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Nominee for	Virginia Episcopal Real Estate Partners (formerly Virginia Diocesan Homes)
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Church name and location	Christ Episcopal Church, 120 W High Street, Charlottesville, VA 22902
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Are you a confirmed adult communicant in good standing of an Episcopal Church in the Diocese of Virginia	Yes
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Professional/educational background

Currently, I am the Director of Real Estate Development in Virginia for The Community Builders. The Community Builders is one of the largest non-profit mixed income and affordable housing developers in the country. We operate in 14 states and the District of Columbia with a common mission of providing quality housing and community services where all can thrive. I oversee and manage all our development activity in the Commonwealth. It is primarily focused on Creighton Court's redevelopment in Richmond's East End, Broad Creek in Norfolk, VA and Alexandria, VA.

Education:

BA, Economics, Hollins University
Masters, Real Estate, Georgetown University
Political Leaders Program (PLP) Class of 2019, The Sorensen Institute for Political Leaders at the University of Virginia

Certifications in Housing Development Finance from the National Development Council
and project management from Virginia Tech in Falls Church

Church involvement - local, diocesan, and/or The Episcopal Church

Growing up in the same church I attend today, I was an acolyte and in the youth church choir. When I move to DC after college, I attended St. John's Lafayette Square. There I was involved in teaching Sunday school. I later moved to Richmond where I attended St. Paul's downtown. I was involved in the MICA initiative in the east end of Richmond. I returned to the church where my faith was formed and attend services regularly. I will be going to Ecuador in November with Christ Church. I see the opportunity with Virginia Episcopal Real Estate Partners as an opportunity to continue and deepen my involvement in the Episcopal Church.

Pertinent skills you bring to this work

I have twenty-five years of progressive real estate experience. Initially focused in commercial development that has evolved over time into community development and affordable housing related work. This evolution has brought skills in finance, community engagement, planning, resident services and local/state government relationships. I believe these skills support the organizations efforts.

Why do you wish to serve?

Each Sunday (just about), I sit in church for the 5 pm service. I often get there early and just look at the beautiful church I am fortunate to attend. I sit two pews over from where I sat as a child. I think about how the church has shaped my life and that of my family. From my grandfather and his little brother, two very poor immigrant children on Chicago's southside who were taken in by their community and church and given opportunity for education and success in the ministry and business to my grandmother and her service to the church at St. Paul's Ivy as an advocate for childcare for those that could not afford it, to my dad who int he very church I attend worked to keep its' doors open as a senior warden and helped it be a foundational part of Westminster Canterbury of the Blue Ridge, to my mom, who was taken in like her father-in-law, and raised by her church with little family support and then became a beloved church secretary at St. Paul's Memorial. All have shaped my desire to continue their examples of service and faith. All of whom taught me the importance of faith and helping your neighbor and community.
