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Executive Summary

A transformative, energetic, and thoughtful leader with a demonstrated ability to manage complex issues in difficult environments, drive matters to resolution, and lead teams to outstanding achievements.

Professional Experience

ILLINOIS GENERAL ASSEMBLY

1995 to Present

Illinois' 12th District

STATE REPRESENTATIVE

As the representative of the constituents of Lakeview, Lincoln Park, and the Near North Side of Chicago to the Illinois State Assembly, earned a statewide reputation as an effective legislator and champion of healthcare, human services, and adoption reform.

- Chair, Human Service Appropriations Committee, overseeing a budget in excess of \$23 billion.
- Authored and has driven the outcome of complex legislation on human services program evaluation and performance-based outcomes, adoption reform, healthcare reform and other critical issues.
- Maintains outstanding relationships with fellow legislators, forges bipartisan, policy-driven coalitions with officials and leadership, healthcare providers, labor and management, the LGBT community, and, most importantly, the constituency of Illinois' 12th District.
- As a top-tier candidate in a crowded field for United States Congress in 2009, raised over \$1M in 91 days. Garnered support and endorsements of Emily's List, NOW, SEIU, Feminist Majority, Women's Action for New Direction (WAND), WomenCount, Asian American Action Fund of Greater Chicago (AAAFGC) and Americans for Democratic Action.
- Manages a staff of three professionals in Chicago and Springfield, as well as a large corps of dedicated volunteers and campaign staffers during active campaign periods.

SKF CONSULTING, Inc.

1989 to 1994

Chicago, IL

PRINCIPAL

Launched a successful, privately-held venture that provided political consulting and fundraising services to prominent politicians and not-for-profit organizations. Successfully served a diverse range of clients and organizations including:

- Citizens for John Cullerton
- Schoenberg for Illinois House
- Joe Berrios for Board of Tax Appeals
- David Orr for Cook County Clerk
- Peg Breslin for State Treasurer
- Halevi Choral Society
- Better Boys Foundation
- Central Lakeview Merchants Association

OFFICE OF STATE SENATOR JOHN CULLERTON

1982 to 1993

Chicago, IL

CHIEF OF STAFF

Provided day-to-day leadership and management of State Senator John Cullerton's staff in Chicago and Springfield.

- Managed constituent outreach and service centers, providing effective problem solving for a multitude of issues of importance to local citizens.
- Managed scheduling.
- Drafted legislation.
- Negotiated with stakeholders on key issues.
- Recruited and managed staff and interns.
- On a volunteer basis, provided effective fundraising to support Senator's successful re-election efforts.

CONSULATE GENERAL OF ISRAEL, MIDWEST OFFICE

1980 to 1981

Chicago, IL

EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT

Responsible for providing a wide range of administrative support to the counsel for Press and Information in the Office of the Counsel General of the State of Israel.

- Directly managed contact with electronic and print media.
- Managed scheduling and logistics for visiting diplomats, officials and delegations.
- Developed, organized, scheduled and administered programs promoting contact between Israeli and American youth.
- Handled requests to the Speakers Bureau, drafted press releases and provided outreach services to the Chicago community.

UNITED STATES CENSUS BUREAU, MIDWEST REGION

1979 to 1980

Chicago, IL

ASSISTANT DISTRICT MANAGER FOR RECRUITING

Recruited, interviewed, hired, trained and was responsible for the ongoing supervision of 23 staff members. Supervised the successful hiring and training of 630 census employees.

Education	B.A., Political Science and Speech and Performing Arts <i>Northwestern Illinois University, Chicago</i>	1976-79
	Fellow, Illinois Public Health Leadership Institute	1997