



TARIK RAHMANI



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Executive Leader passionate about driving strategic change by building strategic, innovative solutions that harness people, technology, and information to solve problems, drive efficiency, and produce meaningful outcome.

Widely recognized by colleagues for his ability to navigate complex challenges, Tarik Rahmani has built a career centered on innovation and collaboration. With a career spanning over two decades in local government, he has become a key figure in municipal management and financial stewardship.

As the current Deputy City manager for the City of Carson, Tarik oversees the Finance Department, Public Information department, Information Technology and Security department, Innovation and Sustainability department, among other key areas. His leadership also extends to his tenure as President of Finance department with the League of California Cities, where he continued to contribute to the advancement of financial management practices across the state.

Tarik's career began in public education, where his role as an Accountability, Assessment and Research Officer helped shape his focus on data-driven decision-making. Transitioning into local government, he further honed his expertise in long-range financial planning and performance-based budgeting, working for the City of Seattle as Senior Economist. His work in budget management and strategic financial forecasting earned him opportunities to collaborate on regional initiatives, such as eCityGov Alliance and the Community Connectivity Consortium.

Tarik holds a Master's degree in Agricultural Economics and Econometrics from New Mexico State University. His academic foundation informs his analytical approach to operational management, with a focus on economic development policy, modeling, and statistical analysis.

Tarik currently lives in Irvine, California with his wife, and 10-year-old son, Rani. In addition to his professional achievements, Tarik is an active participant in his community. He coaches youth sports and enjoy spending time with his son, especially on the soccer field or basketball court.

Core Competencies

- ❖ Strategic Coastal and Land Use Planning
- ❖ Cultural Arts and Community Planning
- ❖ Public Infrastructure and Utilities Management
- ❖ Sustainability Initiatives & Environmental Stewardship
- ❖ Labor Relations and Workforce Engagement
- ❖ Economic Development and Policy Implementation
- ❖ Budgeting, Forecasting & Financial Analysis
- ❖ Public Engagement and Stakeholder Collaboration
- ❖ Urban Preservation & Revitalization
- ❖ Alternative Transportation Planning
- ❖ Intergovernmental & Cross-sector Partnership Relations

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Experienced Local Government Management Executive

Executive Leader who is passionate about strategically bringing people, information, innovation and technology together to solve problems, improve outcomes, and inspire excellence.

Areas of Expertise

- ❖ Budget, Accounting & Internal Control
- ❖ Treasury & Investment
- ❖ Local Government Strategic Planning
- ❖ Inter-governmental Relations
- ❖ Public Information & Engagement
- ❖ Capital Improvement Programs
- ❖ Information Technology & Innovation
- ❖ Labor Relations
- ❖ ERP Implementation
- ❖ Public Works & Utilities
- ❖ Sustainability
- ❖ Economic Development
- ❖ Organizational Assessment
- ❖ Performance Management

Experience

2021 - 2024
League of California Cities
Los Angeles, CA

President of Finance

Represents the Department on the League's Board of Directors and works in conjunction with the other members of the Executive Committee to support the priorities of the

California cities and overseeing the Mayors and Council Members goals. Assisting and providing high-quality service to cities and their citizens

2022 - PRESENT
City of Carson
Carson, CA

Deputy City Manager

Reports directly to the City Manager and manages the Sustainability, Innovation and Performance Management Department.

of the City's operating budget, Capital Improvement and Infrastructure Program, financial and fiscal programs, and on-going enhancement of the City's revenues.

Oversees: Finance Department, Information Technology & Security Department, Public Information Office, Innovation, Sustainability, and Performance Management Office

- Works closely with the City Manager and Executive Management Team to monitor the organizational structure, staffing, service levels, and administrative systems required to accomplish the goals and vision of the City Manager and the City Council effectively and efficiently.

- Serves as the City's Chief Financial & Innovation Officer responsible for the financial development and management

2019 - 2023
City of Carson
Carson, CA

Finance Director

Serves as the City's Chief Financial Strategist and responsible for the financial development and management of the City's operating budget, Capital Improvement and Infrastructure Program, financial and fiscal programs, and on-going enhancement of the City's revenues.

