

# A Proposal to Conduct an Executive Recruitment

for the Position of

**CITY MANAGER** 

on behalf of the



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Mayor Rob Saemann and Members of the City Council City of Hermosa Beach 1315 Valley Drive Hermosa Beach, CA 90254

Submitted via email to: <a href="mailto:cstafford@hermosabeach.gov">cstafford@hermosabeach.gov</a>

Dear Mr. Saemann,

Bob Murray & Associates is pleased to submit a proposal to conduct the City Manager recruitment for the City of Hermosa Beach. The following details our unique qualifications and describes our systematic—yet flexible—method of identifying, recruiting, and screening outstanding candidates on your behalf. Bob Murray & Associates is proud to offer straightforward, *all-in pricing*, eliminating surprises and making the experience simple and stress-free. This proposal includes information on our proven process, a timeline, and a quarantee.

As the premier public sector executive search firm specializing in positions that report directly to elected boards/councils, we understand the unique dynamics, high expectations, and political acumen required of leaders in these critical roles. We don't just fill positions—we ensure the candidates we present to the City of Hermosa Beach are well-aligned with your organization's goals, values, and culture. Our team is composed of experienced executive recruiters and former public-sector executives—professionals who are passionate about public service and attuned to current trends in government leadership. With over 34 years of experience and a network of more than 40,000 professionals and organizations, we've built a strong reputation for delivering exceptional candidates and achieving repeat success with our clients.

Bob Murray & Associates recognizes that we work at the pleasure of the City Council and our job is to facilitate the Council in finding the City's next City Manager. Our best practice is to establish a strong partnership with the Council, to ensure the placement of a City Manager who is ideally suited to its needs. In developing this collaborative approach, we will seek the opportunity to meet with the council members individually to discuss their expectations for the City's new City Manager. The feedback received from the council members will be essential in providing guidance when recruiting and screening candidates for the position.

Current and recent recruitments we have completed similar in scope to your upcoming search include the following:

# 2025

Davis, CA (City Manager) - current Live Oak, CA (City Manager) - current Oakdale, CA (City Manager) - current Dallas County, TX (Assistant County Administrator) - current Fowler, CA (City Manager) Louisville, CO (City Manager)

#### 2024

Vernon, CA (City Administrator) Folsom, CA (City Manager) Murrieta, CA (City Manager) Aliso Viejo, CA (City Manager) Hayward, CA (City Manager) Manhattan Beach, CA (City Manager) Emeryville, CA (City Manager) Reno, NV (City Manager) Clovis, CA (City Manager) Clayton, CA (City Manager) Vancouver, WA (City Manager) Orinda, CA (City Manager) Pinole, CA (City Manager) Novato, CA (City Manager) Saratoga, CA (City Manager) Sparks, NV (City Manager)

Salinas, CA (City Manager)
Pacific Grove, CA (City Manager)
Marin County, CA (County Administrator)

# 2023

Auburn, CA (City Manager) Desert Hot Springs, CA (City Manager) Downey, CA (City Manager) Merced, CA (City Manager) Moraga, CA (Town Manager) Piedmont, CA (City Administrator) Rio Vista, CA (City Manager) San Bruno, CA (City Manager) San Marino, CA (City Manager) San Rafael, CA (City Manager) San Ramon, CA (City Manager) Santa Clara, CA (City Manager) South Gate, CA (City Manager) Ventura, CA (City Manager) Winters, CA (City Manager) Yountville, CA (Town Manager)

We work as a team on every search at Bob Murray & Associates. Your Project Lead would be Valerie Gaeta Phillips, Gary Phillips, Yasmin Beers, or Jon Lewis, who would not only direct and supervise the project team from beginning to end but also serve as the Recruiter for the project as well.

To learn first-hand about the quality of our services and why the majority of our engagements come from repeat and referred clients, we invite you to contact the references listed on page 15 of the attached proposal.

We look forward to your favorable consideration of our qualifications. Please do not hesitate to contact us at (916) 784-9080 with any questions.

