

MARK SOHANEY

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Dear Members of the Boca Raton City Council,

I am writing to express my interest in the City Manager position for the City of Boca Raton, as advertised. With a career spanning over 37 years in municipal administration and strategic planning, I bring proven expertise in enhancing community engagement and economic stability through strategic leadership and operational excellence. My extensive experience in managing large, complex infrastructure projects aligns perfectly with Boca Raton's commitment to community development and sustainability.

- Led a historic military installation transformation, prioritizing infrastructure modernization valued at \$30.8 billion, aligning with Boca Raton's needs for sustainable development.
- Managed the operations of extensive infrastructures, effectively supporting a community similar in scale and diversity to Boca Raton, ensuring seamless integration of civilian and government functions.
- Spearheaded public administration initiatives that enhanced community services and engagement, directly improving quality of life for over 93,000 residents.
- Developed and executed a significant comprehensive land development plan that improved infrastructure resilience, addressing environmental challenges akin to those faced by coastal cities like Boca Raton.
- Coordinated disaster and emergency response strategies, enhancing community preparedness and resilience - essential skills for managing Boca Raton's subtropical climate challenges.

The City Manager role in Boca Raton is a unique opportunity where I can leverage my strategic planning capabilities and my experience in large community management to make a significant impact. I am excited about the possibility of working collaboratively with the City Council to achieve Boca Raton's goals, particularly as the city approaches its Centennial celebration. My track record in strategic governance, combined with my commitment to public service, will ensure effective management and progressive growth for the city.

Thank you for considering my application, and I look forward to hearing from you.

Warm regards,

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CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

With over 37 years of extensive leadership and operational expertise, a proven track record has been established in managing multi-agency government entities, particularly within military and civilian sectors. Strategic initiatives have been successfully overseen, involving collaborations with government officials aimed at enhancing community engagement and economic stability. Notable accomplishments include spearheading infrastructure projects exceeding multi-billion-dollar valuations with a strong focus on sustainability and strategic development.

- **Demonstrated expertise in strategic planning and budget management**, effectively optimizing large budgets while maintaining financial stability and fostering economic growth.
- **Proficient in emergency and crisis management**, leading initiatives that prioritize safety and resilience, collaborating with local government agencies to enhance disaster preparedness.
- **Skilled in political navigation and communication**, adept at building alliances and conveying strategic objectives to varied audiences, ensuring seamless coordination across diverse stakeholders.

Core Competencies:

City Management | Aviation and Airport Management | Facilities Management | Construction Operations | Strategic Planning | Project Management | Budget Management and Financial Analysis | Infrastructure Modernization | Real Estate Development | Emergency and Crisis Management | Regulatory Compliance and Environmental Sustainability | Stakeholder Engagement and Relationship Building | Cultural and Community Engagement | Diplomatic and Political Acumen | Global Site Management | Leadership and Command

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Chief Executive Officer

(2022 – 2024)

Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam – Pearl Harbor, HI

- Led the transformation of the most strategic, historic, and complex military installation in the world.
- Oversaw construction, facilities management, and base operations supporting a community of 93,000 individuals, and over 4,000 facilities collectively valued at approximately \$30.8 billion.
- Managed a dual-use military and civilian international airport, and extensive deep-water naval port facility, including 12 geographically dispersed annexes across 28,000 acres.
- Directed over 4,300 personnel while integrating recapitalization projects exceeding \$12 billion, managed a \$300 million budget while achieving all mission objectives and construction goals.
- Developed and implemented strategic initiatives for a comprehensive land development plan that emphasized major utility and facilities recapitalization while prioritizing sustainability.
- Spearheaded the development of major capital improvement projects, including a \$1.4 billion Biodiesel Plant and Solar Farm, a \$1.2 billion Wastewater Treatment Plant, and a \$750 million Water Treatment Plant, with a focus on sustainability, sea level rise adaptation, and environmental cleanliness.
- Led the seamless integration of the Navy's largest \$4.5 billion construction project to date, ensured the Dry Dock project was executed without disrupting base operations or impacting the community.
- Directed the continuous integration of \$1.2 billion in repairs for piers and wharves, enhancing the readiness and resilience of essential infrastructure without interrupting naval operations.
- Managed complex air operations and \$1.1 billion in airfield construction, coordinating with Daniel K. Inouye International Airport while collaborating with all stakeholders to ensure smooth coordination, supporting thousands of DoD flight operations, and hundreds of high-profile missions and events.
- Collaborated with city, state and elected officials to create a \$200 million project, enhancing emergency evacuation for Honolulu County in response to hurricanes, wildfires and other natural disasters.

