



Derek R. Hull is a seasoned, urban planning, economic and community development professional, whose impact in these fields, spans from Washington, D.C. to San Diego, CA, and covering two decades of public service.

A former Congressional Intern for Congressman John Conyers, Jr., Washington, D.C. office, Derek uses his legislative experiences to create public policies that will greatly enhance the quality of life for individuals who are often underrepresented in the political process, particularly minorities and the working class.

Having served as Director of Planning and Economic Development for multiple municipalities, Derek has always left an indelible imprint of his commitment to improving communities for which he has worked. Whether it's leading a City delegation on a Trade Mission to China, writing and adopting the City's Comprehensive Plan, or negotiating commercial real estate deals on behalf of the City, Derek always put forth the energy and devotion to complete the task.

Derek currently serves as Director of Community Development for the City of Bell, CA. In his position, he oversees a budget of \$8 million and staff of more than 20 professionals, across seven divisions, including Planning, Economic Development, Building and Safety, Housing Authority, Code Enforcement, Public Works, and Successor Agency. A frequent presenter at the National Planning Conference, he has provided lectures for audiences of all sizes and authored several publications and articles, including Detroit-A World Class City III.

Derek attended Hampton University in Hampton, VA, and the University of the District of Columbia where he obtained a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Psychology and minored in Political Science. He earned a Master's in Degree in Urban Planning from Wayne State University in Detroit, MI and will soon start work on his Ph.D. in Business Administration with a focus on Municipal Economic Development.