



Ballard Partners Adds Richard Anderson, Former City of Apopka Chief Administrative Officer, to Central Florida Office

TALLAHASSEE – Florida’s leading government affairs firm, Ballard Partners, today announced the addition of a new partner, Richard Anderson, who will serve as the Co-Chair of Local Government Practice and will be based in the Central Florida office. Anderson brings 42 years of experience in local government operations to the Ballard Partners team.

“Richard’s expertise and local contacts are unparalleled in Central Florida,” said Brian Ballard, president of Ballard Partners. “We are happy to have Richard join the Ballard Partners team and bring his invaluable experience and results oriented approach to our clients and their issues.”

During his 42 years of service to the City of Apopka, which is the second largest city in Orange County, Anderson held a variety of high-level leadership positions. He most recently served as Chief Administrative Officer of the City of Apopka since 2005 where he managed the overall activities of the city, supervised more than 400 employees and administered a \$70 million budget. Anderson also coordinated regularly with regional and state agencies, such as the Metro-Orlando Economic Development Commission and Enterprise Florida, on economic development opportunities and projects. Prior to that role, Anderson was the Assistant City Administrator for more than 10 years. As Assistant City Administrator, he managed the Fire Department, Police Department, Community Development, Information Technology and Engineering.

“After a successful and rewarding career serving the people of Apopka, I am excited to have the opportunity to join Ballard Partners,” said Anderson. “I look forward to bringing the same level of dedication to the clients at Ballard Partners and working with Brian and the top-notch team he has assembled.”

Previously, Anderson served as the City of Apopka Fire Chief for 21 years, managing a workforce of 100 employees and overseeing the operations of the Fire Department, Emergency Medical Services and public safety communications. Prior to being promoted to Fire Chief, Anderson was Lieutenant and then Captain of Emergency Medical Services. He also served as a fire fighter and paramedic in the early years of his career with the City of Apopka.

Anderson received his certification in Public Management from Florida State University and he is a graduate of Florida State Fire College. He also attended Valencia Community College, where he received his Paramedic and Paramedic Instructor certification.

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