Linda K. Soto

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BACKGROUND SUMMARY:
I have extensive experience; successfully working in the private and public sector. I am passionate about pursuing community projects and policies offering residents, local schools and businesses a better quality of life and a higher level of success.

PRIVATE SECTOR WORK HISTORY 1979-1997
Primarily in a management capacity employed by a variety of industries, ranging in size from small to major corporations such as Revlon, WMS Industries/Bally and Equifax.

GOVERNMEMNT WORK EXPERIENCE:

Lake County Transportation Alliance (LCTA)
Suite 280
One Overlook Point
Lincolnshire, IL 60069
847-597-1224

Part-Time Executive Director
November 2017 – Present
Lake County Transportation Alliance (LCTA) is a public-private advocacy group created to raise awareness and build consensus on development and implementation of short and long-term transportation goals and objectives in Lake County. Areas of interest include highways, commuter rail, bus transit, freight, air service, and bikeways and pedestrian walks. Our organization coordinates efforts to influence the application of local, county, state, federal and private resources to mitigate the traffic congestion impacting Lake County's residents and businesses.

LCTA's core purpose being improving the quality of life in Lake County through a multi-modal transportation network that provides mobility and economic opportunity for all.

Pace Suburban Bus
550 W. Algonquin Road
Arlington Heights, IL 60005
847-364-7223

Board of Directors Member, representing Lake County (appointment position)
October 2015 – Present
Pace is a public mass transit government organization that is overseen by the Regional Transportation Authority. Pace provides bus service to the Chicago collar counties and northern suburban Cook County. Pace also provides paratransit to these same areas plus the City of Chicago. The Board of Directors is a governing body that meets once a month to set policies for corporate management and oversight with representation from each collar county, suburban Cook County and Mayor of Chicago's ADA office.

Village of Hainesville
100 N. Hainesville Road
Hainesville, IL 60030
847-223-2032

Mayor - May 1997-2001, May 2009-2013 & May 2013-2017
Trustee, Police Commissioner- May 1995-1997

I served three full years as a dually elected Mayor of Hainesville. As mayor, I served as the chief executive officer of the village and presided over all meetings of the Board of Trustees and performed all duties as required by the village code and state statute.

Major Village Accomplishments:

1995-Led Citizen Committee for funding and building of first park in Hainesville. Facilitated turning over new park to Grayslake Community Park District.
1996-Chaired Public Works Committee, hiring a professional water operating firm for municipal water system.
1997- As Mayor appointed professional planner to lead Board of Trustees on creating the first Village Comprehensive Plan.
1998-Round Lake Park-Hainesville Police Department created through intergovernmental agreement between both villages providing local 24 hour police coverage for Hainesville for the first time.
1999-Adopted long overdue updated and recodified municipal code.
2007-Adopted wetlands &woodlands committee as a standing committee for oversight of removal of invasive species and native restoration.
2010-Graysalke-Hainesville Police Department created through intergovernmental agreement between both villages ensuring local 24 hour police coverage for Hainesville.
2013-Worked out an intergovernmental agreement with the Lake County Building Department to provide village building code enforcement and manage permit process.

Local Government Boards and Organizations:

- Solid Waste Agency of Lake County (SWALCO) served on both the Executive Board and the Legislative Committee.
- JETS Board –CenCom 911
- Grayslake Community High School District #127 Long Term Planning Committee
- Grayslake Central Athletic Booster Club Board Officer
- PTO Officer CCSD #46-Grayslake, IL - Prairieview and Frederick Elementary