

October 29, 2025

Ms. Odet Izquierdo  
Acting City Clerk  
City Of Westlake  
4001 Seminole Pratt Whitney Road  
Westlake, FL 33470

Re: City Manager Position -City of Westlake

Dear Ms. Izquierdo:

I recently saw your advertisement relative to the position of City Manager, City of Westlake, Florida and I am excited about being considered as a candidate for this position. **I am a strategic thinker and visionary manager with strong administrative skills and I promote a transparent environment within the conduct of municipal affairs. I am a candidate with experience managing outsourced services (in Loxahatchee Groves) and value the development of strong community engagement with all entities. I have a solid working knowledge of municipal finance, public works, public safety, securing grants and appropriations, planning and development, project management and Community Redevelopment Agencies. I have high ethical standards and broad experience in fostering innovation and leading staff in accomplishing established goals and objectives.** Further, my background comports with the attributes desired by the city for its next City Manager. In short, my experience, knowledge, background, skills, and abilities make me a solid fit for this opportunity.

As you can see from my enclosed resume, I am an experienced leader and achievement-oriented manager with proficiency in many areas of local government and direct experience with strong-mayor, city manager and county forms of local government. I believe there are several crucial areas whereby a manager/administrator must execute and excel in performance including serving as a trusted advisor to the city council; providing leadership and management of city affairs/ operations; and developing strong community engagement with all entities. I am a creative, knowledgeable, enthusiastic and proactive individual that can provide leadership to the Westlake team and serve as a trusted advisor to the Mayor and Council.

With this background, and my two Masters Degrees in Public Administration (with Honors from Florida Atlantic University) and Regional Planning (The Pennsylvania State University), I am the effective leader that the City of Westlake is seeking to employ.

Sincerely,

Mark A. Kutney, AICP, ICMA-CM  
Former City Manager  
City of Brooksville, FL