Rich Bell, MCP

Project Officer Active Living by Design

Rich Bell has wide-ranging, high-level experience in managing nonprofit organizations and projects, planning, building and supporting community partnerships and initiatives, training community-based organizations and leaders, fundraising and providing strategic advice and technical assistance in the fields of land use and environment, affordable housing, community development and adult education. Prior to his current role, Mr. Bell was Executive Director of the North Carolina Smart Growth Alliance.

Previously, he served as Executive Director of South Eastern Efforts Developing Sustainable Spaces (SEEDS), Director of Resource Development (U.S. Western Region) for Habitat for Humanity International, Inc. and as a Community Planner and Project Manager for the Spanish Speaking Unity Council. Mr. Bell began his work with nonprofit organizations by serving as Director of Development and Community Relations, and later as Executive Director for Literacy Volunteers of America-California. He also worked as a Writer/Analyst for Pagan International, an issue management firm in Washington, DC, and as an Economic Assistant in the U.S. Embassy in Bogota, Colombia.

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