

Background and Contact Information

Name: **Mary Strenn**

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

Organization: **City of El Segundo**

Number of Years in Local Government: **30+**

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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 served in local government for over 30 years – initially in the planning field and then over 16 years as the chief executive. The service has been in three states but mostly in California.

There have been three interim positions, twice as city manager and once as the executive director of a redevelopment agency. A couple of years ago, I established a “C” corporation which has been an interesting learning process.

Your Coaching Interests

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

It would be interesting to respond to any manager who is seeking assistance. When I started in the profession, there were very few females who could be approached for advice. Perhaps, I could provide such assistance to others now.