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City Administrator Finalists

Fred Berndt is currently a Director of Finance and Planning for Midwest-CBK, Cannon Falls, MN, where he has been employed for 8.25 years and where he served as the Manager of Sales & Financial Analysis and Planning for the same company for 6.75 years. Mr. Berndt holds a bachelor's degree in Accounting, with a minor in Business Administration, from the University of Wisconsin – Eau Claire

Peter Castro is currently the Operations Supervisor for the Social Security Administration, where he has been employed for 9 years. He also currently serves as the Board President for the Southeastern Minnesota Center for Independent Living and as an appointed member of the City Planning and Land Zoning Commission since 2016 for the City of Rochester. Mr. Castro is a PhD Candidate in Management and Public Service through Hamline University. He also holds a bachelor's degree in Sociology from St. Mary's University and a master's in Public Administration from Hamline University.

Joel Dhein most recently was the City Administrator/Clerk/Treasurer for the City of Mora for 15.25 years. Prior to that he worked as the City Administrator/Clerk-Treasurer for the City of Harmony, MN for 4 years. Mr. Dhein holds a bachelor's in Geography and Urban Affairs from St. Cloud State University and conducted postgraduate study in Urban and Regional Studies at Mankato State University

Jake Foster is currently the Assistant City Administrator for Lake Elmo, MN, where he has been employed for 1.5 years. Prior to that, he worked as a Management Analyst for Fridley, MN, for 1.5 years. Mr. Foster holds a master's in Public Policy and Administration from Northwestern University and bachelor's in Political Science and History from Saint John's University.

Jenelle Teppen is currently the Deputy Director of Public Services and Revenue for Dakota County, MN, where she has been employed for 2 years. Prior to that, she worked as the City Administrator for Le Sueur, MN for 3 years, and as Assistant City Administrator for Inver Grove Heights, MN, for 16 years. Ms. Teppen holds a bachelor's in Political Science from California Lutheran College and a master's in Public Administration from Hamline University. She is a Credentialed Manager through the International City/County Managers Association (ICMA).