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Community Paradigm Associates, LLC, is a multi-dimensional organization focusing on governmental, nonprofit, community, and business concerns. It develops transformational initiatives and innovative solutions designed to enhance the dynamics of communities. Its Principal and Associates draw upon their extensive government, academic, and private sector experience to provide the answers clients need to effectively and efficiently manage their organizations.

Community Paradigm Associates has affiliations with numerous highly experienced municipal management professionals and industry professionals who assist with various projects. It has a network that includes professionals in such areas as finance, public works, telecommunications, land use and development, public safety, emergency management, municipal law and process, personnel management, and sustainability. Each is an experienced and proven leader in his or her field.

Services provided by Community Paradigm Associates include: executive recruiting, economic and community development, strategic analysis and counsel, public finance, public policy, community engagement, strategic management and planning, social innovation, building high performing organizations, marketing and communications, professional development, process improvement, community sustainability, and tactical research and solutions.

Team members assigned to the Andover Government Study project include:

Principal Bernard F. Lynch has devoted more than 35 years to guiding cities and towns toward brighter futures by focusing on the efficiency and responsiveness of organizational day-to-day operations as well as highly transformational initiatives that bring communities to a new level. His experience as an innovator, strategist, educator, researcher, and leader allow him to consider challenges from various viewpoints. Known for his collaborative problem-solving and innovative solutions, Mr. Lynch steered a Massachusetts city away from potential receivership to solid fiscal stability. He has managed the successful conception and completion of public libraries, police stations, community centers, school buildings, bicycle and walking trails, and recreation facilities.

Mr. Lynch served as City Manager of Lowell, Massachusetts, for eight years and as Town Manager of Chelmsford, Massachusetts, for 20 years. He served on Lieutenant Governor Karyn Polito's Task Force on Local Government Workforce Skills Gap, is a Senior Fellow at Suffolk University, and serves as an adjunct professor at both Suffolk University and University of Massachusetts Lowell. He earned a Master of Public Administration degree from University of Massachusetts Amherst and a Bachelor of Science degree in Political Science from the University of Lowell.

Senior Associate John Petrin has dedicated more than 30 years to municipal service, including seven years as the Town Administrator of Burlington, seven years as the Town Manager of Ashland, and 13 years as the Town Administrator of Harvard. He has extensive experience in developing operating and capital budgets, hiring and managing department heads and other personnel, and managing the day-to-day operations of a municipality. Additionally, Mr. Petrin served as Assistant Superintendent of Schools in Marlborough, as Tax Assessor in Bellingham, and as an elected Park Commissioner in Bellingham. He has served on numerous professional boards, including the Massachusetts Police Accreditation Commission and Joint Labor Management Committee, and is the former President of the Massachusetts Municipal Association and of the Massachusetts Municipal Managers Association. Mr. Petrin earned a Bachelor of Arts in Political Science from Stonehill College and Master of Public Administration from Northeastern University.