



Thomas R. Kohler
Principal

Thomas R. Kohler joined Real Estate Research Consultants, Inc., as Principal, in early 2002. Mr. Kohler culminated over 26 years of public service as a senior executive with the City of Orlando, over 22 years of that time serving as Executive Director of Orlando's Downtown Development Board and Community Redevelopment Agency. In his capacity as director of these two public organizations, he was involved in the planning, programming and development of over \$500,000,000 in public and private ventures. As a senior staff member to three mayoral administrations, Mr. Kohler was an integral part of almost every major development project in the City of Orlando from 1977 to 2002. Presently, Mr. Kohler oversees the firm's public sector services with emphasis on redevelopment.

- He has assisted over twenty Community Redevelopment Agencies (CRA's) in developing and implementing strategic and project specific plans.
- His experience in the field has created a demand for his unique perspective from planning and programming to budget preparation to developing incentive policies for public/private developments.
- Leveraging public resources and developing strategies to respond to difficult redevelopment issues is a particular strength of his skill set.
- He has served on statewide and national panels on a variety of community building topics.
- He is currently providing continuing services to eleven different Florida communities.

Mr. Kohler is a graduate of Texas A&M University with a B.A. in Economics and Master in Urban Planning. He also is a graduate of Harvard University's John F. Kennedy School of Government Program for Senior Executives in State and Local Government.

His professional affiliations have included serving as chairman of the board of both the International Downtown Association (1991-92) and the Florida Downtown Development Association (now known as the Florida Redevelopment Association, 1984-85). He served on Governor Martinez's Task Force on Urban Growth (1988-89). He has also served as chairman of the board of directors and received numerous honors for his civic involvement with various organizations including the Boys & Girls Clubs of Central Florida, the Metro Orlando Urban League, the Orange County Library Board of Trustees as well as serving as a deacon to Orlando Community Church.