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Sasha-Gaye Angus to lead MANNA, Inc. as New President & CEO

October 29, 2020, Washington, DC – MANNA, Inc. today announced the appointment of Sasha-Gaye Angus as its President and Chief Executive Officer, effective November 9, 2020.



As President & CEO, Sasha-Gaye will lead a nearly 40-year-old nonprofit developer of quality, affordable housing in the District of Columbia, with a mission to help low- and moderate-income persons acquire quality housing, build assets for families through homeownership, create rental housing, revitalize distressed neighborhoods, preserve racial and ethnic diversity, and promote racial economic equity through its work. MANNA is the largest and most successful community development corporation dedicated to affordable housing in the District of Columbia. Sasha-Gaye succeeds MANNA's founder, Reverend Jim Dickerson, who will continue to play a leadership role at MANNA in partnership with Sasha-Gaye, and will work with her to plan for a successful leadership transition.

Sasha-Gaye joins MANNA from McCormack Baron Salazar, Inc., one of the nation's leading for-profit developer of economically integrated urban neighborhoods with a vision of transforming places into communities where all people can thrive. Sasha-Gaye served as Senior Vice President in the Mid-Atlantic Region where she developed partnerships and oversaw the planning and development of large multi-phased neighborhood transformation projects in Pittsburgh, PA and Baltimore, MD, that are producing over 2,000 affordable, and market rate units combined.

Earlier in her career, Sasha-Gaye served as Vice President with The Michaels Organization and held primary responsibility for the planning and execution of mixed income housing development in two regional markets, including Washington, DC. Sasha-Gaye has served on the Board of Open Arms Housing since 2014, and currently serves as Secretary and Board Director for Housing Association of Nonprofit Developers (HAND).

Sasha-Gaye brings excitement and enthusiasm to her new position: "I am honored to have been chosen as MANNA's next CEO, for the opportunity to work with Rev. Jim on this important leadership transition, and continue to build MANNA's commitment to changing lives, neighborhoods, and history in Washington, DC. I look forward to

collaborating with the staff, Board, and community partners to expand MANNA’s reach and create impact across communities for residents in the Washington region.”

“After a competitive national search, the Board of Directors is thrilled to welcome Sasha to MANNA as our incoming President & CEO,” stated Michael Tierney, MANNA’s Board Chair. “She has the vision, leadership and real estate development skills necessary to build on MANNA’s track record of success in multiple lines of business and to continue MANNA’s work as a strong advocate for racial and economic equity in the District of Columbia.”

MANNA has been and will be fortunate to benefit from the wisdom and leadership of Rev. Jim. “This national search has been a joyous process that has resulted in the selection of a wonderful leader for MANNA”, said Rev. Jim. “I am committed to supporting Sasha in her new role as she helps to grow the organization and navigates MANNA into the future.”

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About MANNA

Since its inception in 1982, MANNA has made the creation of affordable housing – particularly homeownership, neighborhood stabilization and asset-building for low-income residents – a priority. In that time, MANNA has created and preserved nearly 2,000 units of affordable housing for DC residents, our homeowners have accrued approximately \$200M in equity, and our financial literacy and homeowner training program has been replicated more than 200 times across the nation. MANNA is a charter member of NeighborWorks America with an exemplary rating, a HUD certified housing counseling agency, and has the HUD designation as a Community Housing Development Organization (CHDO).