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I have demonstrated over 25 years the capacity to promote economic community development and strategic neighborhood reinvestment of former community commerce centers and affordable housing in the urban neighborhoods: through creative collaborations with businesses, area residents, local neighborhood Community Groups, Foundations, local government and private organizations.

I am one of four founders, who executed the Non-Stock Articles of Incorporation on May 12, 1992 to form Northeast Milwaukee Industrial Development Corporation, Inc. (NMIDC); which later changed its name to Riverworks Development Corporation on December 18, 2003.

Additionally, I am one of four founders, who executed the Non-Stock Articles of Incorporation for the Martin Luther King Economic Development Corporation.

I have also been a City of Milwaukee Planning Commissioner since 1994.

I am currently the Executive Vice President of the Inner City Redevelopment Corporation (ICRC) in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. I directed and managed ICRC's ownership of the 31,000 square foot commercial space, Brooks Plaza from 1989 to April 2011.

I also spend much of my time now, overseeing ICRC's 72-units of affordable housing in urban Milwaukee and the development of other projects.

Additionally, I serve as the Coordinator for the Harambee Great Neighborhood Initiative.

I am a Cum Laude graduate of the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee, with a Bachelor of Arts Degree and Master of Science in Social Work from the University of Wisconsin-Madison.

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I have achieved much in his career and community advocacy efforts to provide a better quality of life for the community where I reside which includes providing services to the Harambee Greater Neighborhood Initiative as their Community Coordinator.

I have received recognition and awards including the following:

MANDI Excellence in Neighborhood Based Architectural Design Award, March 2000, Local Initiatives Support Corporation

MANDI Northern Trust Navigator Award, March 2010, Local Initiatives Support Corporation

Black Excellence Award, 1991, Milwaukee Times

Frank Kirkpatrick Award, June 1997,

Greater Milwaukee Foundation

The Authur Stone Memorial Diamond Plaque Award, January 1993, Historic King Drive Inc.

Certificate of Appreciation, Friend of Wisconsin

Business Award, Department of Commerce

Leadership and Excellence Award, January 2007,

Historic King Drive Business Improvement District

Century Member, April 2003, Boy Scouts of America

City of Milwaukee Development Zone Advisory Committee, Former Member

City of Milwaukee Revolving Loan Committee, Former Member

Historic King Drive Business Improvement Dist. #8, Former President

Milwaukee Boys and Girls Club Hillside Center, Advisory

Council, Former Member

Milwaukee Foundation Neighborhood Family Initiative,

Harambee Area Project, Former Member

Milwaukee Northeast Industrial Development Corporation

Board of Directors, Former Member

Milwaukee Urban League Board of Director, Former Member

Milwaukee Women's Center Board of Directors, Former Member

National Congress for Community Economic Development,

Member

State of Wisconsin Affirmative Action Council, Chairman,

Former Member

State of Wisconsin Prison Industries Board, Former Member

Wisconsin Association of Blacks in Criminal Justice, Founder

and Board Chairman

Ward Captain from Martin Luther King Drive to

2nd Street and Locust, to Concordia, Former Ward Captain