City Council effectively and efficiently.

- Reports directly to the City Manager and manages a department of approximately 38 full-time and 10 part-time employees which includes Revenue, Financial Accounting, Purchasing and Budget divisions.

- Responsible for all strategic and tactical matters related to budget management, cost benefit analysis, forecasting needs, and securing of new funding.

- Works closely with the City Manager and Executive Management Team to monitor the organizational structure, staffing, service levels, and administrative systems required to accomplish the goals and objectives of the City Manager and the

- Leads the technical and managerial competency in accounting, internal control, auditing, budget, forecasting, financial analysis, planning, debt issuance and management, risk analysis, allocation of resources and service levels to meet residents and business community.
- Oversees the operation of Finance division functions, activities and programs, sets objectives and manages the performance of subordinate staff engaged in defined activities.

2014 - 2019
Bellevue, WA

Executive Finance Officer

The eCityGov Alliance is a government agency that was formed by nine Washington State cities and over 20 public agencies located in the Puget Sound (Seattle area) as an inter-local governmental partnership with a mission of providing convenient and consistent online services to the public.

- Ensures that eCityGov Alliance Programs, from proposal development throughout execution, are compliant with the goals set by the Executive Board. This includes

developing strong business plans and managing programs to the plan, providing necessary resources and adhering to budget authority.

- Leads the responsibility for all finance services and activities including accounting, budget, contracts, grants management and risk management.

2014 - 2019
City of Bellevue
Bellevue, WA

Finance Manager

- Oversees the City's fiscal operations including accounting, budget, treasury, payroll, retirement, revenue, purchasing and procurement, Utility rates financial models and budget analysis programs through subordinate staff.

- Member of City's Management team supervises staff and manages the daily operations of all financial and business-related operations. Leads and manages the City's Performance Management program

- Develop and direct goals, objectives, policies, and procedures for the City's

financial operations. Recruiting, training, developing and supervising financial and administrative staff, ensuring performance expectations are communicated and met

- Built strong and productive relationships between city departments, and external stakeholders and outside agencies to foster a climate where the organization can accomplish its priorities set by the City Council and City Manager

2011-2015
City of Seattle
Seattle WA

Finance and Operations Manager

- Manages the City's operating budget by developing and providing recommendations for strategies, policies, and long and short-term goals to effectively deliver the Mayor and City Council priorities

- Plans, organizes, directs, and coordinates the work of supervisory, professional, technical, and administrative personnel; delegate authority and responsibility; and select, supervise, train, and evaluate staff

- Leads teams tasked with analysis of the City budget, policies, systems and processes and develop recommendations for improvements to ensure quality services across the organization's various lines of business

- Provides regular and reliable coaching and feedback to ensure exceptional customer service

- Leads and oversees the development of the City's annual budget with Mayor's Office, City Budget Office and City Council

- Manages the development of the Annual Operations Plan, subject to the Council

approval, that authorizes operating and capital budget allocations, as well as personnel allocation, and identifies revenues to support planned expenditures

- Year-end revenue and expenditure projections; preparation of 6-year financial plan; and fund balance reviews.

- Oversee the enterprise activities including vendor contracting, operational support, financial analysis and revenue forecasting/ performance monitoring

- Possess an in-depth understanding of a robust municipal finance operations and partnerships with the citywide departments with ability to be strategic and see the big picture

2008- 2011
 Seattle Department
 of Transportation
 Seattle WA

Senior Economist

- Identification and estimation of the economic and financial consequences of the local and national economy, policy and management decisions on the City's revenues and expenditures forecast
- Forecasting the City's revenues, expenditures, econometric modeling, economic-impact analysis, and financial modeling to help the Mayor and City Council adopt a a balanced operating and capital budget
- Applied econometric and financial models to the City's major departments and programs including Transportation, Planning and Economic Development, Information Technology, Public Libraries System, Utilities and financial feasibility analyses for public and private developments
- Surveyed and analyzed three public policy areas: Transportation, Affordable Housing and Local Economic Development with key policy recommendations to the Mayor and City Council
- Developed rate proposals for the Seattle department of Transportation. Structured cost centers, sources of data, and basis of various forecasts to be part of the City's biennial rate adjustment process for various permit fees and charges
- Leads a team of operational and capital budget analysts to help develop the City's biennial operating budget, carrying out budget-related functions, and overseeing fiscal and financial planning activities
- Provides technical assistance, training, and support to the City departments in performing financial functions.

