

# Alison Kerr

Professional, creative, and effective leader with over twenty years experience delivering complex and large-scale international, federal, city, educational and non-profit strategic, financial, and communications management.



## EXPERIENCE

### NAVAL POSTGRADUATE SCHOOL

STEM Action Officer & Internship Program Manager **2007 - 2023**

Created, executed, and monitored STEM internship portfolio for 250 world-class researchers and 800 next-generation scientists and engineers.

- Planned, scheduled, and coordinated all activities, including Meet & Greets, Orientation, lab tours, special speakers, and field trips.
- Taught professional development and research skills, in person and Sakai.
- Developed and launched first NPS partnerships with local Hispanic Serving Institutions, and Dept of Energy.
- Ensured compliance with university and naval policies and procedures.
- Evaluated program operation, finance, and process effectiveness.
- Created and managed budgets, and contracts. PI for ONR funding.

Cebrowski Institute Program Manager. **2005 - 2020**

Collaborated with subject matter experts/thought leaders on emergence and evolution of cross-discipline research projects. Managed multi-million dollar budgets and contracts, created branding and project events.

Executive Education Event Planner **2002 - 2003**

Stage setter of national security courses for upper echelon officers of all military branches, domestic and international.

**MAYOR** City of Del Rey Oaks, Ca. **2018 - 2022**

First female, progressive mayor. Campaigned and led on transparency, sustainability, and civic engagement. Fiscally responsible.

- Created communication channels with Zoom and Mailchimp to disburse COVID, city and regional information.
- Created civic engagement opportunities, including Mayor's Advisory Committees, and first-ever Parks & Recreation Committee.

**ASSOC PRODUCER/PROJECT MANAGER** **1997 - 2002**

Garthwait & Griffin Films

Developed US and European messaging and distribution channels for Tibetan freedom movement documentaries and education campaigns.

- Established first-ever film tour for Dalai Lama's 2001 US visit.
- Collaborated with Nobel Laureates, members of the entertainment industry, and international human rights organizations.

## EXPERTISE

- Critical Thinker
- Strong, Effective Communicator
- Integrous & Discrete
- Agile Problem-Solver
- Collaborator / Team Player & Independent
- Keen Eye for Design & Detail
- Analytical & Curious

## SERVICE

- Co-Founder & Co-Chair, Sustainable DRO, a 501(c)3 entity
- Co-Founder, Monterey Improv
- Big Brothers, Big Sisters of America
- Former Board Member:
  - California League of Cities Community Services Policy
  - Transportation Agency of Monterey County

## RECOGNITION

- President's Partnership Award, Hartnell College
- Woman of Influence, California League of Cities

## EDUCATION

**BACHELOR OF ARTS** **2005**

Human Communications  
CSU, Monterey Bay