Sincerely,

Valerie Gaeta Phillips

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President, Bob Murray & Associates

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# THE RECRUITMENT PROCESS

Bob Murray & Associates' recruiters are specialists in finding positive placements and providing security and fairness to candidates and clients while ensuring the integrity of the search process. Outlined below are the steps in our proven recruitment process, refined through our 34+ years of experience in executive recruiting.

#### STEP 1 DEVELOP THE CANDIDATE PROFILE

Our understanding of the City of Hermosa Beach's needs will be key to a successful search. Valerie Gaeta Phillips, Gary Phillips, Yasmin Beers, or Jon Lewis will meet virtually with the City of Hermosa Beach and key stakeholders to learn as much as possible about the ideal candidate for the City Manager position. Key stakeholders often include:

- <u>Council/Board Members</u> up to five virtual one-on-one meetings with the Recruiter
- <u>Internal Stakeholders</u> (e.g. Department Heads) up to two virtual group meetings with the Recruiter
- <u>External Stakeholders</u> (e.g. Chamber of Commerce, Community Groups) one virtual one-on-one or group meeting with the Recruiter

#### Internal and External Stakeholders

We find that many of our clients value a recruitment process that opens the opportunity for employees, community members, business leaders, and organization representatives to provide input regarding the ideal candidate. Our recruiters are skilled in virtually facilitating group staff meetings, forums for the business community, and/or town hall meetings that provide for equitable involvement from a variety of constituencies.

If the City of Hermosa Beach desires, we will work with the City to create a customized virtual community and/or staff input process. *Please note: Virtual facilitation of stakeholder meetings is included in the professional fee.* On-site Recruiter facilitation is available for an additional fee - please refer to "Costs and Guarantee" on page 7 for pricing information.

# Online Stakeholder Surveys

Sometimes clients are seeking input from a wider range of stakeholders—such as community members, business leaders, and organization representatives—online surveys are ideal to solicit input regarding qualities of the ideal candidate. Our experienced recruiters excel at crafting targeted, thoughtful, open-ended questions and can design a customized survey, providing a link for easy sharing on your website.

After closing, your dedicated Recruitment Coordinator will send you the survey response data for your review and analysis. This proposal includes <u>one</u> Online Survey. Additional Online Surveys are available under Optional Services (please refer to page 7).

We want to become familiar with the values and culture of the organization, as well as to understand the current and future issues, challenges, and opportunities in the City of Hermosa Beach.

Ms. Gaeta Phillips, Mr. Phillips, Ms. Beers, or Mr. Lewis will review and help define the City's wish-list regarding the ideal candidate's personality, management style, knowledge, skills, and abilities and will work with the City of Hermosa Beach to identify expectations regarding education and experience. The City and Ms. Gaeta Phillips, Mr. Phillips, Ms. Beers, or Mr. Lewis, will discuss compensation, benefits, and other key information necessary to ensure that outstanding candidates are attracted to this opportunity. The profile we develop together at this stage will drive subsequent recruitment efforts.

#### STEP 2 DESIGN/DISTRIBUTE BROCHURE AND ADVERTISEMENTS

Ms. Gaeta Phillips, Mr. Phillips, Ms. Beers, or Mr. Lewis and your dedicated Recruitment Coordinator will use the candidate profile developed with the City of Hermosa Beach to create a professional recruitment brochure, with the assistance of our professional graphic designer. The four-page, full-color brochure will describe the community, organization, position, ideal candidate, and compensation and will include pictures provided by the City of Hermosa Beach that you feel best represent your organization and your community.

Upon your approval, Ms. Gaeta Phillips, Mr. Phillips, Ms. Beers, or Mr. Lewis will send the brochure by email (and postal mail if desired) to a targeted audience, personally inviting potential candidates to apply for the City Manager position. We will also place the recruitment brochure on our <u>website</u>, which attracts over 11,000 unique hits weekly and is a trusted resource for candidates seeking executive and professional positions. Two sample brochures are included in this proposal package for your reference.

Ms. Gaeta Phillips, Mr. Phillips, Ms. Beers, or Mr. Lewis will also design an effective advertising campaign appropriate for the City Manager recruitment. Our broadest outreach comes through our active social media involvement on LinkedIn as well as our monthly newsletter where upcoming and current positions are featured. Sources such as Western City Magazine, PublicCEO, and the Careers in Government website will be used to reach an extensive local government audience, while position-specific postings will be chosen to attract candidates who have built their careers in and are committed to the City Management field.

