Adriana Chizan, LPC is the Director of Support Services at Collaborative Support Programs of New Jersey (CSPNJ). She previously was the Clinical Manager at Douglas Gardens Community Mental Health Center in Miami Beach for over ten years. She has twenty years working in the behavioral health field, including fifteen years related to supportive housing. Her experience has primarily been serving people with severe and chronic mental health issues and co-occurring (mental health/substance abuse) as well as homeless and domestic violence. Adriana serves on the Executive Opioid Fatality Review Board as well as is an advocate for suicide prevention and reducing stigma. She received her BA in Psychology and Sociology from Albright College and her Masters in Mental Health Counseling from the University of Miami.

Timothy J. Doherty (Board Emeritus) is Executive Director of Project Freedom, a non-profit organization in Washington Township whose mission is to build housing and provide related services for people with disabilities. Since joining Project Freedom in the fall of 1997, he has spearheaded the creation of over 286 additional affordable rental apartments in Hamilton, Trenton, Lawrence, Woodstown, and Hopewell Townships, NJ. Future initiatives include Westampton, West Windsor and Toms River. He has a broad business background, having been General Manager and CEO of his own Fuel Oil and Gasoline Distributorship for 25 years. Tim is a graduate of Rider University, majoring in Business Administration, and obtained his Masters of Human Services Administration in 2003. He is also a certified tax credit manager with a C3P designation and was appointed by Governor Corzine as a board member of the Council on Affordable Housing.

Noah Freiberg is a Senior Developer at Pennrose, LLC and is responsible for successful completion of multi-faceted real estate development projects from inception through construction completion and lease-up. He manages a multi-million-dollar pipeline of real estate projects in various stages of development. He provides leadership and direction to an in-house team of Developers, Associate Developers and assistants. He also assembles and manages an external team of financiers, architects, designers, engineers and contractors. Noah specializes in financing projects with multiple sources of funding, including federal, state and local programs. Prior to joining Pennrose, Noah was a Tax Credit Administrator with the New Jersey Housing & Mortgage Finance Agency. He received his BS in Business Administration & Finance from Towson University and his MBA from Rider University.

Gia Gore currently serves as the Director of Real Estate for Eden Autism Services, a not-for-profit organization with a mission to improve the lives of children and adults with autism. Gia is responsible for a diverse range of real estate and facilities projects for the organization which includes group homes, supervised apartments, adult employment and day centers and the Eden School. In this role she is responsible for site selection, market research, financial analysis, government relations, grant financing, lease negotiation and establishing and maintaining companywide real estate standards and policies. Gia has extensive experience in developing special needs projects for individuals with developmental disabilities. Prior to Eden, Gia spent 13 years at Our House Inc. and was their Director of Real Estate. Gia holds a BS in Business Administration from Ramapo College of NJ and is a NJ Licensed Real Estate Salesperson. She is the parent of a young adult with autism and as a parent has advocated for individuals with special needs in front of the NJ Legislature and US Congress.

Brian Kulas is a community advocate and a recent graduate of the Garden State Leaders Program. The program provides an invaluable curriculum for aspiring advocates with life experience to learn how to impact positive change. He currently serves on secretary and member of the Monarch Housing Board of Trustees and HCDNNJ’s Homeless Prevention committee. Brian is an articulate public speaker and passionate...
advocate for affordable homes. This past year Brian participated in the NJ Poor People’s Campaign which utilizes grassroots mobilization, public education and activism to address social and economic issues.

James R. Marhold  D.BA is the President/CEO of Declarations, Inc., an organization that provides supportive housing and services to individuals with mental illness. He has nearly 30 years of experience in providing community based programs for individuals with developmental disabilities and mental illness. During this time, he provided community based services to over 500 individuals and their families and has trained over 1000 human services workers throughout New Jersey. He has been a keynote speaker in the area of disability services at numerous statewide conferences. In 2002, he received an award from the Supportive Housing Association of New Jersey and the Corporation for Supportive Housing for his work in creating new strategies to promote and develop supportive living programs. Dr. Marhold achieved a Master’s Degree in Non-Profit/Governmental Administration, an MBA, and currently holds a Doctorate in Business Administration.

Randi Moore leads the Division of Housing and Community Development (HCD) for the County of Hudson. In this role she is responsible for administering federal grants from the US Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) for community development, affordable housing and homeless programs. HCD also leads the Hudson County Alliance to End Homelessness and serves as the lead applicant to HUD for Continuum of Care (CoC) homeless assistance funding. In her time with the County, Randi has spearheaded new initiatives and implemented innovative programs to improve the way housing and services are provided to homeless individuals and families. Randi has over 14 years of experience working in the homelessness field in New Jersey. Prior to joining the County of Hudson she worked in the nonprofit sector at organizations focused on affordable housing and homeless issues.

Jack Mudge is a seasoned non-profit professional and a tested advocate, with an extensive history of delivering organization leadership that results in positive change and progress. He is currently the President of JMM Strategic which provides advocacy and consulting services to individuals, families, communities and organizations to help achieve a higher quality of care and funding to individuals with disabilities and seniors. Previously, Jack had served as Chief Executive Officer of Advancing Opportunities, Inc., a New Jersey-based non-profit that offers a wide range of supports for people with disabilities and their families. Jack led the agency from 2005 to 2019 and his vision and determination helped turn the organization into one of New Jersey's leading disability service providers. Jack played an active role in New Jersey's Path to Progress, New Jersey's Division of Developmental Disabilities' Olmstead Initiative focused on providing housing alternatives for men and women living in New Jersey's Developmental Centers. Mr. Mudge currently serves on the Consumer Advocacy Council of the Rutgers Robert Wood Johnson Medical School Boggs Center on Developmental Disabilities and is a member of the Board of Directors for the Community Health Law Project.

