

INTRODUCTION:

I am an overachiever who thrives in a fast-paced environment with excellent communication and organizational skills in a management role and with my co-workers. I exemplify respect and high morale within the workplace and know the empowerment of employees will allow us to achieve goals and objectives to improve and enhance operations. I have often functioned as a liaison between political and government officials. I can communicate, moderate, and work with various personalities and diversities. I have been a Director and manager for approximately 30 years and had to supervise multiple divisions and departments. My performance and work history have proven to exemplify good judgment and fair assessment of critical situations that seriously impact an organization.

EDUCATION:

1997-2000	Bachelor of Arts Business Management/Finance, Belmont Abbey, summa cum laude
1984-1987	Associates Business Management & Finance, Gaston College
1984	Graduate of Temple Christian High School

EMPLOYMENT:

2021-2022	Director of Compliance, Catawba Nation Gaming Commission
2012- 2021	Director of Solid Waste, City of Gastonia (Retired)
2010-2012	Director of Building Services, City of Gastonia
1997-2010	Code Enforcement Administrator/Deputy Director of Community Improvement
1994-1997	Housing Inspector, City of Gastonia
1991-1994	Code Enforcement Officer, Gaston County

VISION STATEMENT:

My vision is to bring proven leadership, government best practices, budgeting expertise, and organizational efficiency to better serve our citizens and tribal government.

My goal is to support collaboration with citizens to better understand the needs of the community. This will enable leadership to create a priority list to direct resources where there are gaps that need to be closed. I have proven leadership skills that have been tested in challenging environments, I want to use these skills to foster an enhanced working relationship between our tribal staff and elected leaders.

Our constitution is sacred and I want to ensure that it is upheld and that the General Council wishes are upheld on every front. Accountability is an important part of being a leader, I will hold myself and others accountable to the General Council for all current and future decisions. My vision includes a grassroots organization mindset to create a Nation that will remain strong and viable for many generations to come, always infusing our culture into our daily practices and living environments for all citizens near and far.