

ELIA E SORICE

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PROFILE

Urban planning and architecture professional committed to improving, restoring, and shaping the public realm through sustainable community development. Professional planning experience in the public and private sectors with essential roles in zoning code administration, development review, project management, site plan design, and comprehensive planning. Demonstrated ability to collaborate across disciplines, effectively communicate verbally and graphically, and achieve rapid and multiple deadlines in team-oriented environments.

AREAS OF EXPERTISE

- Zoning Code Administration and Analysis
- Land Use Planning
- Public Outreach Facilitation
- Architectural Design and Detailing
- Design Guidelines
- Sustainable Design

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

City of San Jose Planning Division, San Jose, CA
Planner II - Project Manager

Jan. 2017-Aug. 2017

Project Management: Successfully managed over 40 land-use entitlement and preliminary review applications including zonings, site development permits, and conditional use permits. Cultivated and strengthened diverse working relationships with City departments, outside agencies, and project stakeholders to maximize development opportunities, ensure highest levels of productivity, and to meet established City and client deadlines and goals.

Problem Solving & Analysis: Identified development options and aligned formal proposals with City Policy and Ordinance through technical project review, analysis, and strategic design recommendations. Prepared and delivered written and oral reports based on results of the development review process at Director's Hearing, Planning Commission, and City Council.

Public Service & Engagement: Upheld the City's commitment to superior customer service through administration of regulatory documents, facilitation of community meetings, and effective communication of complex planning issues.

KTGY Architecture + Planning, Oakland, CA
Planning Associate

May 2016-Dec. 2016

Land Use Planning: Conducted a full range of planning services including site analyses, yield studies, site plan design, project proposals, and entitlement packages for residential developments of varying scales and densities throughout the Bay Area, Nevada, and Utah. Researched municipal zoning ordinances and general plans to inform design decisions, optimize land-use opportunities for clients, and promote positive growth within local communities.

City of Pittsburgh Department of City Planning, Pittsburgh, PA
Design Review Specialist

Nov. 2012-Nov. 2013

Development Review: Processed multi-scale development applications through the City's Design and Site Plan Review processes. Coordinated Contextual Design Advisory Panel (CDAP) for projects significantly impacting the public realm and presented recommendations to Planning Commission and Zoning Board of Adjustment regarding project support and approval to maintain a transparent planning process.

Comprehensive Planning: Collaborated with consultants and engaged with local communities to develop design guidelines for City's first comprehensive plan, PlanPGH, resulting in an illustrative tool to guide future development and streamline City review processes. Analyzed City Zoning Ordinance for text amendments and PlanPGH recommendations.

Goodwyn, Mills and Cawood, Montgomery, AL
Architectural Designer

Jan. 2010-May 2011

Project Design & Administration: Assigned lead design role in four K-12 projects from conceptual design to construction administration. Prepared construction drawings and selected interior finishes for renovations, additions, and new construction. Performed construction document coordination, code compliance, and product research.

EDUCATION

Carnegie Mellon University, Pittsburgh, PA, Master of Urban Design
GPA: 3.94, MUD Summer Studio 2012, Kigali, Rwanda

2012

University of Notre Dame, Notre Dame, IN, Bachelor's Degree in Architecture
Rome Studies Program 2006-2007

2009

AWARDS & ACCREDITATION

LEED Green Associate
Undergraduate Thesis Prize, Excellence in Classical Architecture Spring 2009
Dean's Undergraduate Award for Design Excellence in Fifth-year Architecture Thesis Spring 2009
Girl Scouts of America Gold and Silver Award 1999, 2001

COMMUNITY

American Planning Association | Congress for the New Urbanism

TECHNICAL

Adobe Creative Suite | Microsoft Office | Google Drive | AutoCAD | Esri ArcGIS 10 | Spanish (Limited Working Proficiency)