Suggested City Management-specific advertising sources for the City of Hermosa Beach's search include:

- → International City County Management Association
- → League of California Cities
- California City News
- → California City Management Foundation
- → League of Women in Government

Bob Murray & Associates does not typically place ads with job aggregators or general job posting sites such as CareerBuilder, Monster, or Indeed, as we have found that the broad reach of these sites does not necessarily lead to quality candidates for executive and professional positions.

# Reaching Diverse Candidates

Bob Murray & Associates, a woman- and minority-owned business, is **proud of its commitment to attracting and placing diverse candidates**. Nearly 50% of our last 100 placements were women; Hispanic placements 25%; African American placements 13%; Asian placements 21%; and Native American placements at 1%. Not only do we place advertisements with websites designed to attract minority and female candidates, but our President, Valerie Phillips, is a member herself of many diversity-focused organizations including the Local Government Hispanic Network, the League of Women in Government, the Professional Women's Network, Mexican Professionals, and Women Leading Government. She networks frequently with fellow members to gain insight into which potential candidates are leaders in their field.

Your Recruiter will seek to reach candidates in communities and organizations with demographic profiles and populations served like that of the City of Hermosa Beach, to maximize the potential for individuals from a wide variety of backgrounds, cultures, and life experiences to be considered for the City Manager position.

#### STEP 3 RECRUIT CANDIDATES

The strongest candidates are often those who are successful and content in their current positions and need to be sold on a new opportunity. Our extensive network of contacts, developed through over 2,100 successful placements, is a primary source for identifying and obtaining referrals for these candidates. Our in-house database of 40,000 current and former executive and professional candidates is a valuable resource that can only be built over time—time that we have invested into perfecting our process for finding the right candidates for our clients. Our aggressive outreach efforts are focused on phone calls to personally invite potential applicants, answer questions, and allay any

reservations, and these efforts are essential to the success of the <position> recruitment.

#### STEP 4 SCREEN CANDIDATES

Following the closing date for the recruitment, your Recruiter will screen all resumes we have received, using the criteria established in the candidate profile as a basis upon which to narrow the field of candidates. Internal candidates receive sensitive consideration, and your Recruiter will discuss with the City how the City of Hermosa Beach wishes to proceed with these candidates.

#### STEP 5 CONDUCT PRELIMINARY INTERVIEWS

Your Recruiter will personally interview the top 10 to 15 candidates from the resume screening, with the goal of determining which candidates have the greatest potential to succeed in your organization. To reduce travel-related expenses to our clients and increase efficiency in the search process, these interviews are typically conducted via Zoom, Teams, or other convenient videoconferencing applications.

#### STEP 6 SEARCH PUBLIC RECORDS

Under the direction of your Recruiter, your dedicated Recruitment Coordinator will conduct a review of published print and online articles for each recommended candidate. Sources include Lexis-Nexis™, Google, social media, and our contacts in the field. This will alert your Recruiter to any further detailed inquiries we may need to make before our recommendations are finalized.

#### STEP 7 MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS

Based on our findings during the preliminary interview process, your Recruiter will meet with the City virtually or on site to share the complete applicant list and recommend a limited number of candidates for your further consideration. Your Recruiter will make specific recommendations and will help facilitate discussions regarding the candidate pool, but the final determination of interviewees will be up to you.

We typically recommend 6-8 candidates that we feel best match your expectations and prepare a detailed report on each candidate. This virtual "Recommended Finalist" eBook is provided to each member of the decision-making body and includes:

- Candidate list with Recommended Finalists identified in Group 1 and Group 2 (primary and secondary recommendations), as well as Internal candidates
- → Summary of experience and education for each Recommended Finalist candidate
- → Complete cover letter and resume for each Recommended Finalist candidate

→ List of Other Applicants (those who did not meet minimum qualifications or were otherwise unsuitable, based on our screening process)

Bob Murray & Associates maintains all search records for a period of seven (7) years following each recruitment, and we are happy to forward cover letters and resumes for each applicant by postal mail or email as soon as the recruitment closes to new applications.

