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Experience:

Chief of Staff, Intergovernmental Relations Division Dec. 2022- Current
City of Milwaukee

Chief of Staff to Mayor Cavalier Johnson Dec. 2021 - Dec. 2022
City of Milwaukee

- Served as the chief strategic advisor and counsel to the mayor on all major city policy decisions, including the city budget.
- Directed all departmental hiring, staffing, policy assignments and operations for 14 employees in the mayor's office.
- Oversaw and approved external mayoral communications with the press and public.
- Provided administrative guidance to city departments on high profile programs, projects and reports.
- Gate-kept and monitored the flow of communications and information between the mayor and department heads & key city decision makers.
- Executed directives to cabinet members and city departments and maintain organization with logistics, meetings, and emails throughout the day.
- Directed the hiring processes for cabinet and high-level managers reporting to the mayor, and the appointment of candidates to city boards.

Senior Legislative Fiscal Manager- Intergovernmental Relations May 2018 – Dec 2021
City of Milwaukee

- Project managed and tracked state and federal legislation, and policy initiatives for various departments in the City, providing coordination, information sharing, monitoring progress toward goals, achieving benchmarks and ensuring follow-through to timely completion.
- Analyzed City and external policy, including the state statutes, to identify, develop and build multiple options for key policy issues.
- Spurred impactful legislation while developing strategies for achieving the best results for City interests.
- Researched and analyzed legislation from federal, state and local governmental bodies to find impacts on City government and services. Identified opportunities for shared goals and partnerships with other municipalities and interest groups.

- Represented City interests before state, federal and other local governments, as well as the private sector. Lobbied in support of City programs, funding and initiatives.

Chief of Staff – Fire and Police Commission
City of Milwaukee

Sept. 2019 - Nov. 2019

- Appointed as a temporary serving transitional chief advisor and confidant to an incoming Fire and Police Commission Executive Director on budget and policy matters, departmental and commission decisions, and complex citizen complaints.
- Functioned as a liaison between the executive director and employees on departmental communications, needs, concerns and ideas.
- Represented the department in important communications with other city departments, outside vendors, citizens and other major stakeholders.

Alderman, District 5 – Milwaukee Common Council
City of Milwaukee

Apr. 2000 – May 2018

- Served as a full-time elected municipal representative responsible for constituent services, economic development and representation for over 40,000 residents.
- Exercised full-time policy making and legislative functions for the City, including the adoption of ordinances and resolutions, the formation and approval of the City's annual \$1.6 billion budget, the enactment of appropriation and tax levy ordinances, the confirmation of mayoral appointees, and oversight of the City's 8 charter schools.
- Hosted hundreds of meetings with citizens, neighborhoods and community groups. Met regularly with departmental administrators and managers to shape policies and services for the district and City. Devised community newsletters, press releases and web page content to shape district communication. Extensive interplay with media and the press.
- Authored and sponsored hundreds of legislative proposals, led numerous policy initiatives, and drafted reports and communiques to administration, council members and staff.
- Chaired the Zoning, Neighborhoods & Development & Licenses Committees; Chair of the Water Quality Task Force, the Flooding Prevention Task Force, the Taxicab Review Board and the Milwaukee Public School's Truancy Abatement Task Force.

High School Teacher – Milwaukee Public Schools
City of Milwaukee

1998 - 2000

- Instructed English, American Lit and general math classes.
- Responsible for classroom preparation, management and instruction, while working with a diverse student body.

Congressional Aid- U.S. House of Representatives

1996 – 1998

U.S. Rep. Tom Barrett

- Coordinated the Congressman's schedule, wrote speeches, citations and congratulatory commendations for district functions.
- Oversaw constituent casework in areas of IRS, Federal Bureau of Prisons, USPS, and OSHA.
- Staffed and represented the Congressman at district events.

Community Boards:

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Apr. 2018 - Dec. 2021

Milwaukee Metropolitan Sewerage District

Dec 2014 - May 2018

Milwaukee Survive Alive Foundation Board

May 2001 - Apr. 2012

Visit Milwaukee

Apr. 2000 - Apr. 2012

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Education:

UW Milwaukee- School of Continuing Ed. – Public Admin Cert. Prg. 2009 -2013
Milwaukee, Wisconsin

Marquette University - Master of Arts in History 1994 - 1996
Milwaukee Wisconsin

Marquette University - B.A. in History & Political Science 1989 - 1993
Milwaukee, Wisconsin