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Taylor Lough

Assistant to the City Manager
Richardson, Texas





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Howard Lazarus

City Administrator
City of Ann Arbor, Michigan



Howard S. Lazarus

City Administrator, City of Ann Arbor

Education

BS, Civil Engineering, US Military Academy
MS Eng, Environmental Engineering & Chemistry Johns Hopkins
Graduate – US Army Command & General Staff College
Completed - Harvard Kennedy School Senior Executives Course

Experience

1st (Real) Job – Platoon Leader, A Company, 46th Engineer Battalion

Private Sector

Program Manager – Foster Wheeler (formerly Ebasco Services)
VP for Outsourcing/Privatization - Shaw E&I (formerly IT Group)

Local Government

Director of Engineering, City of Newark, NJ
Public Works Director, City of Austin, TX

Recognition

ASCE Government (1997) and Civil Engineer (2012) of the Year
APWA Top 10 Public Works Leader (2013)
MNSHS Athletic Hall of Fame (Wrestling Team – 3X Central League Champions)



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Maria Lasday

Village Manager
Village of Bannockburn, Illinois



Maria Lasday
Village Manager, Village of Bannockburn, Illinois

Education

Ponoma College – Government and Public Policy
UCLA Law School

Experience

Private Sector
Legal Career in Municipal, Real Estate, Corporate Transactions
Local Government
City Administrator, Highwood, IL

Recognition

First Vice President of Metropolitan Manager’s Association
Credentialed Manager





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Susan Thorpe

County Administrator
Yuma County, Arizona



Susan K. Thorpe
County Administrator, Yuma County, Arizona



Education

BA, Political Science, University of North Texas
MPA, Public Administration, University of North Texas
Completed - Harvard Kennedy School Senior Executives Course

Experience

Assistant City Manager, Corpus Christi, TX
Deputy City Manager, Peoria, AZ
City Manager, Rowlett, TX; Bedford, TX

Recognition

Credentialed Manager





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