

Zack Zithisakthanakul, CPA

Professional License & Education

Certified Public Accountant, California #149727

Biola University, Master of Professional Accountancy

Relevant Work Experience

City of Huntington Beach

Acting Chief Financial Officer

Huntington Beach, CA

December 2025 – Present

- Successfully led the development and adoption of the City's fiscal year 2026/27 operating and capital budget, coordinating with executive management, departments, Finance Commission, and City Council.
- Served as a member of the City's labor negotiations team, leading financial costing and fiscal impact analysis for multiple bargaining units.
- Advised the City Manager, executive leadership, Finance Commission, and City Council on fiscal policy, budget strategy, debt management, reserve planning, and other complex financial matters.
- Managed the Finance Department's core operations, including budget, accounting, payroll, accounts payable, procurement, business license, and utility billing.
- Oversaw and implemented citywide financial initiatives and policy updates.
- Directed Finance Department operations during a period of executive transition while maintaining continuity of financial services and strategic initiatives.
- Prepared and presented complex financial analyses, staff reports, and recommendations to the City Council and Finance Commission.

Assistant Chief Financial Officer

August 2025 – Present

- Direct and oversee citywide financial operations including budget, business license, payroll, accounting and financial reporting to ensure compliance with GASB, GAAP, and State/Federal regulations.
- Advise the Interim Chief Financial Officer, City Manager, and executive leadership on long-term financial planning, fiscal policy, and strategic use of resources.
- Lead the development of the Annual Comprehensive Financial Report (ACFR), budget documents, and financial presentations to Finance Commission.
- Manage internal and external audits, coordinate responses to audit findings, and ensure implementation of corrective actions.
- Oversee development and monitoring of city-wide financial policies, internal control systems, and process improvements to enhance efficiency and transparency.
- Supervise and mentor division managers and professional staff across accounting, budget, payroll, procurement, and accounts payable/receivable division.

Finance Manager

August 2022 – August 2025

- Led the accounting division, supervising a team of seven staff across accounting and accounts payable/receivable staff.
- Managed preparation of complex financial reports including the ACFR, PAFR, and State Controller's Annual Report.
- Oversaw journal entries, reconciliation, and accounting for debt issuance, debt refunding, capital assets, and other high-level transactions.
- Ensured integrity of the general ledger and monitored modifications to the chart of accounts.
- Conducted internal control reviews and collaborated across departments to implement GASB 87 lease accounting.

Principal Finance Analyst

June 2021 – August 2022

- Performed advanced financial analysis, reporting, and audit preparation for the Finance Department.
- Supported accounting system integrity and implementation of new reporting standards.
- Prepared journal entries, reconciliations, and internal control assessments.
- Promoted to Finance Manager in August 2022 for strong performance and leadership.

Haskell & White LLP

Experienced Associate, Audit

Irvine, CA

January 2021 – April 2021

Davis Farr LLP

Senior Auditor

Irvine, CA

January 2018 – December 2020

Conrad LLP

Junior Audit Associate

Lake Forest, CA

May 2017 – December 2017