#### STEP 8 FACILITATE PANEL INTERVIEWS

Our years of experience will be invaluable as we help you develop an interview process that objectively assesses the qualifications of each candidate. We will work with the City of Hermosa Beach to craft and implement an interview approach that fits your needs. This may include panel and/or individual interviews by the City Council; key stakeholders, community/employee interview panels; writing and presentation samples; meet-and-greets; or other specialized process elements your Recruiter helps the City of Hermosa Beach to design.

Your Recruiter will be present on-site during the panel interviews to facilitate as necessary during the process and to guide discussion to consensus regarding final candidates. Bound interview books will be provided for each interview panel member containing:

- → Recruitment brochure with candidate profile
- → Interview schedule
- Suggested interview questions
- → Experience summary, cover letter, resume, and rating form for each candidate
- → Ranking forms for use during the panel interview process

We will work closely with your staff to coordinate and schedule interviews. Our goal is to ensure that each candidate has a positive experience, as the way the entire process is conducted will influence the final candidates' perception of your organization.

#### STEP 9 CONDUCT BACKGROUND AND REFERENCE CHECKS

Your Recruiter and your Recruitment Coordinator will conduct detailed reference checks for up to two (2) final candidates. To gain an accurate and honest appraisal of the candidates' strengths and weaknesses, we will talk candidly with people who have direct knowledge of their work and management style. In addition to gaining a 360-degree view of candidates from the perspective of their supervisors, subordinates and peers for the past several years, we will make a point of speaking confidentially to individuals who may have further insight into a candidate's abilities but who may not be on their preferred list of contacts.

Your Recruitment Coordinator will work with the two (2) final candidates and our professional backgrounding firm, HireRight, to conduct credit, civil litigation, and motor vehicle record checks and verify candidates' degrees.

### STEP 10 ASSIST IN NEGOTIATIONS

We recognize the critical importance of successful negotiations and can serve as your representative during this process. Ms. Gaeta Phillips, Mr. Phillips, Ms. Beers, and Mr. Lewis know what other organizations have done to put deals together with great candidates and what the current market is like for City Manager positions in organizations like the City of Hermosa Beach's. Your Recruiter will be available to advise you regarding current approaches to difficult issues, such as housing and relocation. We will represent your interests and advise the chosen candidate and you regarding salary, benefits, and employment agreements, with the goal of putting together a deal that results in the appointment of your chosen candidate. With our proven experience and vested interest in a positive outcome, we can turn a very difficult aspect of the recruitment into one that is straightforward and agreeable for all parties involved.

# COMPLETE ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANCE

We receive many unsolicited testimonials each year from clients and candidates alike noting our prompt, considerate, accurate, and professional service during the search process. Throughout the recruitment, in time intervals that suit the City of Hermosa Beach, we will provide you with updates on the status of the search and attend to all administrative details on your behalf.

Candidates receive immediate acknowledgement of their applications, as well as personal phone calls and/or emails (as appropriate) advising them of their status at each critical point in the recruitment. Candidates who receive preliminary or final interviews and are not chosen to move forward in the interview process will receive personal calls from your Recruiter on behalf of the City of Hermosa Beach.

It is our internal company standard that all inquiries from clients and candidates receive a response within the same business day whenever possible, and certainly within 24 hours if the inquiry is received during the work week. Your Recruiter will be available to the City of Hermosa Beach by office phone, cell phone, and email at any time to ensure a smooth and stress-free recruitment process.

# **COSTS AND GUARANTEE**

#### PROFESSIONAL FEE AND EXPENSES

The all-inclusive professional services fee for conducting the City Manager recruitment on behalf of the City of Hermosa Beach is \$37,000. Services provided for in this fee consist of all steps outlined in this proposal, including design and distribution of the recruitment brochure, advertising, marketing and promotion, administrative support, public records research, comprehensive background reporting on the final candidates, postage, technology, and two days of on-site meetings. This proposal is valid for 60 days from the date of the proposal.

**Optional Services** are listed below and are in addition to the professional services fee. Expense reimbursement for **Consultant travel** related to <u>additional</u> on-site meeting days is billed at the actual rate (airfare/mileage, lodging) and is the responsibility of the City of Hermosa Beach.

