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Ms. Nancy Doyle
SWFRPC -Human Resources
1926 Victoria Avenue
Fort Meyers, Florida 33901

RE: Executive Director Position

Dear Sir or Madam:

It was with much interest that I read the job announcement for the Executive Director position. Enclosed please find my resume for consideration in filling this position. I am a Professional Planner with over 30 years of experience in various areas of the planning field, a member of the American Institute of Certified Planners and a licensed Professional Planner in New Jersey. Although trained as a planner, I served three terms as Mayor of a full service city in upstate New York. As a management professional with experience in both the public and private sectors, I believe I have a great deal of experience and expertise to offer the Southwest Florida Regional Planning Council.

Should you wish to discuss possibilities, I can be reached at 513-352-4889 during business hours or by email at Pegwuerstle@aol.com. I look forward to speaking with you about this opportunity. My current salary is \$106,000. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,



Margaret A. Wuerstle, AICP

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EDUCATION

- 2006 – 2009 University of Cincinnati, Cincinnati, Ohio
Major: Community Planning
Degree: Masters in Community Planning
- 1986 – 1988 Rutgers University, Camden, New Jersey
Major: Urban Planning
Degree: Bachelor of Arts
- 1969 – 1971 Fashion Institute of Technology, New York City, New York
Major: Interior Design
Degree: Associate in Applied Science

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

- 12/2003 – Present** **CITY OF CINCINNATI**, Department of City Planning and Buildings, Two Centennial Plaza,
805 Central Avenue, Suite 700, Cincinnati, Ohio 45202

CHIEF PLANNER & ZONING HEARING EXAMINER

Job Description: The Chief Planner serves as the Division Manager. Responsibilities include serving as secretary to the Planning Commission, oversight of the Urban Conservator and Historic Conservation Board, overall management of the planning functions of the City, development of neighborhood plans and strategies, creation of maps and information necessary to assist all City departments, agencies, boards and commissions with planning projects and land use decisions. Supervises all regulatory work including zone changes, text amendments, subdivisions, and pre-development conferences. Examples of specific studies include: regulations for controversial social service uses; implementation of the public view corridor study; annual updates to the Cincinnati Zoning Code, creation of the Development Opportunity Teams and coordination and development of the first Comprehensive Plan in 27 years. The Zoning Hearing Examiner holds public hearings and makes decisions on applications for Variances, Special Exceptions, Conditional Uses, Hillside Overlay Districts, Urban Design Districts and Public View Corridors.

- 7/2002 – 10/1/2003** **COLLIER COUNTY**, Planning Services Department, 2800 North Horseshoe Drive, Naples,
Florida 34104

PLANNING SERVICES DIRECTOR

Job Description: Responsible for the management of the Planning Services Department comprised of 47 employees in three sections: Current Planning Section, Comprehensive Planning Section, and Community/Redevelopment Section. Responsibilities included staffing the Planning Commission, Board of Zoning Appeals, two CRA Advisory Boards and Historic Preservation Board. Managed updates and amendments to the Growth Management Plan and Land Development Code. Daily processing of development applications, public information requests and various special neighborhood studies.

- 1999 – 6/2002** **CITY OF ROCHESTER**, City Hall – Room 122B, 30 Church Street, Rochester, New York
14614

DIRECTOR OF ZONING

Job Description: Responsible for the management of the Division of Zoning with a staff of 17 employees and the administration and enforcement of the Zoning Code including

serving as staff planner for the City Planning Commission, Zoning Board of Appeals, Environmental Commission, Preservation Board, Downtown Design Committee, and Skyway Committee.

1998 - 1999

YWCA OF JAMESTOWN, 401 N. Main Street, Jamestown, New York 14701

HEAD OF OPERATIONS

Job Description: Administration of Human Resource Department, supervision of 8 Program Directors and management of the following programs: 2 Child Development Centers, 2 After School Programs, Alternatives to Violence Program, Transitional Housing Program, Parent and Community Services Program, Child and Adult Care Feeding Program, Teenage Education and Motherhood Program (TEAM), and a Summer Camp.

1992 - 1998

CITY OF DUNKIRK, 342 Central Avenue, Dunkirk, New York 14048

MAYOR

Job Description: Chief Executive Officer of the City (Population 14,000) responsible for the administration of all city affairs including:

- *appointment of all department directors, commission members, and boards members
- *supervision of all departments, offices, commissions and boards (210 paid employees)
- *implementation of all local laws, ordinances, and resolutions adopted by the Common Council
- *preparation of \$21 million budget and Capital Projects Program
- *responsible for the operation of regional sewerage treatment plant and water distribution system
- *negotiation of all union contracts (Police, Fire, AFSCME, Management)
- *grant writing including preparation of Federal Enterprise Community application and State Economic Development Zone application as well as numerous other funding applications.

