Valley Community Development



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Dear Valley Supporters,

We are excited to announce that Jane Loechler has been selected as the next Executive Director of Valley Community Development. The Board of Directors recently voted unanimously to offer her the position after an extensive national search. She will begin her work with Valley on June 1st. She comes to us with an exceptional record of nonprofit leadership and innovation, and shares Valley's commitment to expanding affordable housing and



empowering the community. Please join me in welcoming her as the leadership who will take Valley into the future!

Jane brings over 25 years of experience working within the community development and affordable housing field with both small and large nonprofits. She has a strong reputation in New England that grows from her remarkable record of helping community development organizations grow and thrive.

- She served as the Director of Asset Management at The Community Builders, a multi-regional affordable housing nonprofit based in Boston. In this role, she led a team in five regions and 14 states to bring strategic thinking and insight to the operation of a complex 11,000 unit portfolio and assist in engaging and empowering key stakeholders and community residents to improve conditions in their housing.
- She developed housing preservation policy and risk assessment

- strategies for the State of Minnesota, a special project funded by the John T. and Catherine D. MacArthur Foundation.
- She served as an asset manager for the Twin Cities Housing Development Corporation in Minnesota.
- She served as a manager, consultant and trainer for Affordable Housing Connections in St. Paul, Minnesota.
- She also brings small business development experience, as she owned and operated a small business providing housing services.

We are forever indebted to our current executive director Joanne Campbell, for her incredible leadership, long time commitment and dedication to Valley for over 20 years! She has been instrumental in developing Valley into a thriving, well-functioning, and dynamic organization, ready to move into its next level of development. Due to COVID-19, we were deeply sorry to postpone Joanne's recognition event originally planned for May, but we hope to hold an event for her in the next few months. Please keep an eye out for that!

Joanne will be working closely with Jane during the month of June as she begins her work, prior to Joanne's leaving at the end of June. Additionally, our Transition Consultant, Judy Freiwirth, will continue to work with us over the next few months, assisting with the transition.

We are excited to start working with Jane. We believe that she is an excellent match for Valley, given her long history of affordable housing and commitment to resident engagement. She will bring new ideas, enthusiasm, and innovative thinking to our work. You can reach Jane after June 1 at il@valleycdc.com.

Thank you for your support of Valley Community Development and its mission.

Peter Jessop, President, Valley Community Development For the Board of Directors

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