The professional fee does not limit the amount of time invested by Bob Murray & Associates in promoting a successful outcome for this project. In fact, our mission for this project is to ensure we assist in identifying the right candidate for the City of Hermosa Beach. Therefore, Ms. Gaeta Phillips, Mr. Phillips, Ms. Beers, or Mr. Lewis will contact the City at the first anniversary of the placement to confirm an effective transition has occurred.

# **Optional Services**

- → Additional virtual stakeholder meetings: \$250/meeting
- → Additional on-site meeting days: \$1,500/day/Consultant, plus travel expenses
- → Online Surveys: \$500/each (includes preparing recommended questions, preparing and sharing the survey link, closing the survey, and sending the survey response data for your review and analysis
- → Additional background checks: \$300/candidate
- → Additional reference checks: \$500/candidate
- → Additional hires: \$9,000/candidate

#### **GUARANTEE**

In the event a candidate recommended by our firm resigns or is terminated within the first 12 months of employment, Bob Murray & Associates will provide the City of Hermosa Beach with professional services to secure a replacement. Services will be provided at no cost, aside from the following *reimbursable* expenses incurred on the City of Hermosa Beach's behalf during the new search:

- → Brochure design and distribution (\$695 reprint only, \$1,275 edit/reflow/reprint)(if needed)
- → Advertising actual costs (estimated at \$2,975)
- → Public records search for all new candidates (\$500)
- → Background Checks (\$300/candidate)
- → Reference Checks (\$500/candidate)
- → Consultant travel reimbursement (if travel is needed)
- → Plus any applicable Optional Services, if desired

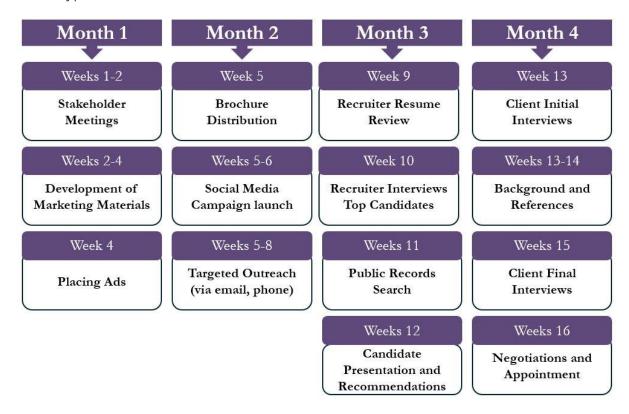
In the event that a placement is not made from the initial recruitment, Bob Murray & Associates will provide professional services to conduct one additional recruitment. Services will be provided at no cost. However, the City of Hermosa Beach will be responsible for the *reimbursable* expenses as noted above.

We are confident in our ability to recruit outstanding candidates and do not expect the City to find it necessary to exercise this provision of our proposal.

# RECRUITMENT SCHEDULE

We are prepared to start work on this assignment upon receipt of a signed professional services agreement or other written, authorized notification. A full search can be completed in 13-16 weeks from the date of initial meetings with our client.

The final recruitment schedule will be determined in collaboration with City of Hermosa Beach. A typical timeline of tasks and events is included here for reference.



# FIRM PROFILE

#### **OUR STAFF**

Bob Murray & Associates is a small firm focusing exclusively on executive search services. We have a team of seventeen (17):

- Bob Murray, Founder
- → Valerie Gaeta Phillips, President
- → Gary Phillips, Executive Vice President
- → Joel Bryden, Vice President
- → Yasmin Beers, Senior Executive Recruiter
- → Adele Fresé, Senior Executive Recruiter
- Stacy Stevenson, Senior Executive Recruiter
- → Jon Lewis, Executive Recruiter
- Stephanie Dietz, Executive Recruiter
- → Melanie Richardson, Executive Recruiter
- → Jeff Mori, Executive Recruiter
- Michael Ishii, Executive Recruiter
- → Ian Schmutzler, Executive Recruiter
- Alexandria Kopack, Recruitment and Operations Manager
- Kathy Lolas, Senior Recruitment Coordinator
- → Grace Marshall, Senior Recruitment Coordinator
- Steph Souza, Recruitment Coordinator

# VALERIE GAETA PHILLIPS, PRESIDENT AND RECRUITER



Ms. Gaeta Phillips has over 18 years of recruiting experience, including more than a decade of recent experience in executive search for public, private, and startup companies nationwide. Since joining Bob Murray & Associates, Valerie has completed over 160 searches in a diverse range of fields, including city and general management, planning, finance, human resources, transportation, communication and public relations, community and economic development, information technology, parks and recreation, and

operations. She has recruited at all levels of municipal and non-profit organizations, from technicians and engineers to Executive Directors and Chief Executive Officers.

