

## EBHO's Board of Directors, 2022

### **Felix Au-Yeung**

#### **Director of Business Development, MidPen Housing**

Felix is the Director of Business Development at MidPen Housing, where he is responsible for launching new developments. Tasks include site identification, property acquisition, project conceptualization, financial feasibility analysis, and building strong relationships with our partners and the communities of the proposed developments. In his three years at MidPen, Felix has helped start over 1,400 homes in the pipeline. Prior to MidPen, Felix was a senior manager of business development and senior project manager at EAH Housing. He started his affordable housing career 14 years ago as a Program Specialist at the City of Santa Rosa. Felix holds a Master in International Development from the University of Pittsburgh and a Master of Science from MIT. He earned his Bachelor of Science degree in mechanical engineering with a minor in Peace and Conflict Studies from UC Berkeley. He has strong interest in community development and green buildings. He served on the inaugural board of Silicon Valley @ Home, and was a former member of the Citizens Advisory Committee to the Marin Housing Authority and a former member of the Citizens Advisory Committee for Economic Development and Housing at the City of San Rafael.

### **Stevi Dawson**

#### **EBHO Resident Leader**

Stevi Dawson is member of EBHO and an active Resident Leader. She lives at St. Patrick's Terrace, a SAHA building, in West Oakland. She has been involved in the Resident and Community Organizing Program and EBHO's campaigns for over 2 years, including the Oakland budget, tenant protections, the Impact Fee, Boomerang Funds, the eviction moratorium and the Tenant Protection Act of 2016. One of the most important current campaigns is the MTC/ABAG Plan Bay Area process for determining the disposition of \$300 Billion from the Federal Government for regional transportation, infrastructure, land use and population growth for the next 25 years – Stevi has been active with the 6 Wins coalition to reduce transportation and housing costs, along with reducing displacement through this process. Stevi has lived in the Bay Area for most of her life, raised her children in the Bay Area. She moved to Oakland three years ago, and considers it a perfect fit. Stevi will continue to speak out for Housing Justice in Oakland, Alameda County, California and everywhere that people need a safe, secure and healthy place to lay their head.

### **Shawn Johnson**

#### **Principal of Leadership, Nonprofit and Community Development LLC and Associate Director of Community Partnerships, Eden Housing, Inc.**

Shawn Johnson, MA is the Principal of Leadership for Nonprofit and Community Development LLC and the Associate Director of Community Partnerships with Eden Housing Inc. An Oakland native and passionate community advocate, Shawn provides community and leadership development services, nonprofit technical assistance and programmatic strategies to community stakeholders. With Eden Housing, he leads the development and management of large-scale community partnerships to enhance programming for the Resident Services Department. Shawn possesses 20 years of experience in community capacity building within low-income communities of color. He has successfully implemented a variety of strategies and initiatives that developed the leadership capacities of local community members and community-based organizations throughout the Bay Area.

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Shawn is committed to advancing the global community's inherent influence to realize a healthier world. He focuses much of his work in activating the power of community members to lead or support initiatives and local collaboratives that will yield thriving communities. He's also a trained coach and case management with experience in classroom instruction, curriculum development, data management and program development.

Shawn holds a Bachelor of Arts in Sociology from California State University East Bay and Master of Arts in Organization and Leadership Development from the University of San Francisco.

### **Woody Karp** **Senior Project Developer, Eden Housing, Inc.**

Woody Karp has been a developer with Eden Housing since 2001 and has developed over 600 units of affordable housing in Alameda and Contra Costa counties for low income seniors, families and people with disabilities. He was responsible for negotiating deal and partnership structures, securing financing and entitlements, managing contractors, and community relations. Recognizing that each development is unique and must address the needs of the community and the future residents within the constraints of the limited financial resources available, Woody emphasizes community process that engages all stakeholders. Woody is a member of the California Bar and prior to coming to Eden, practiced law for 18 years with an emphasis in real estate and coverage litigation.

