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Dr. Richard Levey provides strategic advisory services to local government managers with policy guidance, leadership initiatives, and plan execution in the areas of financial management, operations, process improvement, change management, and economic development initiatives. He also advises private investors in establishing and executing development plans for mixed-use districts, master planned communities and specialized employment centers. He also is a former corporate officer with the Tavistock Development Company and had a significant role in the development of the Lake Nona project in Orlando.

Dr. Levey has extensive experience in public and private sector economic development strategy and execution. He received his Ph.D. in Public Affairs and Policy Research from the University of Central Florida. He has a MA in Geography/Spatial Analysis of Land Use from Arizona State University and a BA in Geography/Urban Studies from Wittenberg University. He had an accomplished career with the City of Orlando, first serving as City Planning Bureau Chief. He ultimately served as the city's Chief Administrative Officer (CAO) where he directed the day-to-day operations of Orlando's full-service municipal government. As CAO, he orchestrated an aggressive economic development program resulting in the rapid expansion of private sector employment throughout the city, and transformed internal operations based on customer focused outcomes.

Dr. Levey has expertise in various governance models in Florida at the local level. In addition to his municipal experience, he is Chairman of multiple Dependent Special Districts - Community Development District Boards, as well as the Chairman of Board of one of Florida's Independent Special Districts – the Sunbridge Stewardship District.

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