Valerie is valued for her passion for finding and retaining the most outstanding candidates for even the most difficult or untraditional assignments and for her commitment to her clients' success; she is also active in a variety of industry organizations and in diversity-focused associations. Valerie is called upon often to serve as an expert speaker on topics such as managing one's online reputation, diversity

issues in municipal and non-profit leadership, and how to identify a positive placement for the organizational culture.

Ms. Gaeta Phillips, along with Executive Vice President Gary Phillips, has a passion for helping people, evidenced by fundraising, sponsorship, and involvement in raising awareness for organizations such as Autism Speaks, the UC Davis M.I.N.D. Institute, and the Northern California Special Olympics.

# GARY PHILLIPS, EXECUTIVE VICE PRESIDENT AND RECRUITER



Since joining Bob Murray & Associates, Mr. Phillips has completed over 125 searches for executives and professionals in a wide variety of fields including animal services, city and general management, planning, legal counsel, cyber security, and human resources. Gary's clients have ranged from municipal government to non-profit and private sector organizations, and he has sourced outstanding candidates for positions from the level of division managers up to City Managers, Executive Directors, and General Managers.

Gary started his career with a New York-based Fortune 100 company and quickly became a Senior Manager, building and running a large customer service organization that eventually expanded to 13 countries in Europe. He proceeded to hold senior leadership positions in several Fortune 500 companies, with noted successes such as building an organization from two to 250 employees worldwide and growing a company from 800 to 1200 employees.

As part of an executive acquisition and recruiting team, Gary helped build a start-up enterprise software company in San Francisco, recruiting top-notch talent and building a world-class organization. He has maintained customer relationships in the public sector and the private sector, including medical and financial institutions. He prides himself on finding key talent and offering the best customer service to his clients.

Mr. Phillips, along with Ms. Gaeta-Phillips, is involved in his community as a soccer coach, as an organizer of fundraisers for Autism Speaks and the UC Davis M.I.N.D. Institute, and as a sponsor of the Northern California Special Olympics. Mr. Phillips received his Associate of Science degree and completed additional coursework at Rochester Institute of Technology, NY.

# YASMIN BEERS, SENIOR EXECUTIVE RECRUITER



Yasmin Beers brings over 33 years of municipal government experience to Bob Murray and Associates. Yasmin retired as the City Manager for Glendale with a population of over 200,000. She served as Chief Executive Officer overseeing close to 2,000 employees serving in Police, Fire, Public Works, Parks, Community Development, Library Arts & Culture, Innovation Performance & Audit, and Water & Power to name a few.

Yasmin's three decades of experience in public service brings extensive background in public sector finance, human resources management, contract negotiations, strategic planning & organizational leadership, policy development, emergency response & planning, team building and performance improvement. Throughout her career, Yasmin has had a great deal of experience in recruiting, selecting and hiring employees for executive and management level positions with a focus on the organizational needs and culture.

Yasmin currently serves on the Glendale Memorial Hospital Community Board of Directors and the Advisory Board for Village Christian School. Yasmin is a past member of Soroptimist International of Glendale where she served as President in 1999/2000. She is a past board member of Glendale Healthy Kids, Salvation Army and the American Red Cross. In 2011 the Glendale Chamber of Commerce recognized Yasmin as Woman of the Year; in 2013 she was the recipient of The Armenian American Woman of Excellence Award; in 2014 Yasmin was recognized by the Glendale Educational Foundation for her distinguished service and philanthropic efforts; in 2015, YWCA awarded Yasmin with the Heart & Excellence Award; in 2017, she was recognized by Business Life Magazine as a Women Achiever; and in 2018 the California State Senate recognized Yasmin as one of the Woman of the Year, each a tribute to her core values that represent her civic responsibilities, volunteerism and community service.

