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WORK EXPERIENCE:

Pisces Planning, Inc. dba - Community Leadership Strategies

Founder and Principal Consultant | May 2024 – Present

- Established and lead a consulting firm focused on public affairs, strategic planning, facilitation, and community engagement advocacy.
- Provide consulting services to organizations in the areas of leadership strategy, community engagement, and advocacy.
- Lead initiatives to support nonprofit and educational sectors in implementing community-focused strategies for organizational growth.

California Charter Schools Association (CCSA)

Vice President, Local Advocacy and Member Support | 2022 – April 2024

- Led local advocacy efforts and member support services across California to foster the growth and sustainability of charter schools.
- Worked closely with charter school leaders, local officials, and stakeholders to advocate for policies that support charter school operations and student success.
- Managed relationships with local authorizers to address issues related to charter school petitions, renewals, and policy oversight.

Vice President, Regional Advocacy | 2012 – 2022

- Co-led an 18-person statewide team focused on regional charter school advocacy.
- Developed local charter school policies that supported the needs of over 1,200 charter schools.
- Partnered with internal teams on state law and policy changes affecting charter school operations.

Managing Regional Director, Southern California | 2010 – 2012

- Oversaw charter school advocacy and member service efforts for Southern California, supporting over 200 charter schools.
- Engaged with local school boards and charter school authorizers on policy issues.
- Led a team responsible for advocacy and support services to ensure charter school success.

WIS International

National Account Manager | 2004 – 2012

- Managed a \$15 million portfolio of inventory services for major retail clients, including CVS Caremark, Petsmart, and Albertsons.
- Built and maintained relationships with executives to secure long-term business growth.

San Diego Unified School District

Manager, Administrative and Legislative Services | 1999 – 2004

- Led legislative and regulatory advocacy for a district serving 125,000 students.
- Collaborated with the Superintendent and Board of Education to develop strategic planning initiatives.

EDUCATION:

- Master of Arts, Public Administration, The George Washington University, Washington, D.C.
- Bachelor of Arts, Political Science and Business Economics, University of California, Santa Barbara

COMMUNITY SERVICE AND RECOGNITIONS:

- Copley-Price YMCA Board of Directors – 15 Year Board Member, Golden Triangle Recipient
- Member of the Old Mission Rotary Club – 20-year member, Past President, Paul Harris Fellow
- Former Vice President, Public Relations for the Friends of Kate Sessions Elementary
- San Diego Metropolitan Magazine's 40 Under Forty Honoree