



MUNICIPALITY OF ANCHORAGE

Assembly Memorandum

No. AM 5 - 2026

Meeting Date: January 13, 2026

From: MAYOR

Subject: EXECUTIVE APPOINTMENT – CONFIRMATION HEARING.

Pursuant to the Municipality of Anchorage Charter in sections 5.02, 5.03 through 5.05 and the Anchorage Municipal Code sections 2.30.095, 3.20.020 and 3.20.070, I ask the Assembly to confirm the following executive and department head that I have appointed:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>
Robert Doehl	Director of Community and Economic Development

Resume submitted in accordance with Anchorage Municipal Code section 3.30.173 is attached for your information.

THE ADMINISTRATION RECOMMENDS APPROVAL.

Prepared by:	David Samsa, HR Administrative Officer
Approved by:	Annmarie Billingsley, Chief Human Resources Officer
Concur:	William D. Falsey, Chief Administrative Officer
Concur:	Rebecca A. Windt Pearson, Municipal Manager
Respectfully submitted:	Suzanne LaFrance, Mayor

ROBERT DOEHL

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Rasmuson Foundation. Vice President of Operations, Jun 23-Nov 25. Managed contracting, procurement, finance and accounting, human resources, grants management, information technology, office management, risk management, and physical office lease issues for a 32-employee, \$38M annual budget, \$800M assets under management, family foundation. Revised model contract templates. Directed implementation of new Human Resources Information System and Electronic Recordkeeping platforms. Led efforts to identify acquisition efforts for new offices.

Rasmuson Foundation. Senior Fellow, Oct 2021-May 23. Managed Foundation Homelessness Initiative efforts statewide, both operationally and financially. Extensive work with non-profit organizations in project evaluation, proposal refining, grant execution reporting, program development, and technical assistance. Negotiated contracting for operating agreements for 300 new units of affordable housing. Public-private partnership with the Municipality of Anchorage received national award from the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). Requested by HUD to participate in effort to deploy 3-D printing housing construction to Alaska to substantially reduce costs. Technical subject matter expert for building conditions and operational issues for hotel conversions to affordable housing.

Municipality of Anchorage Development Services Department. Director and Building Official, Feb 2019-Oct 2021. Led staff of 72 performing building permitting processes, construction inspection services, and municipal enforcement of land use and building codes. Oversaw contracting, finance, and human resources and staff. Facilitated extensive changes to update building codes, business practices, and electronic permit and plan review systems. Initiated video building inspections to reduce delays in roofing projects. Oversaw contracting actions for electronic plan review and permitting system updates. Oversaw website redesign with grant funds to improve the customer experience. Municipality Geo-Spatial Information System Enterprise Policy Board Chair.

Municipality of Anchorage Covid-19 Response. Mass Care Branch Leader, Mar-Jun 2020) **and Incident Commander**, Dec 2020-May 2021. Directed contracting actions for stand up of Covid-safe homeless shelter facilities with supporting services for four mass shelters and established six non-congregate shelters serving up to 1,100 clients. Directed contracted full logistics support, e.g. food, transportation, supplies, etc. for shelter occupants. Oversaw development and implementation of logistics for vaccine operations that delivered 38K vaccines to Anchorage residents at over two dozen venues with focus on under-served populations. Oversaw human resources, finance, and public information staff for the disaster response. Assured compliance with federal grant requirements with over 99% of \$126.5M expended in response reimbursed by FEMA.

State of Alaska Legislature. Joint Armed Services Committee, Public Member, Apr 2019-Present. Appointed by the Mayor of Anchorage to represent Anchorage in matters pending before the committee.

State of Alaska Department of Military and Veterans' Affairs. Deputy Commissioner, Feb 2015-Jan 2019. Managed day-to-day operations in an organization with 4,100 uniform service members and 270 state employees executing a direct budget of \$16M state funds and \$20M federal funds, leveraging over \$500M in federal

funds of subordinate organizations. Oversaw staff performing contracting, facilities management, finance, human resources, and information management functions. Initiated efforts to leverage facility divestments and stand up of new state units in rural villages to support community and economic development. Department approval authority for high value contracting and grant actions. Handled contentious contract termination.

