

# MARK SCOTT

Fresno, California

## Education:

Stanford University Graduate School of Business  
MBA, 1980. Active in the Public Management Program.

California State University, Fresno  
BA, 1973 – Political Science/Public Administration

## Summary of Work Experience:

### Interim City Manager

- City of Live Oak, CA – April 2024 to November 2024
- City of Ojai, CA – July 2023 to November 2023
- City of Downey, CA – July 2022 to March 2023
- City of Lincoln, CA – June 2021 to February 2022

### City Manager

- City of Indio – August 2017 to May 2021
- City of San Bernardino – February 2016 to August 2017
- City of Burbank – August 2013 to February 2016
- City of Fresno – April 2010 to July 2013
- City of Culver City – June 2009 to April 2010
- City of Spartanburg, SC – November 2003 to May 2009
- City of Beverly Hills – March 1990 to December 2003

### Other Work Experience

- City of Beverly Hills
  - Director of Community Development – 1985-89
  - Executive Assistant to City Manager – 1983-85
- American Airlines Corporate Headquarters, DFW Airport, TX
  - Manager, Marketing Planning -- 1980-83
- U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Washington, DC
  - Program Analyst – Summer of 1979
- City of Clovis, CA
  - Assistant to City Manager – 1972-78

### Career Highlights:

- Currently completing 34<sup>th</sup> consecutive year in the role of City Manager in 11 communities.
  - Longest tenured Beverly Hills City Manager (almost 14 years)
  - Have served 90+ City Council members
  - Recently working as retired annuitant on Interim assignments.

- **Assumed the City Manager role in Beverly Hills during a period of financial and political turmoil and nurtured a long period of trust and accomplishment over the next 14 years. Provided leadership through the LA riots, the Northridge earthquake, a protracted racial profiling lawsuit, a much-publicized tort lawsuit, controversial development projects, and other high-profile incidents.**
- **After completing 20 years with the City of Beverly Hills, my wife and I sought out a different challenge. We moved to Upstate South Carolina where I became City Manager of the City of Spartanburg and she became Founding Executive Director of an emerging children's museum in Greenville, SC. Spartanburg is a fascinating, diverse (52% Black & 47% White) community that had been economically challenged by loss of the textile industry. We arrived at a time of extensive community rebuilding led by remarkable leaders from all parts of the community. I had a chance to play a contributing role during a period of economic and social renewal that has continued after our departure to attend to family needs in California.**
- **Due to my father's failing health, we returned to my hometown of Fresno in 2010. Fresno is a city of 550,000 people and a budget of more than \$1 billion. During the economic downturn, Fresno suffered major economic losses and was widely expected to follow the City of Stockton into bankruptcy. I was asked to assume the City Manager role in Fresno by a courageous Mayor who took very difficult actions to keep the City solvent and eventually returned to fiscal stability. Although implausible on the surface, I served also as Acting CFO and Community Development Director for 2 years.**
- **After a stint in the relatively calm city of Burbank, I volunteered to join the City of San Bernardino as City Manager to help them exit the longest municipal bankruptcy in U.S. history. Initially signed a one-year contract to live in San Bernardino and to direct the local recovery efforts, but extended for 19 months to complete the task and to promote passage of a new local charter establishing a more effective local governance structure. Through a coordinated communitywide effort, we successfully exited bankruptcy and earned passage of the new charter.**
- **Despite being topped out in CalPERS pension, I chose to stay active and join the City of Indio as City Manager in 2017. Although it is the host city of the Coachella and Stagecoach Music Festivals and is winter residence for many wealthy visitors, Indio is also the permanent home for working families who support the agricultural and tourism economies of the region. My excellent City Council in Indio asked me to focus energy on upgrading older neighborhoods and infrastructure and to solicit new investment in wealth-producing businesses. While we made great strides, COVID hit halfway through my tenure in Indio, which then became our next leadership challenge. As the Eastern Riverside County seat of government, Indio played a big role in supporting a struggling local economy and medical emergency.**

- Within my many cities, I have established strong working relationships with diverse communities representing a variety of racial, religious and ethnic cultures (African American, Latino, Hmong/Southeast Asian, Armenian, Persian, Jewish, Muslim). City representative at numerous PRIDE and civil rights/social justice events.

**Other Personal and Community Information:**

- Happily married to Carol Scott for 50 years. Carol is an accomplished educator, children's museum builder/director, women's leadership and nonprofit management consultant. Two grown children.
- Life Member, International City Management Association.
- Served on Executive Committee, City Managers' Department, League of California Cities.
- One of 6 founding members of the City-County Communications & Marketing Association (3CMA).
- As City Manager, my cities have earned Emmy, Cable Ace, Beacon, Savvy and America's Promise awards.
- Participated for five years in the MISTER Program at McKinley Avenue School in South Central Los Angeles.
- Member of NAACP chapters in both Los Angeles and Upstate South Carolina. Hosted ACT-SO youth competition programs.
- Long-time supporter of Project Redwood, a social entrepreneurship program initiated by my Stanford Business School Class of 1980.
- Served as City Manager during the formal accreditation of 3 Police and 3 Fire Departments.
- Awarded Key to the City of Fresno by Mayor Ashley Swearengin.
- Awarded City of Spartanburg's Patriot's Award by Mayor William Barnet III.
- Taught a graduate level *Entrepreneurial Government* course at Clemson University for 3 semesters.
- Active in numerous professional, community, civic and youth organizations through the years.