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Chief Executive Officer (2019 – 2022)

Naval Air Station Key West – Key West, FL

- Largest employer and landowner in the Florida Keys, committed to remaining open during the COVID-19 pandemic was crucial for the military, but also for the economic stability of Monroe County.
- Navigated these unprecedented challenges prioritizing the safety and welfare of over 5,000 personnel across an extensive 5,800-acre installation, encompassing 35,000 square miles of airspace, comprising of more than 500 facilities valued at \$2.5 billion.
- Oversaw a complex airfield with multiple runways and coordinated daily flight operations with Key West International Airport, ensuring the safe execution of over 30,000 flights and 500,000 passengers annually.
- Recognized expert in emergency and crisis management, collaborated with Monroe County leadership through hurricanes and other emergencies, ensuring safety, sustainability, and resilience.

Executive Assistant to the Director of Maritime Operations (2018 – 2019)

U.S. Pacific Fleet – Pearl Harbor, HI

Managed maritime operations across the Indo-Pacific region, overseeing a diverse force of 200 ships, 900 aircraft, and 145,000 personnel; administered a \$15 million budget to ensure operational readiness and mission effectiveness in addressing complex regional challenges and enhancing U.S. strategic interests.

Director of Contingency Plans (2017 – 2018)

U.S. Pacific Fleet – Pearl Harbor, HI

Spearheaded the development and execution of comprehensive contingency plans critical to enhancing operational readiness in the Indo-Pacific region; proactively addressed emerging global threats, fostering inter-agency collaboration and ensuring the Fleet's strategic response capabilities were robust and adaptive.

Officer-in-Charge, Boeing P-8A Poseidon Fleet Introduction Team – Jacksonville, FL (2014 – 2017)

Chief Executive Officer, oversaw the Navy's largest maritime aircraft transition program in over 50 years, directing the \$25 billion strategic integration of the P-8 Poseidon aircraft into naval operations; led international training initiatives for allied nations, ensuring operational readiness and enhancing global maritime security.

Commanding Officer, Patrol Squadron Twenty-Six – Jacksonville, FL (2012 – 2014)

Chief Executive Officer, led a diverse team of 525 people while directing all maritime patrol operations in the Pacific during a highly strategic deployment involving intricate coordination with allied forces, enhancing multinational maritime security efforts and ensuring a seamless integration within a coalition environment.

Country Director for Australia and New Zealand (2011 – 2012)

U.S. Indo-Pacific Command – Camp Smith, Hawaii

Orchestrated comprehensive defense and security strategies for engagements between the U.S. and key partners in Australia and New Zealand, enhancing mutual military cooperation and strategic alliances.

Executive Assistant to the Director for Strategic Planning and Policy (J-5) (2010 – 2011)

U.S. Indo-Pacific Command – Camp Smith, Hawaii

Delivered exceptional high-level operational support to the J-5 Director, playing a pivotal role in developing and executing strategic initiatives that aligned with U.S. national security objectives in the Indo-Pacific region.

EDUCATION

NAVAL WAR COLLEGE, MA, **National Security and Strategic Studies**, Newport, RI
SAN DIEGO STATE UNIVERSITY, BA, **Economics, Summa cum laude**, San Diego, CA

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REFERENCES

Jake Johansson, Volusia County Council Member

Jim Scholl, Monroe County Commissioner, District 3

Michelle Lincoln, Monroe County Commissioner, District 2

Rick Blangiardi, Mayor of Honolulu

Sean Brandenburg, Chief of Police, Key West FL

Stephen Barnett, Rear Admiral, U.S. Navy
Commander, Navy Region Hawaii

Monica Gramling, Colonel, U.S. Air Force