

In November 2005, the **Art Davis Group^{LLC}** was formed to provide management and community consulting services for cities, counties, and other non-governmental and private organizations committed to improving communities and developing strategies for success. Services include: citizen and community based strategic planning; governing body and executive team building, strategic goal setting and organizational analysis; public and not-for-profit executive recruitment services; project management; property management and development related services; community, neighborhood, and corporate, government advocacy strategy development; public affairs strategy development and issues advocacy; growth management and annexation strategies evaluation and development, and other management related services. Art is also a partner in a small development company focused on building and rehabilitating small to medium sized commercial buildings in the Kansas City region.

Davis has over 22 years experience in the public and not-for-profit sectors, most recently spending six and one-half years as Associate Director for the Civic Council of Greater Kansas City. He was responsible for coordinating Civic Council's efforts to help revitalize Kansas City's Downtown and urban core neighborhoods. Civic Council was widely recognized for sponsoring and coordinating a citizen based strategic and master planning process, commonly referred to as the "Sasaki Plan", which focused on Greater Downtown Kansas City. The first plan was unveiled in June 2001, and again updated in 2005. The process involved hundreds of stakeholders and resulted in the development of a series of strategies, actions and recommendations to revitalize Downtown. Civic Council is a 501c4 membership organization of chief executive officers of large corporations and professional partnerships in the Kansas City metropolitan area and is focused entirely on improving the quality of life for all citizens by developing and implementing a vision that reaffirms and revitalizes the urban core and positions the bi-state metropolitan area as a powerful regional community.

Prior to joining the Civic Council, Davis was City Administrator of Lee's Summit, Missouri for five and one-half years. During this time it was recognized as the fastest growing city in Missouri and in the Greater Kansas City area. Davis also worked as an assistant administrator for the City of Lenexa, Kansas for six years, and prior to that spent two years working for the City of Dallas, Texas in various capacities, including Assistant to the Mayor. Art obtained his BA in Public Administration and Political Science from William Jewell College, and a Masters in Public Administration from the University of Kansas.

As a community volunteer, Davis is Vice Chair on the Truman Medical Centers Board of Directors, and chairs the Board's Capital Assets Committee. He is also a member of the Board of Directors for Harmony/NCCJ, the Kansas City Architectural Foundation, and is a member of the President's Advisory Council for William Jewell College.

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