

Cheryl Harrison-Lee, ICMA-CM, AICP

Cheryl Harrison-Lee started her career in municipal government with the City of Gainesville, Florida. Ms. Harrison-Lee holds a graduate degree from the University of Florida, a Bachelors Degree from the University of South Carolina and completed the Harvard Kennedy School of Government, Senior Executives in State and Local Government program.

Ms. Harrison-Lee's experience includes employment in statewide, regional, and local government sector as well as private consulting firms. She was a municipal administrator in Florida for almost three decades. Her municipal experience includes the City of Orlando, City of Daytona Beach, and City of Titusville.

Ms. Harrison-Lee served as District Manager for Public Transportation with the Florida Department of Transportation, where she was responsible for state oversight of various district-wide capital projects at Orlando International Airport, Daytona Beach Airport, Orlando Regional Transit Authority and Port Canaveral. Her experiences include studying municipal issues statewide, nationally and internationally. She was selected to take part in a United States delegation to Hong Kong and Japan on an International Transit Study Mission to learn about land use, development and transportation. Her work was published nationally in *"Technology and Joint Development of Cost Effective Transit Systems in the Asian Pacific Region"*.

Significant professional accomplishments include master plan approval for a \$457 mixed use urban entertainment center, developing a plan for reuse of the Orlando Naval Training Center and annexation and master plan for development of 7,500 acres the home for the Burnham Institute, Nemours Children Hospital, Veterans Administration Hospital, and University of Central Florida Medical School.

She served as City Administrator for the City of Gardner and led the negotiation efforts for a \$14 million Hampton Inn Hotel and Conference Center, added to the tax base and created over 180 jobs for a \$38 million industrial facility, Excelligence and positioned the city for more that \$200 million in economic development projects. Additionally, she led the City of Gardner to achieve its first national award

recognition for Excellence in Performance Management by introducing the “best practice” Priority Based Budgeting and a new strategic plan.

She was featured nationally in *Essence* magazine for her accomplishments in the profession and recognized by the University of Florida with the Distinguished Alumnus Award. Ms Harrison-Lee’s professional recognitions and affiliations include International City Management Association, American Institute of Certified Planners, American Planning Association, and University of Florida Board of Regents Fellow. She is a credentialed manager through the International City Management Association (ICMA). Ms. Harrison-Lee has served on university boards for the University of Central Florida, University of Florida and Bethune Cookman College. She served as a member of ICMA Strategic Planning Task Force, MARC Sustainability Committee and currently serves as Vice-Chair for the Kansas Board of Regents.