

Tom Bakaly Bio

Tom Bakaly grew up in Pasadena, California. He majored in history at Colorado College and earned a Master's degree in Public Administration from the University of Southern California, with a specialization in Public Financial Management. Mr. Bakaly worked for the City of Pasadena for seven years. He later went to work for Park City, Utah in 1995 as Finance Manager, Assistant City Manager and eventually City Manager in 2002. As the City Manager of Park City, Mr. Bakaly focused on capital projects and economic development. Park City helped host the 2002 Winter Olympics, and also hosts the Sundance Film Festival. The City considers itself to be the "best run resort town in the country." In 2012, Mr. Bakaly moved back to California to be City Manager of Hermosa Beach. As City Manager, he has helped Hermosa Beach convene a community dialogue, develop a Strategic Plan and become a High Performing Organization. Hermosa Beach is known as "the best little beach city."