



Robert R. Kiely, Jr.

Retired - City Manager

Lake Forest, Illinois

A 1979 graduate of Lake Forest College, Bob received a Master's Degree in Public Administration from the University of Kansas in 1981. His first job as a local government professional was with The City of Lake Forest from 1980 to 1982 when he served as Assistant to the City Manager. His professional development continued in his role as Assistant to the Village Manager with the Village of Wilmette, Illinois, where he served for four years. In 1986, he assumed his first Manager's position when he became City Administrator for the City of Prospect Heights, Illinois, which he held until 1990.

Bob returned to Lake Forest in 1990 when the City Council appointed him City Manager. During his 28 years as the City's key administrator, Bob worked with ten Mayors and over 100 City Aldermen to ensure the delivery of high-quality services while maintaining the long-term financial stability of the City. Bob retired from Lake Forest in January, 2019

Mr. Kiely served as Co-Chairman of the Illinois Municipal League's Legislative Committee in 2014 and served as Chairman from 2011-2013. From 2012-2014 he served as Midwest Vice President of the International City/County Management Association (ICMA); the Treasurer of the Northwest Municipal Conference from 2009-2012; President of the Illinois City/County Management Association (ILCMA) from 2005-2006; and Chairman of the Intergovernmental Risk Management Agency (IRMA). He was an adjunct professor in the Continuing Studies Program at Northwestern University and is a founding member of the Midwest Leadership Institute (MLI).

He lives in Lake Forest with his wife, Alison, and has three grown children and five grandchildren.

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