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Silicon Valley at Home (SV@Home) names Regina Celestin Williams as new Executive Director

(Santa Clara County) The SV@Home Board of Directors is thrilled to announce that Regina Celestin Williams has been named the next Executive Director of Silicon Valley at Home following the departure of founding Executive Director Leslye Corsiglia. Regina brings a wealth of experience in affordable housing and community development to lead the SV@Home team. She has spent her entire career working towards housing and economic justice in California and on the East Coast. Her first day as the SV@Home Executive Director will be November 15th.

Regina has most recently served as Director of Housing Development at First Community Housing, a leading San José-based affordable housing developer. In this role, Regina has overseen several innovative and complex affordable housing developments serving the most vulnerable residents in our community, while also helping lead the organization through growth and change. Regina is a well-respected speaker and advocate on issues related to community development, affordable housing, and racial equity.

Originally from Richmond, Regina has called San José home for many years. She serves on the board of the Richmond Local Action in Neighborhood Development community organization and is a Silicon Valley Next Fellow. Regina earned a B.A. in Urban Studies from Stanford University and a Master of City Planning at the University of Pennsylvania.

Quotes and Reactions

“Having grown up in the Bay Area, I know firsthand the resilience of the people here and the challenges of accessing stable and affordable housing. I am so excited to be taking on this role to expand that access to all who call this place home. SV@Home grounds me in the work that is constantly advancing our Housing for All movement. I will be building upon my deep housing industry experience, where I worked to push the envelope on creating high-quality housing for Silicon Valley's most vulnerable populations. And I will absolutely leverage everything that I have learned to date, from my preservation work on the East Coast to my community and economic development work consulting with local governments. I am looking forward to having many conversations with you all, including many old and new friends, and to bringing in new voices and perspectives to these critical housing conversations.”

-Regina Celestin Williams, [Incoming SV@Home Executive Director and current Director of Housing Development, First Community Housing]

“On behalf of the Board of Directors, we are extremely excited to welcome Regina as the new Executive Director of SV@Home. The Board was very impressed with Regina’s record of accomplishment, her expertise in affordable housing, and her commitment to centering the work of creating sustainable communities around the experiences and needs of those who have been the most marginalized in Santa Clara County. We stand ready to support Regina and the whole team at SV@Home to continue to lead the necessary change in the community to ensure more vibrant, affordable and equitable housing for all residents.”

-Kevin Zwick, Board Chair, Silicon Valley at Home and CEO of United Way Bay Area

“I am really excited that Regina will be the one leading SV@Home at this important time when the need for policy and advocacy around housing and homelessness is greater than ever. Regina’s deep knowledge of affordable housing and on-the-ground experience with housing development will be an asset to SV@Home. She knows the challenges, she knows the solutions, and she knows what needs to happen to make change.”

-Leslye Corsiglia, Founder and former Executive Director of SV@Home

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About SV@Home

SV@Home is the voice for affordable housing in the Silicon Valley. A membership organization, SV@Home advocates for policies, programs, land use, and funding that lead to an increased supply of affordable housing. Additionally, SV@Home educates elected officials and the community about the need for housing, and the link between housing and other quality of life outcomes, including education, health, transportation, and the environment.

Learn more about our work on our website: <https://siliconvalleyathome.org/>