

## **Latrice Williams, Broker / Owner of Vision Properties**

Vision Properties is a black-owned real estate brokerage that has built a network in the marginalized communities of Spokane, Pierce, and Grant Counties. For the past 6 years, Latrice Williams, Broker / Owner of Vision Properties, has closed over 170 transactions; of those transactions, the large majority were to people of color and/or first time homebuyers. Latrice makes a point to educate the community on State opportunities, such as those offered by the Homeownership Covenant Act, which was signed into law in January of 2023.

Latrice is also directly connected to the past and current president of the Spokane Chapter of the NAACP to continue the collaboration, and ensuring that all people of color are treated equally, and covered with equity, as it relates to housing.



## **Sarah Clark, Director of Public Policy, Seattle Chamber of Commerce**

Sarah Clark currently serves as the Director of Policy for the Seattle Chamber, as well as School Board Director (District 2) for Seattle Public Schools. A graduate of Garfield High School and the University of Washington, Sarah lives in the Crown Hill neighborhood of Seattle, and mentors students at Ballard High School.



## **Darryl Smith, Executive Director, HomeSight WA**

Executive Director of HomeSight Community Development CDFI, and a Core Team member of the Black Home Initiative Network, Darryl Smith has built a long history of experience in the arenas of real estate brokerage, neighborhood revitalization, municipal government, workforce development for young adults, and place-based community development. He has held a variety of civic roles including the presidency of the Rainier Valley Chamber of Commerce, as well as Board Member for the Seattle Planning Commission. In 2009, Darryl was appointed Deputy Mayor of Seattle, serving four years overseeing the Department of Neighborhoods, Civil Rights, Housing, Human Services, and Economic Development for Mayor Mike McGinn.



## **Anthony Cox, EVP / Residential Loan Officer, Banner Bank**

Tony Cox learned firsthand as a boy how owning a home can change the quality and trajectory of a person's life when his mother, a longtime renter, qualified for a HUD home. That experience has driven his passion for helping others enjoy the stability, and comfort, of home ownership since 2005. In fact, it's a key reason he focuses on low-to-moderate income buyers, and his dedication to teaching first-time homebuyer classes. In banking since 2003, he understands the diverse financial solutions available to consumers and businesses, and has witnessed the economic ups-and-downs of the housing industry, and knows how to navigate every part of the mortgage process, whether you're talking down payment or financing a new build. If you want to buy, build or refinance a home, Tony is committed to making the mortgage experience as easy as possible, every step of the way.



## **Jasmyn Jefferson, Designated Broker / Owner, Windermere Abode Lakewood**

Jasmyn D. Jefferson, Designated Broker and Owner of Windermere Abode Lakewood, brings over 20-years of real estate expertise, and a strong commitment to community service. Currently, serving as the President of the Tacoma Pierce County Association of Realtors, and involved in the Washington Realtors Legislative Steering committee, Jasmyn also holds roles as Central Puget Sound Regional Representative and 2nd VP for Western Washington Realtist. Beyond real estate, she supports local charities, including Raising Girls, a black-owned nonprofit addressing period poverty and hygiene needs for youth in the Puget Sound.



### **Patience Malaba, Executive Director, Housing Development Consortium**

Patience Malaba leads the Housing Development Consortium in an effort to increase access to affordable housing. She is recognized for her leadership in addressing the intersecting crises of affordable housing, racial equity, and climate change, and is the 2020 Bullitt Foundation Environmental Fellowship awardee. A commitment to environmental and economic justice – and passion for an equitable society – led her to the affordable housing sector. Patience Co-chairs the Eastside Housing Roundtable, Co-chairs Puget Sound Regional Council's Regional TOD Advisory Committee, Chairs the Seattle Planning Commission Housing and Neighborhoods Committee, and serves on the PSRC Growth Management Policy Board. Patience holds a Master of Public Administration from Seattle University, and a BA in International Development from Lupane State University in Zimbabwe.



### **Rep. Jamila Taylor, WA State Representative, 30th District**

Representative Jamila Taylor is an attorney, youth advocate and small business owner. She holds a bachelor's degree from Virginia State University, and a Law Degree from the University of Oregon.

After working for the Seattle Youth Violence Prevention Initiative, Rep. Taylor launched a legal practice and nonprofit consultancy in 2014, before joining Northwest Justice Project in 2017 as their statewide advocacy counsel representing domestic violence survivors. Taylor was elected to the Legislature in 2020, where she acts as Chair of the Civil Rights and Judiciary Committee, while also serving on the Housing Committee, and Human Services, Youth & Early Learning Committee. Taylor chairs the Developmental Advocacy Caucus, is the First Vice Chair of the Members of Color Caucus, and immediate Past Chair of the Legislative Black Caucus.



### **Rep. April Connors, WA State Representative, 8th District**

Representative April Connors is a lifelong Tri-Citian, successful residential real estate agent and graduate of Washington State University with a Bachelor of Arts in Communications degree. She lives in Kennewick with her husband, and their four children.

Working hard with colleagues on both sides of the aisle to achieve the best outcomes for citizens of the Tri-Cities, Rep. Connors focuses on a host of issues, ranging from the high cost of living to education, energy and housing. Connors prior professional experiences include writing and maintaining city codes as a legal assistant, during which she was involved in a housing case brought to the U.S. Supreme Court.



### **Sen. Chris Gildon, WA State Senator, 25th District**

Senator Chris Gildon represents the 25th Legislative District which encompasses Puyallup, South Hill, Midland, and Summit. He is a 23-year veteran Army Officer, with five overseas deployments and two Bronze Star Medals.

Acting as the Deputy Leader of the Senate Republican Caucus, Sen. Gildon serves on the Business, Financial Services, Gaming & Trade, Housing, Rules, and Ways and Means Committees. Additionally, Gildon is also a member of the Economic and Revenue Forecast Council, the Legislative Ethics Board, Co-Chairs on the board of directors for the Washington State Institute for Public Policy, while serving on the Joint Committee on Veterans' and Military Affairs, the Covenant Homeownership Program Oversight Committee, and the Legislative-Executive WorkFirst Poverty Reduction Oversight Task Force.



### **Sen. John Lovick, WA State Senator, 44th District**

Senator John Lovick has spent his life in public service. Prior to holding elective office, he served as a State Trooper for 31-years, and was named *Trooper of the Year* in 1992. He also served a total of 13 years in the US Coast Guard, including time patrolling the waters off Alaska.

First elected to the Mill Creek City Council in 1993, where he served as Mayor Pro Tem – Sen. Lovick later joined the House of Representatives in 1998, serving for nine years, including five as Speaker Pro Tem. Elected Snohomish County Sheriff in 2007, and serving as Snohomish County Executive from 2013–15, Lovick was appointed to the House of Representatives in June 2016, and won re-election in November 2016. In December 2021, Lovick was selected by the Secretary of State to fill a vacancy as a State Senator.

