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Public policy and government finance expert with demonstrated skills in leadership, management, negotiation, consensus-building, analytical thinking, communication, and diplomacy

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Manager, Gegorek & Company, P.A.

December 2016 – present

Manager, Mullen, Sondberg, Wimbish, and Stone, P.A.

February – October 2016

- Manage staff on audit and tax assignments.
- Plan, conduct, and manage audits of nonprofit organizations and nonpublic companies in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards. Assess risks of misstatements, evaluate internal controls, design audit programs, execute audit procedures, and assist clients in financial statement preparation.
- Prepare individual and corporate income tax returns, estate and gift tax returns, nonprofit 990 returns, and personal property tax returns.
- Provide financial and tax planning consulting services.

County Auditor, Anne Arundel County, Maryland

1994 – 2016

- Lead public policy and financial advisor to the County Council.
- Advised the County Council on the public policy considerations and fiscal impact of 2,000+ bills and resolutions, resulting in more than 1,000 amendments to improve or correct proposed legislation.
- Analyzed the proposed operating and capital budgets, including revenue projections, debt affordability, adequacy of fees and charges for enterprise and internal service funds, liabilities for pension and other post-employment benefits, and expenditures. Recommended \$500+ million of budget cuts adopted by the County Council that allowed the Council to reduce taxes, build reserves, and reprioritize spending.
- Conducted performance audits to evaluate the effectiveness of the County's administrative practices, including program efficiencies and compliance with laws and regulations. Worked with the Administration to identify and implement best practices to improve program management.
- Audited the County's Comprehensive Annual Financial Report. Identified material weaknesses and significant deficiencies in internal controls that resulted in management modifying its practices to reduce the risk of misappropriating tax dollars and to ensure accurate financial reporting.
- Implemented audit management practices and developed a quality control system to ensure compliance with professional standards promulgated by the Comptroller General of the United States and the AICPA.
- Managed professional and administrative staff on legislative, audit, and budget assignments.
- Thoroughly familiar with contemporary budgeting and accounting practices.

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CERTIFICATIONS AND EDUCATION

Certified Public Accountant

Certified Fraud Examiner

University of Maryland University College – Master of General Administration, State and Local Government track

Frostburg State University – Bachelor of Science, Accounting

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

Government Finance Officers Association – former member for 20+ years

Maryland Government Finance Officers Association – former member for 20+ years

American Institute of Certified Public Accountants – member for 30+ years

Maryland Association of Certified Public Accountants – member for 30+ years

Association of Certified Fraud Examiners – member for 20+ years

VOLUNTEER ACTIVITIES

City of Annapolis Transition Team for Mayor Gavin Buckley – Chair of the Finance Transition Team

Hillsmere Shores Improvement Association, Inc. – Board of Directors

Start School Later, Inc. – Board of Directors, Treasurer, Chair of the Finance Committee

YWCA of Annapolis and Anne Arundel County, Inc. – Board of Directors, former member

Opportunity Builders, Inc. – Board of Directors, former Treasurer

Bay Winds Band – Board of Directors, former President and current member