2002- 2008
 Las Cruces
 Public Schools District
 Las Cruces, NM

District Officer -Accountability, Assessment & Research

- Prepare statistical data models, matrices, analysis and reports for all district schools and projects
- Use advanced modeling techniques such as mixed models, competing risk models, and econometric models
- Assists in both-district wide and state testing programs and data analysis for long and short-term plans
- Generates programs for departments conducting different types of analysis (budget, federal programs, policies)
- Assists in research and interpretation of research by statistical and econometric forecasting methods
- Uses the district databases and information systems to provide timely information to facilitate decision-making (STARS: Student Teacher Accountability Reporting System, ESIS).

Education

2004 **Masters of Science:**
 Agriculture Economics & Economics
 New Mexico State University; Las Cruces, NM
 Minor: Econometrics and Statistical Modeling

2001 **Bachelors of Science:**
 Enterprise Financial Management
 University of Carthage; ESAM, Tunisia
 Minor: Economic Policy

Language

Fluent (written and verbal) in French

Awards

- ELGL Top 100 Local Government Influencer
- The Los Angeles Business Journal 2022 CFO Award Finalist - Los Angeles, CA
- The Los Angeles Times 2021 CFO & CEO Leadership Award - Los Angeles, CA
- The City Manager's 2017 Innovation Award –Bellevue, WA
- The Best Educator of the year, 2006 –Las Cruces, NM

Selected Publications

Ward, F. A., B. H. Hurd, T. Rahmani, and N. Gollehon (2006), **Economic Impacts of Federal Policy Responses to Drought in the Rio Grande Basin, Water Resources**. New Mexico State University and USDA, Economic research Service <http://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/doi/10.1029/2005WR004427/epdf>

Tarik Rahmani, Lenda Crawford (2012), **Seattle Department of Transportation, Street Use Cost Center, Rate Model Methodology** https://docs.google.com/document/d/1ETU6blkqFOJaZRU-wG7PIkwD5oG-4_vleMjI3DzDjcg/edit
 W. Hoppler, S. Mallory, T. Rahmani (2013), **Seattle Municipal Buildings. 2011-2012 Energy Performance Report** <http://www.seattle.gov/Documents/Departments/OSE/EBR-muni-buildings.pdf>

T. Jones, T Rahmani (2016), **eCityGov Alliance 2017-2018 Budget**. http://www.ecitygov.net/Document%20for%20Links/Budget%20Documents/02_2017-2018%20Budget%20Workbook_eCityGov%20Alliance.pdf

Financial Systems & Analytics:

- ERPs & Financial Systems: PeopleSoft, Summit, Oracle, JD Edwards, Munis, Hyperion, Amanda, Power BI, Tableau
- Querying and reporting from large-scale databases (SQL, SAP, PeopleSoft, Summit, Hansen, AS400, ESIS, SQL)
- Statistical and Econometric Programming (SAS Enterprise, SAS/BASE, SAS/JMP, EViews, SPSS, Excel).
- GAMS Optimization Software, linear and non-linear programming
- Survey Analysis Scantron software (Scan Tools II, Design Expert), hardware, and digital scanners (OpScan).
- Platform/Applications: Windows/NT, MS Office (Excel, Word, Visio, Access, PowerPoint, Outlook Exp)

Professional Affiliations

- The California Society of Municipal Finance Officers
- The League of California Cities
- The Government Finance Officers Association
- Member of Seattle City Club
- Member of the Seattle SAS Users Group, and Pacific NW SAS Users Group: <http://goo.gl/Qynzjk>
- Member of New Mexico State University's Sam Steel Society: <http://goo.gl/qD89rS>
- Board member of the Washington Moroccan Association (WAMA): www.wama-us.org
- Board Member of the Arab Center of Washington (ACW): <http://www.arabcenter.net/>

