



President

Em Johnson Interest Real Estate Development

Michael E. Johnson

Mr. Johnson is the President and Founder of Em Johnson Interest, Inc.. Mr. Johnson has over thirty (30) years of experience in urban real estate development. Mr. Johnson has managed Em Johnson Interest for the last 15 years from its headquarters in San Francisco and the Bay Area. Over this period he has grown the company to be one of the largest African American businesses in the Bay Area. This has included the recent completion or current undertaking of over \$850 million in project development activity, including over 3,000 housing units and several mixed use projects. Mr. Johnson has served as the Managing Member of recent high profile infill redevelopment projects such as the Fillmore Heritage Center, an \$85 million mixed use project in San Francisco, CA, and the \$32 million Richmond Easter Hill HOPE VI project in Richmond, CA. Also, Mr. Johnson formed and is the Managing Member of the Fillmore Jazz Club, LLC which is the primary investor in the ownership of Yoshi's San Francisco Jazz Club & Japanese Restaurant, which is the anchor venue within the Fillmore Heritage Center. Mr. Johnson participates actively and oversees the full process of development by his company, including from conceptual design through construction and the marketing until completion.

From 1989 to December 1991, Mr. Johnson served as the Director of Housing Development for Neighborhood Housing Services of America, Inc. (NHTSA). NHTSA, based in Oakland, California, is a national, non-profit, secondary market lender with a portfolio of over \$400 million in loans to community-based, affordable housing development corporations throughout the United States.

Prior to NHTSA, Mr. Johnson spent twelve (12) years in Atlanta doing urban redevelopment and providing a full range of consulting services to neighborhood organizations, City, County, State and Federal government agencies, as well as various private businesses and developers. Mr. Johnson was president of Wilson Johnson Interests, Inc. (WJI), an Atlanta-based real estate development and consulting firm. While at WJI, Mr. Johnson was the managing general partner and completed the development of several in-fill new construction projects valued at over \$12.0 million. Additionally, Mr. Johnson was directly involved in over 25 consulting assignments with local government and community-based organizations involving small and large scale urban development planning, and economic development.

Mr. Johnson has two degrees, a Bachelor of Science in Architecture and Urban Planning, and a Master of Architecture with a concentration in Urban Real Estate Development, from the University of Maryland and the Georgia Institute of Technology respectively. Mr. Johnson has served in various capacities in public and community service while in Atlanta and the San Francisco Bay Area. Noted activities include serving as a board member on the Berkeley/California Shakespeare Festival, the Fulton County Board of Zoning Appeals, and the Atlanta-Fulton County Library Board of Trustees. Mr. Johnson recently served on the board of Glide Community Housing, Inc. and is a member of the San Francisco Black Chamber of Commerce.

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