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CAREER NARRATIVE

I began my tenure at CIVITAS, an Upper East Side not-for-profit focused on addressing community quality of life issues [<http://civitasnyc.org/live/>] in January 2017. As a Project Manager for the East River Esplanade, I advocated to redesign the East River waterfront using CIVITAS' Vision Plan [<http://civitasnyc.org/live/reimagining-the-waterfront>], in conjunction with Mathews Neilson Landscape Architects. During the summer of 2017, the Executive Director resigned from his position, and I became the organization's interim Executive Director.

Now, as general Project Manager for CIVITAS, I meet and partner with diverse stakeholders, such as City Council members, City agencies, State agencies, community organizations, and community boards to advocate for extensive remediation and redevelopment of the waterfront, flood mitigation, a resilient floodplain, and for zoning and height restrictions from East 60th -- 125th Street. In this position, I developed presentation skills and innovative tools for professional communication.

As the point person for CIVITAS during the East Harlem Rezoning, working to propose moderate height limit increases and capital funding for the East River Esplanade, I attended meetings to draft testimony and zoning recommendations that helped steer the final proposal towards the community's best interests. Throughout the Uniform Land Use Review Procedure (ULURP), I conducted research for East Harlem's City Environmental Quality Review to analyze if the Department of City Planning had planned adequately to mitigate the environmental impacts of East Harlem's Rezoning. I initiated a partnership between CIVITAS and the East Harlem Community Organizations Active in Disasters to analyze and build networks of socio-economic resiliency and emergency response in the event of a flood.

I am CIVITAS' partner with the New York Harbor School to perform water quality data collection on the East River Esplanade. I research the city's flood risk and zoning text, to update and inform CIVITAS' Board of Directors and the organization's members. I draft public-facing testimony, correspondence, produce marketing materials, and design urban planning graphics for CIVITAS. I work with CIVITAS' budget and financials on a daily basis. I also wrote successful grant proposals to the New York City Council and to family foundations.

It is my goal to create meaningful planning policy on disaster preparedness and overdevelopment through collective action. I am seeking a position in community advocacy, possibly, in the realm of politics, that work to improve socio-economic and flood resilience at a grassroots or residential level.

Please be in touch with any questions, and thank you in advance for your consideration.