Conference Presentations and Participation:

- 2021: State and Local Roles in Building and Measuring Fiscal Resilience (League of California Cities Annual Conference)
- 2019: California Society of Municipal Finance Officer (Annual Conference)
- 2018: Law, Taxes & Accounting for Not-for-Profit Organizations (Clark Nuber, Bellevue)
- 2017: 7 Habits Signature Program (Dancing Shepherd, Seattle)
- 2017: Financial Planning and Analysis –AICPA (Las Vegas)
- 2017: Courageous Conversations, Beyond Diversity –Pacific Educational Group (Bellevue)
- 2017: Great Leaders, Great Teams for The Public Sector (Bellevue)
- 2017: Fierce Conversations –Fierce Inc (Bellevue)
- 2016: It's Not What We Say, It's How We Say it –CPM (Bellevue)
- 2016: Information Technology Financial Management Association Conference (Seattle)
- 2014: DRIVE Conference: Data, Reporting, Information, Visualization and Exchange (Bellevue)
- 2013: American Library Association – Mid-Winter Annual Conference (Seattle)
- 2012: Computational Finance and Financial Econometrics, University of Washington (Seattle)
- 2010: United States Census, Automated Export System (AES) Compliance Seminar (Seattle)
- 2009: Pacific Northwest SAS Users Group Conference (Portland, OR)
- 2009: City of Seattle, Race and Social Justice Training Seminar (Seattle)
- 2007: GFOA, "What Every Finance Professional Needs to Know about Internal Controls"
- 2007: NMSU "Leadership Institute for teachers/MC2 Program" – Mathematically Connected Communities

CAREER AT A GLANCE



2019 - Present

Deputy City Manager | CITY OF CARSON

2015 - 2019

CFO | eCityGov Alliance

2015 - 2019

Finance Manager | CITY OF BELLEVUE

2008 - 2015

Finance Operations Manager | CITY OF SEATTLE

In the past 18 years, galvanized the financial operations and enhanced the budget process of 3 organizations ranging in size from small, medium to large, multibillion-dollar operating budget with focus on new funding strategies and long term financial planning

CITY OF CARSON

Management of complex budget & financial affairs of Cities

Greatly Enhanced Efficiency & Productivity

Expertise in Implementation of Technology & Innovation

Bond Issuance, Debt Financing, & Management

- Improved City of Carson's Bond rating to an "AA -" for the first time since 1980s.

- Helped increase Carson's General Fund reserve reaching the highest levels.

- Fiscal Year 19-20 showed the highest GF reserve at \$45.2M (48% of budget)

- State Auditor has recently ranked Carson in the top quintile(69th out of 454) of cities in California for finance resilience

- Led Carson's Pension Obligation Bond financing which resulted in eliminating City's outstanding UAL to CalPERS and saving the City approximately \$47.3 million over the next 20 years.

- Led a s successful Transaction & Use Tax (Measure K) on November 3, 2020 generating \$12 million new revenues.

- Conducted citywide audit of Oil Refineries identifying more than \$4 million additional annual revenue in Oil Business Tax.

CITY OF BELLEVUE

- Oversaw development of the City's \$480 million budget and 1,380 FTE operating budget

- Collaborated with 14 departments and City Council on managing a structurally balanced budget while maintaining the City's AAA bond rating

- Negotiated agreements and updated policies to strengthen the Reserve Fund to reach record-high levels

- Developed and implemented technology and innovative communication tools to improve the public's access to budget and financial information

CITY OF SEATTLE

Oversaw the development and management of the City's \$4 billion and 11,200 FTE operating budget

- Operations analysis and management of a breath of City services including police and fire functions; health and human services; public works and utilities

- Helped stabilize the City's budget following the Great recession,

closing \$117 million in General Fund deficits and rebuilding fiscal services to record-high levels

- Provided strategic vision to improve the City's budget process

- Key member of the Mayor's cabinet, Operations Committees, Labor Policy Committee and Emergency Operations Committee