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AREAS OF EXPERTISE

Housing Development and Program Design

- Public Housing Initiatives. Manage the development and implementation of San Francisco's complex portfolio-wide public housing repositioning efforts: preservation and reconstruction of 6000+ units serving San Francisco's neediest households. Implemented San Francisco's \$2B RAD program, the largest in the country, which preserved 29 separate public housing projects over a three-year period. Lead Real Estate best practices and policy for HOPE SF, the nation's first large-scale public housing transformation project aimed at de-concentrating poverty, reducing social isolation and creating vibrant, mixed-income communities without displacing residents
- Affordable Housing Project Management. Shepherd high-profile, multi-million-dollar rehabilitation and new construction projects from early concept, through acquisition and construction, to occupancy.
- High performer in all aspects of project management including budgeting, funding strategies, planning and zoning, community relations, relocation, coordination with other City departments, negotiation, and due diligence with funders. Ensure compliance with all requirements including marketing, fair housing, procurement, prevailing construction wages.
- Extensive experience with federal, state and local affordable housing funding sources
- Lead and collaborate to develop policies and procedures for program areas including public housing revitalization, bond financing, risk management, land dedication, developer fees, and new initiatives
- Over 20 years of experience working in San Francisco, for community-based nonprofit organizations and for the San Francisco's Mayor's Office of Housing and Community Development.

Grantwriting, Editing and Publishing

- Developed successful grants for federal and private funding, securing more than \$4 million for service and housing projects; clients included the Parents for Public Schools, the Low Income Investment Fund, and the City and County of San Francisco (1991-2009)
- Founded, edited and published the *Street Sheet*, award-winning monthly newspaper on homelessness (circulation 36,000) (1989-1999)
- Freelance editing for online and print publications (1989-present)

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

2017-2019	Director, Public Housing Initiatives, Mayor's Office of Housing and Community Development
2007-2017	Senior Community Development Specialist, Mayor's Office of Housing and Community Development
1994-2007	Affordable Housing Project Consultant and Grantwriter
1989-1999	Founding Editor, <i>Street Sheet</i> , SF Coalition on Homelessness
1994-1996	Project Manager, Community Housing Partnership, San Francisco
1987-1989	Assistant Director, National Coalition for the Homeless, Washington, D.C.

EDUCATION

B.A. with honors, Russian Area Studies
Barnard College, Columbia University

REFERENCES AVAILABLE UPON REQUEST