

EVANGELINE THRUWAY
REDEVELOPMENT TEAM

RESUME LIST:

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[DELIVERY BY EMAIL ONLY]

Re: City Council re-appointment to the Evangeline Thruway Redevelopment Team

Dear Vee,

Please accept this letter as an expression of my willingness to be re-appointed as a member of the Evangeline Thruway Redevelopment Team ("ETRT"). I have been involved in the work of the ETRT in one capacity or another since its formation. My role as the Executive Director of the Lafayette Public Trust Financing Authority, has allowed for a degree of interconnectedness that I believe has benefitted both organizations. I have attached my resume.

In the last several years the work of the ETRT has led directly to more than \$20 million in funding for needed infrastructure projects along the Thruway. Over the next year, the ETRT will be conducting an economic analysis of the area of the Thruway that, when the I-49 Connector is built, will be the site of the so-called "Grand Boulevard." This analysis will help shape planning and policy decisions that could have a significant impact in the future.

The damage done by decades of disinvestment along the Thruway must be reversed. The ETRT has the responsibility to advise the City Council on potential investments in the corridor. I believe the ETRT has been successful, and I would ask for the privilege of continuing to help with that work.

Please let me know if you have any questions.

Sincerely,



Kevin Blanchard

KEVIN BLANCHARD

Myrtle Place, Lafayette, LA 70506

EDUCATION

Paul M. Hebert Law Center, Louisiana State University, J.D./D.C.L., *2011, cum laude*

Louisiana State University, Baton Rouge, B.A., Journalism, *1998*

WORK EXPERIENCE

Lafayette Public Trust Financing Authority, Executive Director, *2020-present*

Southern Lifestyle Development, Chief Operating Officer, *2015-2020*

Lafayette Cons. Gov., Public Works Dir., *2014-2015*, Chief Development Officer, *2013-2014*

Onebane Law Firm, associate attorney, *2011-2013*

Louisiana Law Review, Editor-in-Chief, Volume 71, *2010-2011*

Cox Communications, consultant, *2008-2011*

Baton Rouge Advocate, Acadiana Bureau, government and politics reporter, *1999-2008*

Baton Rouge Advocate, City Desk, entry-level reporter, *1998-1999*

ACTIVITIES

Evangeline Thruway Redevelopment Team, *2020-present*

Fix the Charter, Board of Directors, *2018*

Leadership Institute of Acadiana, Chair, *2017-2018*, Board of Directors, *2014-present*

One Acadiana, Board of Directors, *2013-2019*

Evangeline Thruway Redevelopment Team, Mayor-President Appointee, *2015-2018*

The 705, I-49 Task Force, *2015-2018*

Lafayette Young Lawyers Association, Board of Directors, *2014-2016*

Unified Development Code Steering Committee, Chair, *2014-2015*

Comprehensive Plan Citizen Advisory Committee, Chair, *2012-2013*

AWARDS AND RECOGNITIONS

Leadership Louisiana, *2016*

Top 20 Under 40, Lafayette Daily Advertiser and 705, *2014*

Lafayette Outstanding Young Attorney, Lafayette Parish Bar Association, *2014*

Leadership Lafayette Class XXVI, *2013*

Judicial Externship, Honorable W. Eugene Davis, U.S. 5th Circuit Court of Appeals, *2012*

Chancellor's Student Advisory Board, LSU Law Center, *2009-2011*

Research Assistant, Professor Frank Maraist, *2010-2011*

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