

## Lisa L. Kim

### PROFILE SUMMARY

Results-oriented Assistant City Manager and Community and Economic Development Director with a solid history of achievement and delivery of over 250 transformational community projects from brownfield environmental remediation, downtown revitalization, Public Works capital improvement projects, homelessness resource deployment, affordable housing strategies, small business innovation, budget management, organizational assessment, and development services technology. Motivated leader with strong organizational and team-building skills. Areas of expertise include exceptional multi-tasking, efficient budgeting and servant leadership with strong business acumen.

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### SKILLS

- Ability to communicate and act as liaison between departments and agencies in areas of land use development, personnel management, public infrastructure, financial management and budget strategies
  - Demonstrated excellence in consensus building, problem solving and analytical thinking combined with development experience, structured business skills
  - Ability to multi-task with ability to plan, prioritize and managing complex projects under demanding timelines
  - Advocate for advancing innovation with key expertise in team leadership and project management
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### EXPERIENCE

#### **Assistant City Manager, City of Garden Grove**

**(6/19 to Present)**

In addition to my Community and Economic Development Director responsibilities, I was assigned implementation of key City Council priorities in areas of public safety infrastructure and homelessness initiatives. Developed the 2021 Comprehensive Plan to Address Homelessness, administered deployment of the Be Well Mobile Response Team Pilot Program and presently in coordinating the Street Medicine Initiative in collaboration with CalOptima; provided oversight of the Surplus Land Act implementation (Willowick Golf Course and Longsdon Landfill disposition); served as Logistic Chief for City Hall virtual services during COVID; served as a member of management team in the 2022 POA and Police Management labor negotiations; negotiated two billboard relocation agreements valued at over \$20 million; advanced the City's 2020 Community Workforce Agreement in the promotion of local hire initiatives; serve as community liaison and resolve public inquiries; maintain communication with City Manager, City Council, department heads, and external community organizations.

#### **Community and Economic Development Director, City of Garden Grove**

**(4/16 to Present)**

Organizing, directing, coordinating various functions of department operations comprised of the Administration, Office of Economic Development, Planning Services, and Building & Safety Divisions; administer department budget of \$35 million (General Fund, CDBG, HOME, ESG, and RPTTF funds); assigned development and project duties to subordinates; direct preparation of grant administration; responsible for implementation of the Grove District Resort projects totaling \$1 billion; administer real property disposition and asset management; business development efforts with the City's JOBS 1st loan and grant program; administration of Successor Agency activities; directed oversight of the City's Housing Element Update, and ADU streamlining initiatives; administer innovation strategies in code enforcement case management resources to activate 7-day a week staffing; launched the Foods of Garden Grove initiative to support 150 small businesses during COVID recovery; and achieved accreditation of the City's Office of Economic Development through IEDC, the first in the State of California.

**Economic Development Manager, City of Orange**

**(12/11 to 3/16)**

Responsible for the former Redevelopment Agency dissolution including a comprehensive organizational restructuring and wind-down of the City’s Economic Development Department. Oversaw administration of the Oversight Board including Agenda preparation, resolutions, budget analysis, ROPS and Long Range Property Management Plan implementation. Under direction of the City Manager, assigned special projects included: negotiation with eight labor organizations simultaneously; lead project manager/negotiator supporting the OCCMA in the Waste Disposal Agreement extension negotiations for the 34 Orange County cities; member of the City Budget team that reviewed budget requests and achieved consensus on final recommendations.

**Senior Project Manager, City of Orange**

**(10/05 to 12/11)**

Responsible for day-to-day administration of the Redevelopment Agency; oversee negotiation of transactions up to \$20M; served as primary business liaison in the transformation of historic Old Towne Orange; project lead in the rebranding of the Block at Orange to the Outlets at Orange, and the Mall of Orange to the Village at Orange; successful business attraction retailers including: Neiman Marcus Last Call, Sprouts Farmers Market, Off Broadway Warehouse, Lazy Dog Café, Wahoo’s, two Best Buy Stores, and the Block Expansion.

**Project Manager, City of Orange**

**(4/00 - 9/05)**

Prepared and administered commercial rehabilitation loan programs, small business assistance programs; facilitated development of a new 80,000 square foot a new state-of-the art medical campus; negotiated \$5.4 million in assistance for the Village at Orange; provided expedited entitlement assistance including: Best Buy, Home Depot, Old Navy, and Cost Plus World Market; established the West Chapman Reinvestment Strategy which provided small business assistance loans along the West Chapman corridor.

**Redevelopment Project Coordinator, City of West Covina**

**(11/98 to 4/00)**

Administered the City’s Small Business Assistance Program; prepared and analyzed RFPs/RFQs; designed and coordinated publication of Agency’s marketing materials.

**Project Coordinator, City of Pomona**

**(10/94 to 10/98)**

Implemented the Polanco Act to facilitate environmental clean-up of a former municipal landfill; managed Agency’s Capital Improvement Projects; assisted in the preparation of development agreements, property lease documents, and RFPs; served as liaison to business community; co-authored a successful Cal-EPA Brownfields Grant; and developed and implemented a \$450,000 Master Sign Program for the Pomona Auto Center.

**EDUCATION**

Master of Public Administration, University of Massachusetts Global  
Bachelor of Science in Urban and Regional Planning, California State Polytechnic University

**AFFILIATIONS AND ACTIVITIES**

American Planning Association - Orange County Chapter (APA-OC)	Orange County Asian Pacific Islander Community Alliance (OCAPICA)
Commercial Real Estate Women – Orange County (CREW-OC)	Planning Directors Association of Orange County (PDAOC)
International Council of Shopping Centers (ICSC)	United Way of Orange County (eMentorship Program)
Korean American Chamber of Chamber Orange County (KACCOC)	Vietnamese American Chamber of Commerce (VACOC)

**HONOR AND AWARDS**

2023 John H. Nail Memorial Award recipient from the League of California Cities - City Managers’ Department  
2022 API Leadership Award from Senator Tom Umberg  
2022 Women of Distinction in Public Service from Congresswoman Michelle Steel  
2020 SBA Community Excellence Award from the Orange County/Inland Empire SBA District Office