Jim Mulroy is a partner with the accounting and advisory firm WithumSmith+Brown, PC (Withum) and has over 30 years of public accounting experience. He is a licensed certified public accountant in the states of New York, New Jersey and Pennsylvania. Additionally, he is a licensed public school accountant and certified government financial manager. Jim specializes in providing audit and consulting services to clients in the real estate and not for profit industries including affordable housing and HUD assisted entities. He has extensive experience performing Single Audits for not for profit organizations. Jim serves as a Team Leader for both Withum’s Not-for-Profit and Educational Services Group and Real Estate Services Group.

Asish Patel is the Chief Operating Officer at Monarch Housing Associates, a non-profit corporation dedicated to the "right to housing" for all persons with disabilities and to the development of permanent, affordable and supportive housing. During the past 26 years at Monarch, he has worked on numerous projects including condos, single/multi family homes, apartments, and commercial spaces. His work has led to the development of over 3,000 units of housing for special needs persons, and persons in need of affordable housing. His management and operations responsibilities include budgeting, billing, strategic planning, client relationships, project selection, contract negotiations and staff management. He graduated from the New Jersey Institute of Technology with a Bachelor’s Degree in Architecture, and a Masters’ Degree in Management. He completed the Pratt Institute’s Community and Economic Development Internship Program, and the Enterprise’s Leadership Institute.

Jacqueline Ross has completed twenty years of fundraising for Newark area non-profit organizations. For the first twelve of those years, she was the Development Director of four community-based organizations affiliated
with the Episcopal Diocese of Newark. These non-profits focused on affordable and supportive housing, foreclosure and homebuyer counseling, community development, and a variety of supportive services for the very poor. Ms. Ross joined Cristo Rey Newark High School in 2011. The Cristo Rey Network is the largest network of high schools serving low-income youth in the U.S., using an innovative corporate work study model. Ms. Ross has raised over $40 million during her career from government, corporate, foundation, and individual sources. Her volunteer work includes serving on the Newark Celebration 350 Fundraising Committee, which raised over $3 million in 2016 under the direction of Irene Cooper-Basch of the Victoria Foundation. Prior to that, she was a founding Board member of the Newark Asset Building Corporation, the goal of which was to increase the tax credits of low-income families. Prior to her non-profit career, Ms. Ross held a variety of mid-level management positions at New York-based Fortune 500 companies. She holds a B.A. in Music Education from Bridgewater College, Bridgewater, Virginia

Stephen Schoch is Managing Principal of Kitchen & Associates (K&A), a 80+ person Architecture, Engineering, Planning and Interior Design firm based in Collingswood, NJ. Steve’s dedication and influence on the K&A staff has resulted in establishing the firm’s leadership in the field of affordable and supportive housing for more than 35 years. Since joining the firm in 1984 Steve has made significant contributions to both the creative and the business accomplishments of the firm. Steve oversees K&A’s architectural endeavors, serving a wide variety of public, private and non-profit clients as team leader and designer. Steve earned a Bachelor of Architecture at Carnegie Mellon University, is NCARB certified, a LEED Accredited Professional, and is a Registered Architect in twenty states. Steve has served on the board of SHA from 2013-2018, and is also the parent of an adult daughter with significant ID/DD challenges who continues to live at home.

Melissa Scofield is Executive Vice President and Chief Risk Officer (CRO) of Valley National Bank (Valley), headquartered in Wayne, NJ. As CRO, Melissa is an active member of the Executive Management team where she works collaboratively with the leadership team in developing and driving the strategic direction of the bank and ensuring the bank operates within the Board of Director’s approved risk appetite. To support these initiatives, Melissa oversees a number of independent control functions, including enterprise-wide Risk Management, Anti-money Laundering Compliance, Corporate Security / Anti-Fraud, Information Security, Loan Review and Regulatory Compliance. Melissa ensures appropriate risk governance and reporting to both the Executive Risk Committee, which she Chairs, and the Board Risk Committee. She provides executive support on risk, regulatory and governance matters to the Chairs of the Board Risk Committee and the Board Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee. Melissa is an active member of the Midsize Bank Coalition of America. Melissa is a graduate of Rutgers, the State University of New Jersey with an MS in Economics.

Tom Toronto has 38 years of experience working for local United Ways in Bergen, Burlington and Hudson Counties in New Jersey. Working with the volunteer and staff team of Bergen County’s United Way (BCUW), Tom has transformed the 58 year old charity into a non-profit affordable housing developer; building Very Special Homes© that profoundly affect the lives of individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities, older adults, working families, formerly homeless people and veterans seeking homes they can afford throughout Northern New Jersey. To date, 28 separate housing projects have been completed with 18 more projects in development. BCUW and its partner, Madeline Corporation, manage all aspects of project development including site acquisition, new construction, renovation, revitalization, property management and social services coordination. Tom also serves on the Board of the NJ 2-1-1 Partnership, driving implementation of the 2-1-1 helpline on behalf of New Jersey’s local United Ways and New Jersey’s State and County governments. He also serves on the SUEZ North America Foundation. Tom is active in his local community having served as a member of the Leonia governing body, the Library Board and chair of the town’s Planning Board.

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