1990 - 1991

CITY OF DUNKIRK, 342 Central Avenue, Dunkirk, New York 14048

DIRECTOR OF PLANNING & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Job Description: Responsible for the management of the Department of Planning and Economic Development including implementation of a variety of city wide economic development, housing redevelopment, and retail enhancement plans. Preparation of zoning, subdivision, site plan, and development reviews. Consultant to the Planning Board, Zoning Board, Harbor Commission, Downtown Revitalization Commission, and Dunkirk Local Development Corporation. Chairman of the Regional Planning Board. Coordinated, wrote, and administered all grants including CDBG, UDAG, EQBA, and ARC grants. Preparation of department budget; supervision and development of staff. Performed other planning and community development activities as required.

1983 - 1990

HORN, KAPLAN, GOLDBERG, GORNY & DANIELS, Suite 500, Citicenter Bldg., 1300 Atlantic Avenue, Atlantic City, New Jersey 08401

PLANNING CONSULTANT/REAL ESTATE DEVELOPMENT SPECIALIST

Job Description: Review of development proposals for compliance with municipal, county, state and federal permit requirements. Interpretation of provisions of zoning ordinances in 15 municipalities and 3 counties. Preparation of site analyses and applications to municipal, county, state, and federal agencies. Formulation of plans and studies in response to new policies. Coordinated project consultants through the permitting process. Coordinated documents for real estate closings and condominium registrations; title

examinations, legal research, and preparation of graphic presentations for hearings and conferences.

1978 - 1983

COASTAL PLAINS ENVIRONMENTAL CONSULTANTS, 21 Gordon's Alley,
Atlantic City, New Jersey 08401

PLANNER I/ MODEL BUILDER

Job Description: Research, coordination of data and preparation of studies, inventories and environmental assessments of sites of potential development or land use changes. Assisted in the development of land use proposals and plans for development projects to meet the requirements of all necessary permits while minimizing any adverse environmental impacts. Construction of architectural scale models of proposed hotel/casinos and development projects.

1973 - 1977

CHAUTAUQUA COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT
Gerace Office Building, Mayville, New York 14757

SPACE UTILIZATION COORDINATOR

Job Description: Research and collection of data for general studies in all areas of planning. Specific studies included: 1.) Preparation and design of a county bicycle route system to provide recreational opportunities and encourage transportation alternatives; 2.) Research, survey, and mapping of historically significant buildings for each municipality to promote conservation of historic sites and districts; 3.) Research and preparation of a County Aboriginal Occupations Map to assist county planners in the formulation of policies and decisions regarding the location of the Southern Tier Expressway and the Chautauqua Lake Bridge. General responsibilities included the identification of county space by utilization and frequency of use; formulation of plans to meet present and future space needs.

ADDITIONAL STUDIES

Cornell University School of Industrial and Labor Relations

***Contract Bargaining, *Contemporary Labor Problems, *Labor Law I: Public Sector**

University of Louisville

*** Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design (CPTED)**

The National Development Council

***Economic Development Finance ED101**

HUD Training Series

***CDBG Fundamentals, *Environmental Assessment**

COMPUTER TRAINING

*ArcView GIS, Photoshop, Illustrator, InDesign, Dreamweaver, PowerPoint, Microsoft Office

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Fall 2005 - 2009	University of Cincinnati - Adjunct Professor Course: Undergraduate Level-Land Use Controls
Winter 2006 - 2009	University of Cincinnati - Adjunct Professor Course: Graduate Level - Land Use Controls
Spring 2006 - 2009	University of Cincinnati - Adjunct Professor Course: Advanced Land Use Controls, Zoning Analysis
Spring 2010	University of Cincinnati - Adjunct Professor Course: Social Justice and the City
Spring 2011	University of Cincinnati - Adjunct Professor Course: Developing an Effective Comprehensive Plan
Fall 2011	University of Louisville - Adjunct Professor Course: Professional Practice

GRANTS

2010 HUD Planning Challenge Grant - \$2.4 Million for a Unified Development Code

REFERENCES ARE AVAILABLE UPON REQUEST