

Michael P. Garvey
Statement of Qualifications

Mr. Garvey has over 34 years of experience working in and with local government, the last 18 of which have been on the Peninsula. He has served as a leader in the City Managers Department (the California organization of City Managers), including service as President, and has served on the Board of Directors of the League of California Cities. Prior to that he served on committees of the County Services Association of California (CSAC), the association of California counties, giving him a unique perspective on the operations of both levels of government.

Mr. Garvey has demonstrated skills in getting disparate entities to work together. His most complicated successful effort was “Smart Permit,” a Joint Venture: Silicon Valley Network project that utilized a public-private collaboration to create an automated permitting system designed to integrate with GIS files. The system has been copied by jurisdictions on six continents. He led the public sector side of the project and co-chaired the collaboration. He is a founder of several JPAs, including the CSAC Excess Insurance Authority and the San Mateo County Cable Telecommunications Authority (SAMCAT), and chaired the joint effort through which most Marin County cities acquired the street lighting facilities in their communities.

Mr. Garvey currently is working with a consortium of local governments on the Peninsula to develop a master plan for El Camino Real, with a public agency investigating the disposal of surplus land, and with the University of California in the development of a training program for senior executives at the local level of government throughout the western United States.

He has received numerous awards and recognitions for his work, including the American Society for Public Administration’s Bay Area “Public Official of the Year” award, the Silicon Valley “Public Administrator of the Year” award and the “Technology Manager of the Year” award from Public Technology, Inc., an international innovation advocacy organization.