic plan
- Performed marketing of agency and agency products, including representing organization and neighborhood interests to federal, state, and local supporters

Main Street Connections, Worthington, Ohio

Senior Planner - April 2000 to September 2000

- Developed land-use element to strategic revitalization plan for the Cleveland First Suburb Consortium downtown and neighborhood commercial and residential districts.
- Researched and analyzed local, state, and national growth policies and issues including traffic calming and alternative parking schemes.

Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission, Columbus, Ohio

Senior Planner - July 1997 to April 2000

- Created comprehensive land use plans for member municipalities and townships including technical existing condition analysis, community and political support facilitation, and formulation of general and detailed recommendations for all aspects of land use, transportation, environmental, recreation and growth policy.
- Reviewed development plans to determine compliance with various county and township land use, environmental and transportation plans. Presented staff opinion to various review boards and the county commissioners on a monthly basis.
- Rewrote local zoning ordinances to reflect needs of modern development environment.

1996 The Ohio State University, Columbus, Ohio - Master of City and Regional Planning

1989 Ohio University, Athens, Ohio - Bachelor of Science in Communications