Yasmin has a Bachelor of Arts degree in Political Science from California State University, Northridge and a Master's degree in Organizational Leadership from Woodbury University.

# JON LEWIS, EXECUTIVE RECRUITER



Jon Lewis brings over 30 years of municipal government experience to Bob Murray and Associates. Jon began his career in public service in 1991 with the City of Newport Beach, an iconic coastal community of 53 square miles in Southern California. After successfully working his way through the ranks of the Police Department, he honorably retired in December of 2022 after serving as the Chief of Police for nearly seven years. Jon is known for his commitment to selfless

service, ethical leadership and maintaining longstanding community partnerships. During his tenure as Chief of Police, the Newport Beach Police Department achieved reduction in crime to historic lows through effective, data-driven community policing strategies as well as excellence in emergency response and 911 call answer times.

Jon graduated with honors from California State University Long Beach with a Bachelor of Science degree in Criminal Justice and Speech Communication and holds a Master of Arts degree in Criminal Justice from Chapman University. He is a graduate of several advanced law enforcement training courses including the California Commission on Peace Officer Standards and Training Command College. Jon has authored two university-level textbooks in criminal justice and is an instructor with the Center for Criminal Justice Research and Training at California State University Long Beach.

He and his wife, Darcy, have two children and reside in Orange County.

#### CORPORATION

Bob Murray & Associates was founded in May 2000 and operated under the corporation name MBN Services, Inc. until June 2014; our new corporation name is GVP Ventures, Inc., incorporated in California in 2014. Contact information for the corporation and the firm is as follows:

GVP Ventures, Inc. OR Bob Murray & Associates 1544 Eureka Road, Ste. 180 Roseville, CA 95661 (916) 784-9080 apply@bobmurrayassoc.com

Our corporation and firm are financially sound (and have been so since 2000), with documentation from our accountant available to your organization prior to final execution of a professional service agreement. We have never been involved in any litigation, aside from our personnel serving as expert witnesses when called to do so.

# PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS

Our firm, represented by either our President or our Executive Vice President, are involved in the following organizations to remain engaged with current and future issues relevant to the work we conduct on behalf of clients like City of Hermosa Beach:

- California Special Districts Association
- California City Management Foundation (CCMF)
- → Engaging Local Government Leaders (ELGL)
- → International City/County Management Association (ICMA)
- → International Network of Asian Public Administrators (I-NAPA)
- → League of California Cities
- → League of Women in Government

- Municipal Management Association of Northern California (MMANC)
- Municipal Management Association of Southern California (MMASC)
- → National Forum for Black Public Administrators (NFBPA)

Members of our leadership team not only attend events sponsored by these associations but are also frequently called upon to serve as panel members and to provide specialized lectures regarding industry-specific issues. Recent and upcoming speaking engagements and trainings provided by our staff include:

- → "Role of the Chief" class, annually presented by Jon Lewis on behalf of the California Police Chiefs Association;
- → MMANC and MMASC annual mock interviews;
- → Annual League of California Cities Booth; and
- → Annual League of California Cities City Manager's Conference (City Manager hosted event).

# **REFERENCES**

Clients and candidates are the best testament to our ability to conduct quality searches. Clients for whom Bob Murray & Associates has recently conducted similar searches are listed below:

CLIENT: City of Aliso Viejo, CA

Position: City Manager

**REFERENCE:** Mayor Tiffany Ackley

(949) 425-2510

CLIENT: City of Murrieta Position: City Manager

REFERENCE: Ms. Rosa Vega, Administrative Manager

(951) 461-6010

CLIENT: City of Reno, NV POSITION: City Manager

**REFERENCE:** Ms. Norma Santoyo, Assistant City Manager,

(775) 300-0677

CLIENT: City of Sparks, NV POSITION: City Manager

**REFERENCE:** Ms. Jill Valdez, Human Resources Director,

(775) 300-0677

We appreciate the City of Hermosa Beach's consideration of our proposal and look forward to working with you.

