

# Miles S. Thomas

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## Professional Experience

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<b>City of Kennewick, WA</b>	<b>Economic Development Manager</b>	<b>2018 – Present</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Support and maintain the City’s relationship with businesses of all sizes throughout the City’s key areas of commerce</li><li>• Work across all City departments to sustain and improve working relationships with developers, business owners, and residents</li><li>• Execute the City’s Economic Development Strategy, and counsel elected officials on initiatives to support the City’s business climate</li><li>• Manage City’s working relationship with Port District, Associated Development Organization, Economic Development Partners, and Financing Lenders</li><li>• Attract and retain businesses; encourage entrepreneurial success</li></ul>		
<b>City of Richland, WA</b>	<b>Redevelopment Project Manager</b>	<b>2016 – 2018</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Curate business and physical development of Richland’s core business district, with responsibility to market, expand, and induce entrepreneurial opportunities in downtown</li><li>• Serve as liaison to the City’s two Business Improvement Districts, providing technical assistance in the production of long-term work plans, budgets, and physical redevelopment</li><li>• Market City-owned industrial, manufacturing, and urban mixed-use property holdings to public and private development, serving as the key point-of-contact in implementing the City’s corridor plans in collaboration with private development</li></ul>		
<b>Community Planning Resources</b>	<b>Co-Founder</b>	<b>2016 – Present (inactive)</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Joint collaboration developed for University of Illinois entrepreneurship program to consult with local governments, businesses, and non-profits in the execution of private/public development partnerships</li><li>• Service primarily to small businesses to develop programs to incentivize private support for public programs, such as public bike shares, co-working spaces, and wellness programs</li></ul>		
<b>City of Urbana, IL</b>	<b>Economic Development Specialist</b>	<b>2014 - 2015</b>
<b>N•Focus Planning &amp; Design</b>	<b>Planner III</b>	<b>2013 - 2014</b>
<b>Plexus Marketing Group</b>	<b>Marketing Consultant</b>	<b>2011 - 2016</b>

## Education and Specialization

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<b>University of Illinois</b>	<b>Master of Urban and Regional Planning</b> Specialization in Economic Development	<b>Conferred May 2016</b>
<b>University of North Carolina at Charlotte</b>	<b>Bachelor of Arts</b> <b>in Architecture and Geography</b> Specialization in Urban Studies	<b>Conferred May 2013</b>

- Certifications in Zoning, Planning, and Floodplain Management from the NC State School of Government
- Six years combined experience in Urban Design and Economic Development with technical knowledge of AutoCAD, SPSS, ArcGIS, Rhino3D, SketchUp, Grasshopper Parametric, and several others.