### **Hang Mosier** **Community Engagement Program Director, SAHA**

Hang Mosier joined SAHA in 2011 as a Service Coordinator, was subsequently promoted to be SAHA's Community Engagement and Partnerships Manager in 2015, and currently serves as SAHA's Community Engagement Program Director. Hang earned her Bachelor of Arts in Social Work from the University of California, Berkeley. Hang oversees the Community Engagement Program and has demonstrated strong leadership in providing strategic guidance to her team and deepened collaborations with community agencies. Hang spent two years on the board of Alameda County-Oakland Community Action Partnership. Presently, she serves as the Vice President of Ways and Means on the Parent-Teacher Association at the school her children attend.

### **Ellen Wu** **Executive Director, Urban Habitat**

Ellen Wu is the Executive Director of Urban Habitat, whose mission is to democratize power and advance equitable policies to create a just and connected Bay Area for low-income communities and communities of color. Urban Habitat works to equalize transportation investments and stabilize communities, as well as train low-income communities and communities of color to participate in land use planning, housing, and transportation decisions. Previously Ellen was the Executive Director of the California Pan-Ethnic Health Network, a statewide health advocacy organization. She is on the City of Oakland's Office of Parks and Recreation Commission. She received her Master's in Public Health from UCLA.

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### **Vanna Whitney** **Associate Principal, Leddy Maytum Stacy Architects**

*"My passion has always lied in getting to work with populations who have to struggle to be heard... LMS<sup>A</sup> has allowed me to focus on working with these people, and I look forward to continuing to work on such great projects with the firm."*

Vanna Whitney has focused her more than 20-year career on underserved communities and environmental and social sustainability. Her work has included four projects in the San Francisco Bay Area that provide varying amounts of permanent supportive housing for people experiencing homelessness, as well as many more projects serving low-income families.

Within LMS<sup>A</sup>, she has led the mentorship program, pairing up a senior architect with a younger designer, and she spoke at the AIA Convention in 2016 and will be a part of two sessions at the upcoming 2017 Convention. Vanna's commitment to serve the community also extends beyond her work in the firm; she is an Assistant Cook for the Streetmeal (a hot dinner served to people living without homes and/or in need of food), has provided her time and design expertise to Habitat for Humanity, and is a member of East Bay Housing Organizations (EBHO).

Vanna's projects have received local and national design awards and been recognized by local and national organizations including the American Institute of Architects, the Urban Land Institute, Turner Prize, San Francisco Business Times, the U.S. Green Building Council, and Builder Magazine. The Rene Cazenave Apartments was selected as an AIA COTE Top Ten Green Project in the U.S. for 2016.

### **Daphine Lamb-Perrilliat** **EBHO Resident Leader**

Daphine is a leader in our Resident Community Organizing Program, Regional Policy, and Oakland Committees as well as a Leadership Academy Graduate. She has been an EBHO member for several years. Daphine has a background in social services and mental health in East Bay, South Bay and Stanislaus County and was recently appointed to the Alameda County Measure A1 Oversight Committee. She's an affordable housing resident in BRIDGE's Ave Vista community in Oakland.

### **Angela Upshaw** **Senior Program Manager, Berkeley Food and Housing Project**

Angela is the Associate Director of Programs at Berkeley Food and Housing Project (BFHP). Having had a personal experience with homelessness, she is honored and humbled to assist people experiencing homelessness in regaining housing security. She has overseen BFHP's homeless veterans program in six Northern California Counties. Angela is a long-time member and Education Director at the New Greater Love Church of God in Christ in Stockton, and sits on the Advisory Board for the Sacramento Continuum of Care. She holds a Master's in Public Health from Touro University California and a MBA from University of Phoenix.

