

Tommy J. Kurtz, CEcD, MPA Resume



Tommy Kurtz has lived on the island for six years with his family and has served on the PIPOA board since June of 2020 when he was appointed to fill an open seat during a time of chaos amid multiple board resignations. Kurtz would like to continue the current professional climate that has existed on the PIPOA board the past year and would like to work on cleaning up the covenants of the various subdivisions if elected to a new term.

Kurtz would also like to continue to work on a plan with city officials to regulate short term rentals, especially in single family residential areas within the POA.

Kurtz serves as Vice-President of Business and Strategic Development with the Corpus Christi Regional Economic Development Corporation (CCREDC) since October of 2015. Kurtz has worked on two of the area's two largest diversification projects in the past few decades: the \$10b Exxon-Sabic ethylene manufacturing facility and the \$2b Steel Dynamics steel manufacturing facility. Kurtz has over 27 years of experience in economic development in the Gulf Coast region (Louisiana and Texas) in executive positions with regional, local, state, utility organizations and engineering companies.

Kurtz received his Master of Public Administration from LSU and holds a BA in Economics from Boston College in Chestnut Hill, Massachusetts. Kurtz is a graduate of the Economic Development Institute from the University of Oklahoma and is a certified economic developer (CEcD). Kurtz was former Chairman of LIDEA, the state professional economic development association for Louisiana in 2009 and serves on the board of the Texas Economic Development Council (TEDC).

Tommy and his wife Rachel are originally from New Orleans, having moved to the Coastal Bend from Baton Rouge in 2015.

Tommy is incoming chair of the South Texas Council of the Boy Scouts, a member of the Padre Island Yacht Club, and a member of the Island Strategic Action Committee (ISAC) and has served as a LaPosada collector boat every year since they have moved to the island.

Tommy and Rachel have a daughter at UT-Austin and son at TAMU-CC.