STEPHEN SHAFF

REPRESENTATIVE ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Real Estate/Affordable Housing Development & Community Organizing

- Community-Vision Solutions, Benefit LLC: Founder: social enterprise consulting/services
- **Community-Vision Partners, Benefit LLC:** Founder: affordable housing/social solutions, initiatives, consultation & organizing (2014 2021)
- **Community-Vision Consultants,** *Founder*: community-impact affordable housing and real estate development (1999 2010)
- Community Organizer/Advocate/Strategist: organized in various underserved communities to eradicate severe crime and drug blight while simultaneously developing green affordable housing, and other community revitalization initiatives (1989 present)
- **Creative/Economic Developer**: provided pro bono strategic, development and real estate services to found and/or expand various community-based arts and green economy initiatives (1997 present)
- **Green Economic Business Developer:** strategic and business development consultant for green jobs and business development initiatives (ongoing)
- Community Redevelopment: organized community stakeholders, secured funding and redeveloped affordable home ownership housing in inner-city DC communities (1987 – 1995; 2001 –present)
- **Organizational Development:** founded, co-founded, or assisted in the expansion and funding of several for-profit, non-profit, political and community renewal organizations (1988 present)
- Resource Development: raised or directly contributed financial resources and pro bono services to support the development and/or founding of several community renewal and political advocacy organizations (ongoing)

Political Advocacy, Strategies and Activism

- Congressional Progressive Caucus Center, Advisory Board Member (2020 current)
- Congressional Progressive Caucus Center, Founding Board Member; U.S. Congress Progressive Caucus, C-3 Foundation (2006 2019)
- People Demanding Action, Founding Board Member; grassroots organizing, lobbying, policy C
 4, (2015 present)
- Chesapeake Sustainable Business Council, Founder: green business advocacy, policy and organizing C-3 (2014-2018)
- Progressive Democrats of America, Vice-Chair Emeritus; social justice PAC (2005 –2012)
- Congressional Lobbying/Advocacy, social and economic justice priorities advocacy

- **Grassroots Political Organizer/Activist,** local, State (MD) and national political activist initiatives and strategies (1990 present)
- Resource Development/Fundraiser, various political, nonprofit and community initiatives (1990 –present)

Social Advocacy & Civic Service

Partial List of Non-profit Boards of Directors/Civic Service:

- Alliance for Regional Cooperation; Founding Board Member (2017 present)
- Chesapeake Sustainable Business Council, Founding Board Member/Exec Dir (2014 2018)
- Emergence Community Arts Collaborative, Founding Board Member (2002 –2019)
- DC Region Metropolitan Police Boys and Girls Club, 1997 2012 (Board Chair, 2010 2012)
- Coalition of Nonprofit Housing and Economic Developers, Task Force: Affordable Housing Preservation & Home Purchase Assistance Program, member (2007 09)
- World Arts Focus/Joe's Movement Emporium, President Emeritus (1997-2004)
- Gateway Community Development Corporation, Founding Board Member (1997 2000)

REPRESENTATIVE EXPERTISE

Real Estate, Social Enterprise & Business Development

- Affordable Housing Development: Acquired secured financing and managed all phases of construction, sales and/or property management of \$100M+ inner-city Washington, DC real estate portfolio and projects
 - Involved with developing over 400,000 square feet of affordable housing and commercial development projects
 - Facilitated and/or developed 400+ affordable home purchase opportunities (1988 -94; 2003-2010)
- Mortgage Banking: Provided residential and commercial mortgage financing services and consultation
 - Developed a Financial Literacy Programs designed to educate and protect consumers from abusive subprime lending traps
 - Acted as consultant for various housing and economic development community development corporations

<u>Strategist/ Management/Organizational & Policy Development</u>

- Community Alliance Project (CAP), creator
- Business Preservation Assistance Program (BPAP), co-creator

- **Business development** (30+ years) initiating and executing all organizational functions necessary to conceive, finance, develop, manage staffing and infrastructure growth
- Raised and managed \$10+ million in investment/project funding
- Founded 2 for-profit community development companies resulting in \$10s of millions of economic activity
- Founded/co-founded several political and community-renewal organizations
- Provided considerable strategic planning and policy development services for various organizations

Community Advocacy/Organizing

- Organized blighted, drug/crime-infested neighborhood stakeholders and redeveloped an entire city block; created 225+ affordable homeowners opportunities
- Served as an Officer/Board of Director of several youth, arts, community and political organizations.
- Founded or co-founded various arts and community revitalization organizations.
- Provided significant strategic planning and other pro bono services to nonprofits that support housing, workforce development, anti-poverty, community arts and underserved-youth agendas.

Political Consultation/Organizing

- Strategic Planning: provided consultation on several political advocacy campaigns
- Organizational Development: assisted in founding and structuring political nonprofits
- Resource Development: development strategic planning and implementation
- Organizing: generated considerable credibility and relationships within multiple sectors
 (sustainable businesses, progressives, environmentalists, Labor, community & arts activists,
 social justice movement)
- Mediator: often called upon to resolve or mitigate disruptive organizational or personnel disputes

EDUCATION

- University of Maryland, European Division, Germany (honors)
 - Earned 62 credits during 3 year Army Service (1977 1979)
- West Chester University, West Chester, PA BA, 1983, Psychology (Honors)
 - Senior Paper: The Effects of Television Violence on America's Children
- George Washington University, Wash, DC PhD Candidate, Political/Social Psych