JON WIZARD

Public Service &
Public Safety

QUALIFICATIONS SUMMARY

Public servant with over 11 years of experience in policy creation and evaluation; public relations and strategic communications; and affordable housing development. Vocational degrees in criminal justice and fire technology, an undergraduate degree in public relations, and a graduate degree in the humanities. MPA degree in progress.

AREAS OF KNOWLEDGE AND PROFESSIONAL SKILLS

• Land Use & Zoning

- Social Justice in Public Policy
- Public Relations

- Affordable Housing
- Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion
- Strategic Communication

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Housing Elements Coordinator - YIMBY Law: 12/2020 - present

• Compile, organize, and distribute information about the progress of more than 200 California cities' long-range housing plans; train, coach, and motivate volunteers to engage in the planning process; and identify deficiencies in these plans and submit comment letters and reports to public agencies and the State of California to improve the final adopted plan

Commissioner - Housing Authority of the County of Monterey: 02/2020 - 04/2023 (term)

• Supervise the housing authority's executive director and ensure appropriate and legally compliant provision of the housing choice voucher, public housing, farm labor housing, and tax credit affordable housing programs

Public Relations Manager - Habitat for Humanity Monterey Bay: 10/2019 - 11/2020

• Develop and publish media campaigns, cultivate news media interest in organizational activities, facilitate interviews and news coverage with local media outlets, write and manage philanthropic and public grants, and negotiate with landowners and local government partners in search of affordable housing development sites

Council Member - Seaside City Council: 12/2018 - 12/2022 (term)

• Develop and approve annual budgets; adopt, rescind, and amend local ordinances; hear appeals to staff and commission decisions; appoint people to advisory commissions; supervise and evaluate city executive staff; participate in council meetings; work with the public to improve the community

Commissioner - Monterey County Planning Commission: 12/2017 - 12/2018

• Conduct public hearings on incremental developments and general and specific area plans, and on matters concerning implementation of those plans, including zone changes, subdivisions, and variances

Deputy Sheriff – San Benito County Sheriff's Office: 02/2015 - 12/2017 Police Officer – San Luis Obispo Police Department: 07/2013 - 09/2014

- Facilitate the pursuit of justice and keep the peace by completing investigations, questioning witnesses and suspects, gathering evidence, and taking statements for later presentation in criminal court proceedings
- Engage community members and build relationships with the public through community-oriented policing, public outreach, and public education programs

FORMAL EDUCATION

Master of Public Administration (exp. 06/2022)
California State University Dominguez Hills

BS in Public Relations, Minor in Anthropology San Jose State University | 05/2011 Master of Arts in Humanities 05/2018
California State University Dominguez Hills

Thesis: The Militarization of Police Across the United States as a Result of the Events Occurring During the 1990s in Los Angeles