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Senior consultant with 5 years of experience in philanthropy and political strategy and project management and over 15 years of experience in political and civic organizational leadership, strategy, and management. Addresses clients' needs with more than advice and ideas and helps *put ideas into action* through strategic planning and writing, project management, fund development, and clear and engaging communication for internal and external audiences.

- Focusing and implementing philanthropic goals and strategies;
- Scoping and managing short and long-term projects;
- Facilitating Digital and in-person communities for learning, network development, and resource creation;
- Sharpening the use of media, public policy, and other advocacy tools;
- Creating learning opportunities that stretch donors' thinking and energize them to act.

Education

Cleveland State University | Cleveland, OH
Master of Public Administration | 2008
Certificate, Nonprofit Management

Saint Vincent College | Latrobe, PA
Bachelor of Arts, History | 2005

Experience

Project Consultant, Cuyahoga Valley Group
Akron, OH | 2015 – Present

Cuyahoga Valley Group is a small, project-focused firm. Focused on clients working across a wide range of philanthropic, civic engagement, and political issues. Key recent projects include:

- Manage and facilitate the [Leap Ambassadors Community](#), a community of nonprofit thought leaders, leader practitioners, forward-looking funders, policymakers, and instigators who believe that mission and performance are inextricably linked. Our audacious vision is to trigger a vital core of the social sector to embrace the importance of high performance.
- Strategized and launched engagement and data pathways, metrics, and goals for organizations or coalition groups focused on mobilizing voters to participate in the civic and electoral process. in using virtual tools and relational organizing.
- Developed civic engagement plan for the Knight Foundation's [Knight Cities Challenge Grant](#) in Akron. Stretching over a 6-month period, delivered a comprehensive and inclusive learning circuit to ensure all corners and constituencies in the city were empowered to dream and share big ideas for the city of Akron.

Additional Professional Experience

Community and Development Director | International Institute of Akron | 2016 - 2017

Executive Director, Political Director | Ohio Democratic Party | 2011 – 2015

Deputy Field Director | We Are Ohio, No on Issue 2 Campaign | 2011

District Director, Scheduler | Office of Congresswoman Betty Sutton | 2009-2011

Obama for America | Ohio | 2008

Research Assistant | Cleveland State University | 2006- 2008,

Public Policy and Advocacy Fellow | Girl Scouts of the USA | 2006

Civic Engagement

Summit County Council | Councilwoman At-Large, Vice President

United Way of Summit County | Financial Empowerment Advisory Board

Summit County Land Bank | Board Member

Girl Scouts of Northeast Ohio | Community Engagement Committee