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1304 Marina Road
Irmo, South Carolina 29063
September 24, 2021

Ms. Lisa Jefferson
Director, Human Resources
City of Gainesville
Gainesville, Florida

Dear Ms. Jefferson:

Attached please find my resume and information in consideration for the position of Interim City Manager.

I have extensive experience in all aspects and levels of local government. My experience in most positions has been to increase the efficiency and effectiveness of the organization. In addition to my overall experience, my main skill sets are Inter-personal relations and communications. I have been extremely successful in representing the community and the organization before very demanding and complex Boards and Commissions in each of the locations I was employed. The background of the Boards and Directors I worked for ranged from top level CEO's (in Greenwich and Weston, where many were from Wall Street firms, Hedge Funds and Investment Banks) to union blue collar representatives (employed at companies such as, Sikorsky Aircraft, Avco Lycoming Tank engines, Pratt Whitney aircraft manufacturing). I am and always have been committed to accountability, transparency and open communication in public service.

I currently provide advisory services for local and state governments. I will be happy to provide more detailed information about my experience at your request. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Edward Burke Gomeau, CGFM

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**October, 2018 INTERIM COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR, RICHLAND COUNTY GOVERNMENT
-April, 2019 COLUMBIA, SOUTH CAROLINA**

**July, 2015- CONSULTANT TO THE ADDISON NORTHWEST SUPERVISORY UNION
March, 2018 SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS, VERGENNES, VERMONT**

**June, 2014- CONSULTANT TO THE BURLINGTON SCHOOL DISTRICT (VT) FINANCE
February, 2015 COMMITTEE, BURLINGTON, VERMONT**

**July, 2011- CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER, ADDISON NORTHEAST SUPERVISORY UNION,
June, 2014 BRISTOL, VERMONT**

**2007-July, 2011 DIRECTOR OF FINANCE AND OPERATIONS, NORTH HAVEN
PUBLIC SCHOOLS, NORTH HAVEN, CONNECTICUT**

2008 – July, 2009 DIRECTOR OF FINANCE – TOWN OF NORTH HAVEN, CONNECTICUT

2000-2007 TOWN ADMINISTRATOR /CFO – TOWN OF GREENWICH, CONNECTICUT

1993-2000 DIRECTOR OF FINANCE/CFO, TOWN OF STRATFORD, CONNECTICUT

**1991-1993 DIRECTOR OF FISCAL MANAGEMENT & OPERATIONS
NORTH HAVEN PUBLIC SCHOOLS, NORTH HAVEN, CONNECTICUT**

**1973-1991 TOWN ADMINISTRATOR/CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER
TOWN OF WESTON, CONNECTICUT**

**1972-1973 DEPUTY DIRECTOR, DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING & URBAN
DEVELOPMENT & FEDERAL OFFICE OF EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS (OEP)
HURRICANE AGNES DISASTER RECOVERY, PA**

B.S. Business Administration - Bryant University

M.S. Operations Research/System Analysis - Polytechnic Institute of New York University (Tandon Eng)

MBA Financial Management - Suffolk University

Adjunct Instructor – Urban and Regional Management, University of New Haven, West Haven, Ct

Certified Government Financial Manager (CGFM) – Association of Government Accountants

Certified School Business Manager – State of Connecticut, Department of Education

Commissioner, State of Connecticut Commission on Fire Prevention and Control (1988-2011)

Member – Connecticut Business Tax Credit & Tax Policy Review Committee – State Legislature

Member – Government Finance Officers Association 1974 - Present

**Senior member of Special Review Committee, Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in
Financial Reporting Program, 1984 – Present.**

Member – Association of Government Accountants – 1976 - Present

**Distinguished Local Government National Leadership Award – Association of Government
Accountants – 2000**

**Treasury and Risk Management Alexander Hamilton Gold Award – Retirement Systems -2000
for Municipal Pension Recovery – Town of Stratford, Connecticut**

Labor Negotiator – Municipal & School 1973 - 2012

Chairman, Old Saybrook Board of Finance, 1993-2001 (elected)

Instructor – Connecticut Tax Collectors Association – 1996-2006

Member, Council of Small Towns (COST) 1975-1990, Vice Chairman, 1975-1980

U.S. Army – Three years active service – overseas and U.S. duty.

