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EDUCATION

The University of Arizona, Tucson, Arizona
Non-degree seeking student, 01/09-present

The University of Arizona, Tucson, Arizona
Master of Science in Planning, December 2007
Concentration: Land Use and Community Development; GPA: 3.93

Major coursework: Affordable Housing and Community Development, New Urbanism and Sustainability in the Southwest, Land Use Law, Comprehensive and Strategic Planning, Land Development Process, Land Use and Growth Controls, Financing Infrastructure and Community Facilities

Middle East Technical University, Ankara, Turkey
Bachelor of Science in Sociology, January 2003

University of California Riverside Extension, Riverside, California
Certificate in Teaching English as a Foreign Language, August 2002

TEAM PLANNING PROJECTS

Lake Havasu City Bridgewater Channel Area Redevelopment Plan, 08-12/06

Conducted research on existing economic conditions and tourism in Lake Havasu City. Created redevelopment strategies for the Bridgewater Channel Area. Participated in public meetings. Prepared a redevelopment plan in a team of 10 students. Presented the plan and the recommendations to the City Council.

The Town of Jerome Comprehensive Plan, 01-05/06

Conducted research on existing economic conditions and tourism in the City of Jerome. Developed goals, objectives, and strategies for economic development. Participated in public meetings and interviewed stakeholders. Prepared a comprehensive plan in a team of 14 students.

RELEVANT EXPERIENCE

Student Researcher, The Drachman Institute, Tucson, AZ, 05/06-06/07

Conducted two research projects on regulatory barriers to publicly-subsidized housing and regulatory barriers to innovative housing in Tucson. Documented the findings in the form of reports and presented them at the COPC (Community Outreach Partnerships Centers) Housing Symposium in Tucson.

Intern, Pima County Department of Community Development and Neighborhood Conservation, Tucson, AZ, 05-08/06

Completed the analysis of a specific site to determine whether there were any barriers to building a green affordable housing development in compliance with the Enterprise Foundation's Green Communities Criteria.

Intern, City of Tucson Ward 6 Council Office, Tucson, AZ, 01-05/06

Conducted research on affordable housing strategies applicable to Tucson's Rio Nuevo Redevelopment District.

EXPERIENCE

Project Support Staff, The World Bank - Social Risk Mitigation Project, Ankara, Turkey, 07/03-07/05

Assessed the projects submitted to the Local Initiatives Unit. Facilitated the implementation and monitoring of the approved projects. Conducted site visits for project post-implementation evaluation. Translated project documents.

SKILLS

Computers: Microsoft Office (Word, Excel, PowerPoint, Outlook), basic knowledge of Stata, working knowledge of Adobe Photoshop, Adobe Illustrator, and Adobe Indesign

Languages: Turkish (native), English (fluent), Japanese (beginner)