United States Senate. Special Assistant for Military and Veterans' Affairs for U.S. Senator Mark Begich, Dec 2012-Jan 2015. Supervised constituent relations staff efforts on behalf of veterans. Advised senator on VA program execution in Alaska, legislation, and budget, particularly as to health system staffing.

Alaska Air National Guard. Vice Wing Commander, full-time, Sept 2011-Sept 2012 (retired as Colonel). Deputy for 1,500-person unit performing search and rescue and air transportation, as well as providing full range of base operation support services. Supervised planning, legal, finance, safety, inspection, and public information staff. Extensive change management in adjusting organization culture and operations after relocation to a new military installation.

Alaska Air National Guard. Program Integration Officer, full-time, Apr 2011-Sept 2011. Oversaw final contracting actions for \$140M relocation to new 500K square feet of facilities and decommissioning and remediation of Kulis Air National Guard Base.

Alaska Air National Guard. Mission Support Group Commander, full-time, Sept 2007-Apr 2011. Supervised staff of 300 providing civil engineering, logistics, contracting, medical services, personnel management, law enforcement, fire department and information management. Assured new facilities on JBER would meet unit needs. Coordinated logistics actions to relocate 1500-person and 20-aircraft unit to JBER. Served as Human Resources Officer for 1,500-person organization.

Air Force. 11th Air Force Joint Installation Office. Director, full-time, Jun 2006-Sept 2007. Led effort to consolidate two bases into Joint Base Elmendorf-Richardson. Led nation in developing framework to meet operational needs during a time of war while complying with fiscal, statutory and regulatory requirements. Led efforts to synergize finance, human resources, land/facility management and planning/coordination systems. New consolidated base has repeatedly been recognized as best of breed of the new joint bases. Assured no disruption in supporting on going military construction activities and wartime deployment logistical functions.

Army & Air Force Military Reserve. Apr 1980-May 2006. Served in Air National Guard as Maintenance Officer and Squadron Commander. Served in Army Reserve as Battalion Operations Officer, Company Commander (four times), and Intelligence Officer. Military pilot. Initially served as enlisted medic in infantry unit. Deployed to Afghanistan.

State of Alaska. Department of Law. Civil Division. Torts Section. Assistant Attorney General, Aug 1998-Feb 2004. Litigated cases across Alaska involving state employee negligence issues.

U.S. Department of Justice. Civil Division. Torts Branch. Aviation and Admiralty Section. Trial Attorney, Oct 1991- Aug 1998. Extensive trial and appellate practice in lawsuits against the United States arising from aviation and maritime mishaps.

EDUCATION, BOARDS, LICENSES, and AWARDS

University of Illinois College of Law. Champaign, Illinois. Juris Doctor, 1991.

Lawrence University. Appleton, Wisconsin. Bachelor of Arts in Russian Linguistics, 1985.

Boards and Memberships. DoD Employer Support of the Guard & Reserve (State Director), 2023-Pres. University of Alaska-Anchorage College of Business & Public Policy Advisory Board (Member), 2018-Pres. Anchorage Cops for Community (Secretary), 2016-Pres. Anchorage Affordable Housing and Land Trust (Board Chair, 2022-23). Alaska Aerospace Corporation (Board Member), 2015-18. Yuut Elitnaurviat School (Board Member), 2015-17. Scouting America-BSA (Scoutmaster), 2015-2023. Foundation Financial Officers Group (Member), 2023-2025.

Professional Licenses. Attorney-Active status with Alaska Bar. Commercial Pilot.

Awards. Municipality of Anchorage Team Leadership Award. Paul W. Lindemuth Leadership Award. Numerous military medals. State of Alaska Distinguished Service Medal. Boy Scouts of America Silver Beaver award.