Member United States Parachute Association (USPA) – 1968 - Present

Life Member 82nd Airborne Division Association

Member JOS – Jumpers over Seventy

***Education**

Undergraduate College – graduated in 2.5 (two and one half) years.

Graduate School –Attended two graduate schools simultaneously in Boston and New York.

-Only non-engineering student in the MS Operations Research/System Analysis Program at Polytechnic University of NYU (Tandon Engineering).

-MBA and MS Degrees

-All college tuition, fees, etc., paid while working full time & veterans benefits.

***Professional Positions -**

- ☐ **Chief Administrative Officer (CAO) (Municipal)**
- ☐ **Chief Financial Officer (CFO) (Municipal/Education)**
- ☐ **Town Administrator CFO/Treasurer (Municipal)**
- ☐ **Director of Finance (Municipal)**
- ☐ **Director of Fiscal Management & Operations (Education)**
- ☐ **Consultant (Education) (Pension/Retirement Plans)**
- ☐ **Assistant Deputy Director – Federal Emergency Disaster Operations**

***Organizations –**

- ☐ **Richland County Government (2200 employees - \$800+M budget)**
- ☐ **Addison Northwest Supervisory Union (Education) 400 employees - \$25M budget**
- ☐ **Burlington School District (Education) 1000 employees \$75M budget**
- ☐ **Addison Northeast Supervisory Union (Education) – 500 employees, \$30M budget**
- ☐ **North Haven Town/School District – 1000 employees - \$100M budget**
- ☐ **Town of Stratford – 600 employees - \$120M budget**
- ☐ **Town of Greenwich - 2200 employees - \$500M operating budget, \$500M CIP**
- ☐ **Town of Weston – 100 employees - \$30M Budget**
- ☐ **Federal Office of Emergency Preparedness/HUD**

***Accomplishments-**

- ☐ **Debt Issuance/Management – Responsible for the issuance and management of over \$1B (billion) in bonds/notes in numerous organizations.**
- ☐ **Developed, proposed and implemented a \$100M Pension Obligation Bond issue to eliminate Accrued, Unfunded Pension Liability of Connecticut municipality.**
- ☐ **Developed a short term CIP financing Program using Temporary notes in place of Bonds.**
- ☐ **Implemented a bond refunding (Defeasance) for Stratford, saving millions of dollars in future interest payments.**
- ☐ **Negotiated land acquisition agreements using municipal tax free debt financing to land owners**
- ☐ **Budgeting – Implemented and installed the following budget programs in various Municipalities/School districts: Operating Budgets \$30M - \$800M, CIP Budgets to \$500M**
- **Program Budgeting**
- **Outcome Based Budgeting**
- **Performance Budgeting/Account/Line item budgeting.**
- **Zero based budgeting**
- **Activity Based Costing & Activity Based Budgeting**
- **Performed town of Stratford's Actuarial report for five years using vendor Proprietary software. Utilized software to provide pension Simulations/models during collective bargaining negotiations.**
- ☐ **Board member for Town of Greenwich Retirement Plan and Town of Stratford Retirement Plan Greenwich Defined Benefit Retirement Plan (over \$300M assets) Stratford Defined Retirement Plan (over \$150M Assets)**
- ☐ **Responsible for Public Sector building construction /renovations**
- Town Hall building renovation**

