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One of PEN's founders, Steve retired in 2018 following 19 years as city manager and deputy city manager of historic San Gabriel. During his tenure, the City received multiple awards for planning, redevelopment, economic development, and communications programs.

Steve holds bachelor's and master's degrees in planning from Cal Poly Pomona with an emphasis in policy administration and communications. He is a Fellow of the American Institute of Certified Planners, receiving the APA President's Award in 2016 for Outstanding Contributions to Leadership in the Planning Movement. He also served on the American Planning Association's national board of directors, chairing its national Legislative and Policy Committee. Winner of APA California's 2000 Distinguished Service Award, Steve has also served as President of APA California; President of the California Planning Roundtable; Chair of AICP's Multi-Media Task Force; member of the Planning Accreditation Board; and as adjunct faculty in the planning programs at both USC and Cal Poly Pomona.

Former co-chair of the UCLA Extension Land Use Law Conference for 17 years, Steve is co-historian for APA California, overseeing its archives at California State University, Northridge.