



Background and Contact Information

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Title of Most Recent Full-Time Position in Local Government: **Assistant City Manager**

Organization: **City of San Leandro**

Number of Years in Local Government: **17 (13 years in related private sector work)**

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Your “Encore” Experiences

Please describe below your various activities and experiences which may be of interest to local government managers as they consider their next life phase (for example, consulting, interim management, teaching, pro bono or volunteer work, writing, work in the non-profit sector, creative or artistic pursuits).

I have enjoyed my retirement for the opportunity to pursue my interest in music in a more serious and sustained way. I have taken lessons in guitar, mandolin, tin whistle, ukulele, banjo and folk harp. I sang with a community chorale (including two international tours) and am now playing with the San Francisco Mandolin Orchestra. I served as a board member and chief fund-raiser for the chorale and am now Treasurer for the Orchestra. I also convened a ukulele class for friends and have volunteered with an after school elementary school music program and summer camp. These efforts have allowed me to address my lifelong interest in music performance, in a way that I could not while working full-time, particularly in a job with frequent evening meetings.

In addition, I read the New York Times daily, have tried my hand at golf (got my handicap down to 15); have volunteered as a Range Rider for six years; have traveled extensively with my wife and friends, and am able to devote two hours a day to walking for exercise. In other words, I have used my retirement to do all the things that were difficult to do while I was working. I have undertaken two consulting jobs that were interesting, but frustrating in that they took time away from the musical activities that I am pursuing. For the same reason, I have not pursued any teaching, despite the fact that I did teach in several graduate public administration programs while I was working.

Your Coaching Interests

Do you have any specific coaching interests? (for example, helping managers find interim work or teach)

- I am interested in encouraging managers to “let go” of their work obsession, and have some fun.