- **Police/Fire facility construction**
- **School renovation/construction**
- **Sewer Systems**
- **Water Systems**
- **Landfill construction**
- **Transfer Station**
- **Information technology facilities including installation of cabling & hardware**
- **Town Library renovations**
- **Water retainage/detention facilities**
- **Town wide drainage**
- **Animal Control Facility**
- **Park Development including natural swimming areas**
- **Town Dog Park**
- **Landfill closing/remediation following contamination litigation**
- **Financial oversight for Superfund site remediation program**
- **Technology accomplishments –**
 - **Installed financial/tax/assessment software in four municipal/school organizations**
 - **Responsible for GIS Town wide system (proposed, recommended and installed)**
 - **Responsible for proposing, recommending and installation of Town wide fiber optic system for all Municipal & school buildings.**
 - **Responsible for the establishment of Municipal redundancy (backup) systems for;**
 - **Hardware, Software and Information systems**
 - **Programming – MUNIS, ADMINIS, FORTRAN, COBOL, Dynamo, RPG, C++, SQ, BASIC**
 - **Human Resources & Personnel Management**
 - **Developed, recommended and implemented a Classification/Compensation /Performance based plan for Senior Management employees.**
 - **Negotiated collective bargaining agreements for 45 years, 33 years under Compulsory Binding Arbitration regulations. Negotiated every municipal and education local in Connecticut. All contracts were settled without submitting to final binding arbitration.**
- **Governance Experience.**
 - **Representative Town Meeting (230 members) Board of Estimation and Taxation; Board of Selectmen. Greenwich**
 - **Town Meeting; Board of Selectmen; Board of Finance**
 - **Town Council (11 Members)**
 - **Voter initiative option; Elected officials recall; Budget restrictions. 2% Budget Cap.**
 - **Member – Greenwich Chamber of Commerce Board**
 - **Elected official – Ten years, Old Say brook, Connecticut**
 - **Commissioner – Connecticut Commission on Fire Prevention & Control – 22 years.**
- **Disaster Management**
 - **Established one stop Disaster Application Center; Housing, Social Services, Permanent housing assistance for over 100,000 people.**
- **Military**
 - **Fort Dix, New Jersey; Fort Hood, Texas; Fort Bragg, North Carolina; Fort Benning, Georgia; South Korea, DMZ (Demilitarized Zone), Pacification programs for local villages.**

PROFESSIONAL

Government Finance Officers Association (National/State) 1974 – present
GFOA Special Review Committee for the Certificate of Excellence
In Financial Reporting Program, 1984 – present.
Association of Government Accountants 1974 - present
Certified Government Finance Manager – 1995
Connecticut Conference of Municipalities – Committee on State and
Local Finance.
Greater Bridgeport Regional Solid Waste/Recycling Committee, 1983-90; 2002-present
State of Connecticut, Governor’s Commission on Fire Prevention and
Control (1989-2011).
Council of Small Towns – Steering Committee 1975-1990
Vice Chairman – 1975-1990.
Disaster Preparedness Seminar, National Emergency Training Center,
Emmitsburg, Maryland
Police Management/Union Labor Relations Seminar, IACP
Maintaining Municipal Integrity, Seminar, National Institute of Law
Enforcement and Criminal Justice.
Instructor (Municipal Finance) – Connecticut Tax Collectors Association
Tax Collectors Certification Program 1996-2006
Speaker – National Conference on Tax Liens, Washington, D.C. 1998
Certified School Business Manager (State of Connecticut Department of
Education).
Panelist – Inaugural Conference on OPEB liabilities, Washington, D.C. 2006
Moderator – Public Pension Funds Summit, Phoenix, Arizona

COMMUNITY (Volunteer) Personal

Town of Old Saybrook, Connecticut
Member, Board of Finance, 1987-1989, 1991-1999 (Chairman)
Member, Charter Revision Commission(s) (four separate Commissions)
Chief Labor Negotiator, three (3) municipal unions (AFSCME), 1990-95
Insurance advisor – 1989-1991

Town of Westbrook, Connecticut
Chief Labor Negotiator, 1993-1995

Finance Officer – St. Johns Church, 1980-1990 (volunteer)

REFERENCES

**Ms. Sara Querfeld, Superintendent of Schools (retired) North Haven, Connecticut 2004 - 2010
203 488-1780**

**Mr. James Lash (First Selectman Greenwich Connecticut 2003-2007)
25 Stiles Rd. Greenwich, Ct 06830 203 869-6277/203 869-2971**

**Mr. Joseph Walker, President JH Development Corp., Columbia, South Carolina
Richland County Council 2019 – 2021
803 730-6131, Joe@jhdevelopment.us**

**Ms. JoAn Canning, Superintendent, Addison Northwest Supervisory Union
Vergennes, Vermont**

**Mr. Sean McShea, Vice President, Sage Advisory 917 774 5207
smcshea@sageadvisory.com**