



CHARLIE KNOX AICP

Principal

Charlie has more than 30 years of experience in public and private sector planning and has a thorough understanding of how to manage and coordinate staff and stakeholder efforts to best serve municipal staff, local citizens, city councils, and communities. Charlie's expertise includes shepherding high-profile projects through the entitlement process, including mixed-use developments and municipal energy-conservation projects. He also specializes in local and regional transportation and transit initiatives to help shorten commutes, reduce single-occupant vehicle travel, support Transit-Oriented Development, establish local Transportation Demand Management programs, and reduce Vehicle-Miles Traveled to meet City, regional, and State objectives. Prior to joining PlaceWorks, Charlie led the City of Benicia Public Works and Community Development Departments and used innovative leadership skills to provide superior customer service to residents despite significant resource constraints.

HIGHLIGHTS OF EXPERIENCE

Comprehensive Planning

- Menlo Park General Plan and Zoning Update | Menlo Park CA
- Stockton 2035 General Plan Update | Stockton CA
- Santa Rosa General Plan Update | Santa Rosa CA
- Vallejo Integrated Revitalization Program and Comprehensive General Plan Update | Vallejo CA
- Livermore Housing Element Implementation and Environmental Review | Livermore CA
- Marin Countywide Plan | Marin County CA
- Ventura General Plan | San Buenaventura CA
- Pleasant Hill General Plan | Pleasant Hill CA
- Morgan Hill General Plan | Morgan Hill CA
- Citrus Heights General Plan | Citrus Heights CA
- Cotati General Plan Background Report | Cotati CA
- Sonoma General Plan and EIR | Sonoma CA

Specific Plans and Zoning

- Oroville Sustainable Code Update and Climate Action Plan | Oroville CA
- Marinship Specific Plan Assessment and Evaluation | Sausalito CA
- Benicia Downtown Mixed Use Master Plan | Benicia CA
- Cotati Downtown Specific Plan | Cotati CA
- Morros Area Specific Plan | San Luis Obispo County CA

Entitlements

- Fourth and University Project | Berkeley CA

EDUCATION

- MA, Communications, University of Washington, Seattle WA
- BA, English, Whitman College, Walla Walla WA

CERTIFICATIONS

- American Institute of Certified Planners

AFFILIATIONS

- American Planning Association
- Bay Area Planning Directors Association

Team member since 2013



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- Bayside Village Project | Hercules CA
- Mountain Village Subdivision (Now Incorporated) | Telluride CO
- Aldasoro Ranch Subdivision | Telluride CO
- Lawson Hill Mixed-Use and Affordable Housing Subdivision | Telluride CO
- Telluride Ski Area Expansion | Telluride CO

Public Works Projects

- Telluride/Mountain Village Gondola Transportation System | Telluride CO
- Benicia High School Traffic Signal & Safety Enhancement Project | Benicia CA
- Interstate 780 Rose Drive Overcrossing Project | Benicia CA
- Benicia/Martinez Bridge-Bay Area Ridge Trail Connector | Benicia CA
- SolTrans Route 78 and Pedestrian Safety Support Project with the Solano Transportation Authority | Benicia CA

Sustainability Initiatives

- Sustainable Communities Strategy Base-Case Scenario and Implementation Project | Monterey Bay Area CA
- Vulnerability Assessment and Adaptation Plan | Benicia CA
- Renewable Energy and Conservation Project | Benicia CA
- Electric Vehicle Fast Charger and Solar Battery Backup Project | Benicia CA
- Valero Benicia Refinery Flue Gas Scrubber | Benicia CA
- Valero/Good Neighbor Steering Committee Settlement Agreement | Benicia CA
- Benicia Boatyard Marine Debris Cleanup | Benicia CA

SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS

- Panelist, “The Future of Smart Cities,” Redefining Mobility Summit, San Ramon, CA 2017
- “Planning 2.0: The Drivers of Regional and Global Change and Land Use Innovation,” Plenary Lunch, 2015 APA California Annual Conference, Oakland CA
- “Company Town 2.0: How Facebook and Google are Rethinking the Corporate Campus,” Mobile Workshop, 2015 APA California Annual Conference, Oakland CA

LEADERSHIP & COMMUNITY

- Bay Area Planning Director’s Association, Steering Committee Member, 2006 to Present
- Association of Bay Area Governments, Regional Planning Commissioner, 2009 to 2011

AWARDS

- 2019 APA CA Statewide and Sacramento Valley Section, Comprehensive Planning Award: Large Jurisdiction, Envision Stockton 2040 General Plan
- 2018 APA CA Northern Section, Comprehensive Planning Award: Large Jurisdiction, Propel Vallejo General Plan 2040
- 2013 Green California Leadership, Benicia Renewable Energy Project
- 2011 California Preservation Foundation, Benicia Historic Context Statement
- 2010 California State Legislature Transportation Safety Project, Rose Drive Bridge
- 2008 APA National Planning Excellence Award for Implementation, Marin Countywide Plan
- 2008 APA CA Comprehensive Planning, Marin Countywide Plan