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Why I Want to be on the Board

Impact fees are critical in creating communities that provide a high quality of life. Too often agencies do not have the tools and understanding to properly establish and maintain their programs. When I first found myself involved in the implementation and development of impact fee programs, I scoured the web for books and information on impact fees and came up fairly empty handed. My desire is to be a part of establishing GIC as the go-to resource for impact fee development and administration; to provide a resource where ideas, court cases, and best practices are shared thus promoting more robust impact fee programs. Besides helping to rebrand the organization, as a member of the board I am interested in contributing by writing and sharing information on the blog, authoring papers, sharing court cases, responding to questions on the listserv and serving as a speaker and moderator at the annual conference. I would also be interested in helping to host classes or smaller gatherings in California.

Biography

Alison Bouley is a true team-player, thriving in environments where she can accomplish the challenges presented by her clients through team motivation. She is currently the Director of the Public Finance Group at Harris and Associates and is the leader of their Development Impact Fee group.

During Alison's twenty (20) year career she has provided program management and financial engineering services to cities, counties, and special districts on a wide variety of project types, with a focus on AB1600 development impact fees and acquisition audit services. She has also been involved in Community Facility District (CFD) and Assessment District (AD) formation services as well as Utility Undergrounding Districts. Alison excels in a program management role providing oversight on complex development projects including the development of master plans, EIR's, specific plans, development agreements, acquisition agreements and other development related agreements.

Alison is a licensed Civil Engineer and holds Bachelors in Civil Engineering and Engineering Management from the University of the Pacific. She is a member of American Society of Civil Engineers (ASCE), California Society of Municipal Finance Officers (CSMFO), and Municipal Management Association of Southern California (MMASC). She has served as secretary of ASCE and was responsible for starting a local chapter of ASCE's Younger Member Forum.

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Bio:

Byron Flagg works for the law firm Robinson & Cole, LLP in Miami. As a member of the firm’s “Real Estate and Development Group,” he handles land use, environmental and real property matters in Florida. His work involves representation of property owners, businesses, local governments, and non-profit organizations that need advice and solutions on matters that include: land use development projects, environmental permitting, zoning, comprehensive planning, HOA/COA issues, variances, special use permits, boundary disputes, easement rights, eminent domain and inverse condemnation, coastal projects, FEMA floodplain issues, wetland and conservation easement issues, environmental enforcement and compliance matters, as well as regulation of navigation and boating in state waters. His experience involving growth and infrastructure issues involves advising developer clients on application of impact fees to development projects and development agreements, serving as of-counsel to local governments on drafting land development regulations and comprehensive plans, as well as having served on the City of Gainesville’s Development Review Board. He has also handled litigation involving stormwater infrastructure design, maintenance and failure in Florida. Byron Flagg is a U.S. Coast Guard veteran, Native Floridian, Florida Gator, former Assistant State Attorney (prosecutor) and former Assistant General Counsel for the St. Johns River Water Management District. He is a member of the American Planning Association (Florida Chapter), American Bar Association, Florida Bar, Eighth Judicial Circuit Bar, Broward County Bar, and Miami-Dade Bar Associations.

Statement as to why I would like to serve on the Board of Directors:

Anyone who has grown up in Florida (like myself), or whose family has lived in Florida for multiple generations (like my family), has experienced their community’s challenge of providing adequate infrastructure for rapid growth and how to pay for it – either from an unsophisticated point of view (i.e. “...they need to fix the damn pot-holes”) to a more sophisticated perspective of a professional planner or policy-maker. Watching my dad serve as a City Commissioner in Gainesville, FL when I was a kid taught me at an early age that local government officials and staff spend most of their time ‘governing’ by figuring out how to pay for needed infrastructure or fix aging infrastructure. As a land use attorney, I’ve seen from the developer side how private investment in projects quickly folds as soon as it’s clear the developer will have to pay way too much toward a water supply project to serve their development. But from the government perspective, I’ve also seen how the St. Johns River Water Management District’s commitment to long-range, well-planned, and well-funded projects has made improvements to water quality in the lower St. Johns River Basin. I would be happy to serve on GIC’s Board to work on developing platforms and events to bring these types of different perspectives together. I would like to be a part of GIC’s mission to educate the public and more importantly, our local elected officials. I believe providing education to newly elected public officials about infrastructure financing and planning is either lacking or non-existent, but that GIC members have the knowledge and training to provide this service. I would like to help GIC organize simple educational presentations to governing boards around the state and country and to improve the GIC website so that it can be a go-to resource for local governments. The GIC website should be updated frequently and recruiting for new members should also be a priority. I’m willing to spend the time and effort to help get GIC’s mission accomplished.



TO: Clancy Mullen, Secretary
Growth and Infrastructure Consortium

FROM: Benjamin Griffin, Senior Fiscal / Economic Analyst
TischlerBise, Inc.

DATE: September 29, 17

SUBJECT: GIC Board Member Election Bio

I'm seeking support for election to the Board of Directors. As a newcomer to GIC, I hope to offer a fresh look at the organization and provide the "new energy" desired by current officers.

Since joining TischlerBise, I have conducted over 30 impact fee studies in 10 states. These fee studies include fees for parks and recreation, open space, police, fire, schools, water, sewer, roads, sanitation, stormwater, and general government facilities. Working in communities across the country, and collaborating with colleagues regarded as experts in the field of infrastructure finance, allows me to stay on the cutting edge of developments in methodology and changes to the laws governing impact fees across the country.

I hope to utilize my skills and new perspective as a member of the Growth and Infrastructure Consortium Board of Directors. By continuing its support for collaboration between experts in this field and members of the public sector, this organization can raise awareness of impact fee basics, develop more rigorous calculation methodologies, and advocate for fees that are sensitive to each community's unique characteristics. I feel this information sharing not only allows for the continued development of the best possible fee methodology and structure for each community but also allows us all to move forward by working together.

Thank you for your consideration.