### **Monique Berlanga, Centro Legal de la Raza**

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Monique is the interim Co-Executive Director and Directing Attorney of the Tenants' Rights Practice at Centro Legal de la Raza. In her role as the Directing Attorney of the Tenants' Rights Practice, Monique leads a dedicated team of over forty attorneys, advocates, and rental assistance staff working to stop displacement of low-income renters throughout Alameda County. The team has developed and continues to refine a model of culturally humble service provision that efficiently provides a wide range of services for low-income tenants through consultations, affirmative litigation, eviction defense, representation in administrative hearings, policy advocacy, community outreach, and collaboration with community organizations. Centro Legal also serves as administrator for Alameda County Housing Secure and Oakland Housing Secure, city and county-wide anti-displacement collaborative grants.

Monique has represented low-income tenants in the East Bay for over ten years. Prior to joining Centro Legal, Monique worked as a housing attorney with Bay Area Legal Aid where her practice focused on eviction defense in the context of subsidized housing and representation of tenants in fair housing matters. Prior to that, Monique spent five years as the managing attorney of the Eviction Defense Center in Oakland. While at the Eviction Defense Center, Monique litigated over a thousand cases on behalf of low-income tenants facing eviction from their homes in Alameda County and parts of Contra Costa County. Monique has extensive experience in unlawful detainer jury trials. Monique also has extensive experience representing tenants in administrative proceedings in San Francisco, Berkeley, and Oakland. Monique holds a Juris Doctor degree from the University of California, Berkeley School of Law (Boalt Hall). While in law school, Monique was the recipient of the Hon. Cruz Reynoso Social Justice Fellowship. She also served as co-chair of the La Raza Law Students' Association. A first-generation college student, Monique holds a Bachelor of Arts in Political Science from California State University, Hayward. Monique is from Hayward, California.

### **Shashi Jivan, Mercy Housing**

Shashi Jivan (he/him/his) has been working in the affordable housing industry for over 20 years, leading resident services family staff, programs, and budgets across the state for Mercy Housing California for most of those two decades. Shashi represents Mercy on both National Racial Equity Diversity and Inclusion (REDI) and statewide efforts within Mercy Housing California teams.

Shashi is currently leading a \$40 million capital campaign for Mercy in collaboration with our partners Boys & Girls Club of SF, Related CA, and Wu Yee to raise philanthropic funds to build the Hub, a state of the art Community Center and Recreation Center in Sunnydale neighborhood of SF, at the heart of a neighborhood redevelopment of public housing that Mercy is also leading. Shashi has also produced short videos on resident's lives at Mercy Housing. For leisure he loves biking, frisbee, hiking and cavorting with his three kids. In the '90s he bicycled across America and parts of Asia for a nonprofit group he founded Pedaling for Peace.

### **William Goodwin, Resident Leader, Hope Solutions**

William is a native of Oakland California, and now a Resident in Pittsburg, California. He is a member of the Resident Empowerment Program, with Hope Solutions (formerly Contra Costa County Interfaith Housing). A community advocate and strong proponent of Civic Engagement, William has served three years as President of the Los Medanos Junior High School Site Council, and is a member of the Pittsburg Unified School District Advisory Committee. He volunteers with a number of non-profit organizations throughout the Bay Area, helping to accelerate the social and economic mobility of the underserved. William is a recent graduate of Urban Habitat's Board and Commissions Leadership Institute. He is a firm believer that Housing is a Human Right, and therefore advocates for Housing Justice, Affordable Housing, and Supportive Services.

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### **Donna Griggs-Murphy, Resident Services Supervisor, Human Good**

Donna Griggs-Murphy is a Resident Services Supervisor at HumanGood. An Aging Services Professional for 20 years, she serves on Alameda County's Commission on Aging, Senior Services Coalition Steering Committee, Alameda County's Older Adults Council, and is the Chair of Leading Age California Affordable Housing Subcommittee. Donna continues to fight for safe and affordable housing for all with supportive services. Donna has worked in Affordable Housing for over 20 years and encouraged residents to be a part of Leadership Engagement with EBHO. She continues to be an active community partner and member of EBHO.