

ELIAS ISAACSON

AIA, AICP, LEED AP

PROFESSIONAL SKILLS

- Adaptive Leadership
- Creative Problem Solving
- Strategic Thinking
- Project Management
- Data Analytics
- Written/Verbal Communication
- Registered Architect (currently unlicensed)

SOFTWARE SKILLS

- AutoCAD/SketchUp
- Adobe Creative Cloud
- ArcGIS/Map/Online
- Microsoft Office 365
- Google Workspace

PERSONAL SKILLS & INTERESTS

- Spanish Language
- Outdoor Cooking
- Wilderness Emergency Care

WORK EXPERIENCE

Community Development Director

City of Santa Barbara, CA

July 2021 - Present

Responsible for the full management responsibility for all Community Development Department services and activities including all City planning, building safety, and housing activities and the development, administration, and implementation of the City's general plan. Also provide highly responsible and complex administrative support to the City Manager and elected officials.

- Directing and organizing the activities of five Divisions and over 80 employees to support the Department's mission, and implementation of the City's land use, development, and growth management policies
- Developing and managing the department budget, and allocates funds to accomplish the land development goals and objectives of the City

Planning and Land Use Director

City of Santa Fe, NM

May 2018 - June 2021

Responsible for the management of the overall administrative activities of the Planning and Land Use Department, and providing leadership enforcing the City's Land Use Codes and Ordinances while assisting elected officials and Land Use Boards to reach decisions on growth and planning matters.

- Directing and organizing the activities of seven Divisions and 65 employees to support the Department's mission, and implementation of the City's land use, development, and growth management policies
- Developing and managing the department budget, and allocates funds to accomplish the land use goals and objectives of the City

Planning and Land Use Director, Interim City Manager

City of Espanola, NM

March 2016 - May 2018

Responsible for all administrative functions necessary for the daily operations of the Planning and Land Use Department, including preparation and presentation of staff reports to the Planning Commission. Also oversaw the drafting, adoption, and implementation of a new Comprehensive Plan and Land Use Code Revision.

- As Interim City Manager, responsible for the management of 145 employees across nine City Departments, including Police and Fire

Architectural Designer

da Silva Architecture

September 2010 - March 2016

Responsible for the preparation of design and construction documents for the construction of custom residential properties. Also participated in the Construction Administration of several large new residential projects, including an 10,000 sf residence in Santa Fe County, NM.

- Design, Construction Documentation, and Construction Administration for Morningstar Hacienda and Observatory
- Office Administration duties, including but not limited to website design and maintenance, IT system design and administration, marketing, and client development.

EDUCATION

Master of Architecture

University of New Mexico

2009 - 2012

Concentration: Social Enterprise and Environmental Design

Special Assistant to the Dean of the School of Architecture + Planning (2011)

Master of City Planning, Master Certificate of Urban Design and Development

University of Pennsylvania

2005 - 2007

Concentration: Physical Planning and Design, with interdisciplinary coursework in both the Wharton School of Business and the Department of Landscape Architecture and Regional Planning (Master Certificate of Urban Design and Development)

Bachelor of Arts in Geography

University of Wisconsin

1998 - 2002

Concentration: Economic Geography and Regional Studies

HONORS & AWARDS

2018 Award for Excellence in Comprehensive Planning

American Planning Association-NM Chapter

Espanola, NM Comprehensive Plan (Planning Director/Project Manager)

Certificate of Achievement

AIA Christopher Kelley Leadership Development Program (2020)

Certificate of Achievement

Northern Heritage Leadership Institute (2017)