

PAUL VORNHOLT

SUMMARY OF QUALIFICATIONS

Management	Reputation for efficiency and effectiveness in high pressure, deadline situations where multiple tasks need to be prioritized within a wide variety of disciplines.
Communication	Over twenty years of serving as a public liaison have taught me how to communicate with government agencies, business groups, professional organizations, media, internal staff and the public. I have become a successful spokesperson because of my ability to build relationships with groups of differing philosophies.

WORK EXPERIENCE

Office of the Mayor

*Chief of Staff – Milwaukee, Wisconsin
April 2018 – Present*

Manage on behalf of the Mayor the operations of the City with oversight of all City departments and coordination of special projects and interdepartmental initiatives. Responsible for the implementation of all policies set by the Mayor. Provides professional advice to the Mayor and a variety of officials, departments, boards and commissions concerning the development, implementation and administration of the policies, goals, regulations, and statutory requirements related to the administration and operation of the City.

Port of Milwaukee

*Port Director - Milwaukee, Wisconsin
August 2012 – June 2018*

Manage day to day operational, administrative, human resources and financial activities of the Port. Provide support and oversight to the Market Manager, Finance Manager, Chief Engineer and Operations Manager. Administer existing leases, maintain tenant relationships and market available land for business expansion. Provide administrative support and advice to the Board of Harbor Commissioners in their governance role. Maintain collaborative relationships with Mayor, Common Council, State and Federal agencies representing the Port. Oversee and assist in the development and expansion of business and trade opportunities through identification of new markets and expansion opportunities with current product lines and use of the Port's Foreign Trade Zone. Work with Department of City Development, M7, MMAC, WEDC on common economic development goals and initiatives. Oversee staff of 21 FTE and \$4.8 million budget.

City of Milwaukee

*Director, Division of Intergovernmental Relations - - Milwaukee, Wisconsin
June 2007 – March 2012*

Appointed by Mayor to be the city's advocate before state and federal governments. Directed efforts to increase Milwaukee's share of government aids. Built inter-governmental coalitions to accomplish city priorities and further the goals and objectives of the Mayor and Common Council. Assisted city departments in identifying, applying and competing for state and federal grants. Advised city departments and operations in regulatory initiatives. Developed and maintained strategic relationships with associations, professional networks and government constituencies. Managed large-scale public policy initiatives for the Mayor and Common Council.

Milwaukee Mayor Tom Barrett

Staff Advisor - Milwaukee, Wisconsin

January 2005 – June 2007

Interim Communications Director

August - December 2005

Policy Director for the Mayor's *Workforce Initiative* and *Urban Transit Agenda*.

Liaison to the city departments of Intergovernmental Relations, Election Commission, Port and Health. Liaison to institutions of higher education, labor and community foundations. Responsible for outreach with key stakeholders. Represented the Mayor's office to constituent groups. Provided counsel on strategic communications.

Wisconsin Department of Justice – Office of the Attorney General

Administrator, Division of Management Services - - Madison, Wisconsin

January 2003 – May 2004

Appointed by the Attorney General to lead the Bureaus of Budget and Finance, Human Resources and Computing Services to provide operational support within the Department of Justice. Primary responsibilities included development of the \$154 million budget, financial tracking, recruitment, collective bargaining functions, technology planning and facility needs. Assigned to supervise Attorney General's executive office staff comprised of constituent relations, outreach, communications and legislative relations.

Brown County Executive Nancy Nusbaum

Assistant County Executive - - Green Bay, Wisconsin

January 1996 – August 2001

Provided direct assistance to the Chief Elected Official of Wisconsin's 4th largest county. Advised and counseled all policy and administrative decisions. Developed and advocated for adoption of annual Executive Budget in excess of \$180 million. Directed intergovernmental relations program with local, state and federal elected representatives and agencies. Represented the County Executive at public meetings, hearings and ceremonies. Served as liaison to 33 Department Heads, 24 County Board Supervisors and provided independent decisions in the Executive's absence. Coordinated community and media relations outreach. Served as the County's Emergency Management Public Officer.

Wisconsin State Assembly

Leadership Administrative Aide and Caucus Director - - Madison, Wisconsin

August 2001 – May 2002

Legislative/Research Assistant

January 1989 – January 1994

Coordinated Assembly Democratic Agenda – developing themes, identifying appropriate legislation, mobilizing grassroots organizations and planning media and floor strategies. Directed and performed analysis on policy and strategy. Developed and implemented new administrative policies, procedures and operations. Administered staff, internship program, committee operations and budget. Executed legislative agenda and strategy. Drafted legislation in cooperation with legal staff. Reviewed proposals and provided analysis.

Non-Profit Work

Executive Director, Progressive Wisconsin, Inc. - - Madison, Wisconsin

May 2002 – December 2002

Managed a 527 political organization overseeing all aspects of an emergent and growing organization as determined by the coalition's stakeholders. Promoted education and collaborative goals through strong grassroots mobilization and citizen participation. Evaluated goals and objectives to produce annual reports and budget.

District Director, Muscular Dystrophy Association - - Green Bay, Wisconsin

January 1995 to January 1996

Administered operations for a 17 county district raising over \$325,000 annually. Supervised patient services and clerical staff. Produced, directed and coordinated local broadcast of "Jerry Lewis Labor Day Telethon."

Education

University of Wisconsin - Green Bay - Attended

University of Wisconsin – Madison – Attended