

Scott Mitnick

Scott has over three decades of public service experience with six California local governments, with over 20 years at the executive level. He recently served as El Segundo City Manager for over 2 ½ years. El Segundo is full-service urban city serving a beachside community of 17,000 residents and over 78,000 private sector jobs operating within an expanding local economy. The City has 350 employees, a total annual budget of \$160 million, and is home to a wide range of businesses from small “creative economy” start-up enterprises to medium-size growing firms to large Fortune 500 companies that are known across the globe.



From January 2017 to March 2019, Scott served as County Administrator for Sutter County in northern California. In this role, he led and stabilized an organization of over 1,000 employees with a budget of \$325 million providing an array of public services to 100,000 residents spread across 600 square miles.

Scott previously served the City of Thousand Oaks (Ventura County) for 17 years, with 11 years as City Manager. In this role, he managed 500 employees with a budget of over \$200 million. With a population of over 130,000, Thousand Oaks has a long history of implementing progressive financial strategic management. He led the organization through the Great Recession of 2008-2010 with minimal public service impacts (even while reducing the workforce by over 100 employees). He balanced the City's budget each year. In the early 2000s, he developed and implemented one of California's first multi-year Financial Strategic Plan documents which was used to weather the Great Recession and ensure long-term financial stability. On his watch, Thousand Oaks maintained very healthy reserves and obtained an implied General Fund AAA bond rating.

Other prior positions held include: Yuba City Administrative Services Director (1996–1999), Burbank Budget Officer (1994-1996), Burbank Assistant to the City Manager (1992-1994), Burbank Financial Analyst/Budget Analyst (1989–1992), and Brea Budget Analyst (1987-1988).

Scott also held brief senior level private sector positions, including: 1) A Director position with KNN Public Finance based in Downtown Oakland; and, 2) A Managing Director position with Stifel Public Finance in Downtown Los Angeles.

Throughout his career, Scott has been actively involved in promoting good government and sound financial management, including authoring articles, editing financial books/articles, and serving as a guest lecturer to university classes at Chinese universities, UCLA, USC, Syracuse University, Bristol University (England), CSUN, CSUF, CLU, and University of Wisconsin, Madison.

He obtained a Master of Public Administration (State and Local Government Public Finance Concentration) from Syracuse University's Maxwell School of Citizenship and Public Affairs and a Bachelor of Arts in Political Science with Honors from California State University, Fullerton. He spent his junior year studying Political Philosophy at Bristol University in England.

Scott is married to Mia (a former public elementary school teacher) and has twin 21-year-old boys (Matthew and Michael). Matthew earned a BA Degree in Political Science from the University of Wisconsin, Madison and is currently working on a MPA Degree in Public Finance at the University of Washington, Seattle. Michael earned a BA Degree in Political Science from the University of Washington, Seattle and will begin law school in August 2022.