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Elbert L. Waters is Principal of E.L. Waters and Company, LLC a Planning and Development Consulting firm. Bert has over thirty years of successful planning and management of complex urban development projects, private sector planning and land development consulting with specific emphasis in the areas of: Urban Development; Community Services Management; Land Use and Zoning; Community and Economic Development; Urban Real Estate/Finance Development; Neighborhood Redevelopment; Affordable Housing Development/Finance; Urban Design; Neighborhood Job/Training; Neighborhood Commercial Revitalization. In addition, he has extensive financial, operating programs, capital budget/managerial, Municipal and federal administration. Bert served as Broward Service Center Director, South Florida Water Management District, responsible for water resources and development for the Broward County and its thirty-one (31) cities (pop. 1.7 million).



Bert served as the Assistant City Administrator for the City of West Palm Beach, Florida. He was responsible for management oversight of economic development services, which included the Planning and Zoning Department; Construction Services; Code Enforcement; and Executive Director of the Community Redevelopment Areas (CRA).

Bert served as the Director of Community Planning & Development for the City of North Miami, Florida (4th largest city in Miami-Dade County). He was responsible for management of the department, which included Planning and Zoning, Code Enforcement (C.A.R.E.), Economic and Business Development, Building and Inspections, Engineering and Construction Management and the CDBG/State Housing Initiative Program (S.H.I.P.). Bert served as a Community Builder Fellow, U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, serving as the federal coordinator under HUD for the Miami-Dade Empowerment Zone Trust, Inc. The Empowerment Zone is a \$25.0 Million economic development initiative for Miami-Dade County.

Bert served in various positions with the City of Miami, Florida, as the Director of Community Development/ Housing (\$30.0 Million budget); Assistant Director of Planning, Building and Zoning (\$4.0 Million budget); Chief of Land Development, Planning and Development Department; Neighborhood Administrator; and Urban Designer/ Downtown Planner for the Planning Department. Bert helped develop the 1994 Miami/Metro-Dade County Empowerment Zone application, the Wynwood SAFE Neighborhood Improvement District, and the Wynwood Foreign Trade Zone. He helped create four (4) Urban Redevelopment Plans that provided economic opportunities for residents of Southeast/Overtown Park West, DuPont Plaza, and the Model City/Liberty City areas of Miami. Bert is a Life Member of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc., former board member of the Urban League of Greater Miami, Inc., and current board member of the Urban League of Broward County, and former member of One Hundred Black Men of South Florida, Inc. Bert was the Executive Director and Cofounder of the Community Design Center of Columbia, Inc., and a neighborhood planning/design nonprofit organization in Columbia, South Carolina. Also, he served as a member of the Planning Accreditation Board (an Affiliate of the American Planning Association), Site Visit Team.

Bert received a Bachelor's of Technology in Architectural Engineering from Florida A&M University; Master's in City Planning/Urban Design from Georgia Institute of Technology; and a Juris Doctor degree from the University Of Miami School Of Law. Mr. Waters is a John L. Loeb Fellow in Advanced Environmental Design, Harvard University Graduate School of Design. In addition, Mr. Waters completed the U. S. Department of Housing & Urban Development, Community Builder Fellows, Executive Program in Public Management, Harvard University John F. Kennedy School of Government. Also, he is an ELI Fellow, Executive Leadership Institute, National Forum for Black Public Administrators. Bert is an avid Jazz Trumpet/Flugelhorn player.