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SAM ANDERSON

Executive Officer

Master Builders Association of King and Snohomish Counties

Sam Anderson has been the Executive Officer of the Master Builders Association of King and Snohomish Counties since 1998. Master Builders Association is the oldest and largest of the 800+ local home builder associations affiliated with the National Association of Home Builders. Anderson was the 2006 President of the National Association of Home Builders Executive Officers Council (EOC), and in 2001 received the Executive Officer of the Year award by the EOC.

He served for two years as chair of HomeAid America, a national non-profit provider of housing for the homeless and for two years as chair of enterpriseSeattle. Presently, he is on the Seattle Chamber of Commerce board of directors, vice chair of the Bastyr University board of trustees, on the enterpriseSeattle executive committee, on the Forterra advisory board, and vice chair of the Ecosystem Coordination Board of the Puget Sound Partnership. Anderson was appointed by former Washington Gov. Gary Locke and reappointed by current Gov. Christine Gregoire to the governor's Affordable Housing Advisory Board, on which he served until the end of 2011.

Prior to joining the Master Builders Association, Anderson was General Counsel, Director of Public Policy and Washington, DC lobbyist for the National Ski Areas Association headquartered in Denver. In 1978-81, Anderson served as chief of staff to Oregon Congressman Robert Duncan, whose committee assignments included Interior and Transportation Appropriations.

He holds a degree in economics from the University of Oregon and a law degree from Northwestern School of Law, Lewis and Clark College in Portland, Ore. He is a member of the Oregon and Washington, DC bars.

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GLENN CRELLIN

Professor, Associate Director for Research
Runstad Center for Real Estate Studies, University of Washington

Glenn Crellin has been the Associate Director of the Runstad since the beginning of 2012. Prior to coming to the University of Washington, he served as Director of the Washington Center for Real Estate Research at Washington State University for 18 years. He also spent 16 years conducting and managing research for the National Association of Realtors® in Washington, DC. His research emphasizes the development of information which has practical benefit to real estate practitioners and the general public.

Mr. Crellin's accomplishments include the development of the Housing Affordability Index, a measure of the ability of the middle income family to afford to purchase a home. Current research is focusing on the development of measures of commercial real estate market activity in the state. Recent research has addressed economic impacts of residential development, affordability issues for rental housing as well as structural changes to the real estate brokerage business.

The Center's activities highlight statistical reporting on real estate markets in Washington (both home sales and rental apartments), affordable housing, growth management's impact on affordable housing, real estate licensee issues and other public policy research related to real estate. Research results are disseminated via subscription publications, and through an extensive Web site (wcrer.be.washington.edu).

Mr. Crellin is an economist who earned his B.A. at Drake University in Des Moines, Iowa and his Master's at the University of Maryland.

Glenn currently serves as Chair and Administrative Officer of the Central Puget Sound Real Estate Research Committee, Trustee of the Spokane-Kootenai Real Estate Research Committee, and a member of the editorial review board of the **Appraisal Journal** and the **Journal of Real Estate Practice and Education**. He is a frequent presenter to real estate and community groups throughout the Pacific Northwest region.

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JOE FAIN

Washington State Senator, 47th District

Elected in 2010, Sen. Fain is serving his first term from the 47th District.

He was chosen as deputy Republican leader on the Senate Transportation Committee, and also serves on the Senate Early Learning and K-12 Education and Financial Institutions, Housing and Insurance Committees.

Fain earned his BA from UW, and his MBA and a law degree from Seattle University. Before serving as senior staff with the King County Council, Fain was an award-winning high school swim coach in the Highline and Renton School Districts, and was recognized as Washington State Coach of the Year in 2002.

Fain and his wife, Steffanie, live in Auburn.

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KIM HERMAN

Executive Director
Washington State Housing Finance Commission

Kim Herman is the Executive Director of the Washington State Housing Finance Commission.

Mr. Herman is a native of Washington State and has served as a member of the Commission, as Washington Project Director of the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development's Rural Assistance Initiative Program, as Executive Director of the Housing Authority of the City of Yakima, and as Manager of Single-Family Housing for the Portland Development Commission.

From 1988 through 2010, Mr. Herman served on the Board of Directors of the National Council of State Housing Agencies and served as President of the council from 2006-2008.

From 2008 through 2011, Mr. Herman served on the board of the Washington Wildlife and Recreation Coalition. Most recently Mr. Herman served on the boards of The Housing Partnership, the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation Sound Families Steering Committee, and the Greater Seattle YMCA Public Policy Committee.

Mr. Herman continues to serve on the Boards of the Washington Low Income Housing Alliance, Impact Capital, and the National Rural Housing Coalition. He is also a member of the Governor's Affordable Housing Advisory Board and the Washington State Department of Commerce Bond Cap Advisory Group.

Mr. Herman is a Graduate of Washington State University (B.A. 1967).

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STEVE HOBBS

Washington State Senator, 44th District

Steve Hobbs represents the 44th legislative district, which includes all or parts of Everett, Mill Creek, Lake Stevens, Snohomish and unincorporated Snohomish County.

Sen. Steve Hobbs has been a member of the Washington State Senate since 2006. He serves as Chair of the Financial Institutions, Housing & Insurance Committee. He also serves on the Early Learning & K-12 Education, Transportation, and Agriculture, Water & Rural Economic Development Committees.

In addition to representing the people of the 44th district, he is a member of the Washington Army National Guard and proudly served in Iraq and Kosovo.

Steve is a proud husband and father. He's been married to Pam since 1995 and together they are raising three boys: Gavin, Truman, and Winston (Truman and Winston were named after some of Steve's heroes, Winston Churchill and Harry Truman.)

In 2011, he received a Master's of Public Administration from the University of Washington Evans School. In 1994 he earned a bachelor's degree in political science at the University of Washington.

SCOTT JARVIS

Director, Washington State Department of Financial Institutions (DFI)

Scott Jarvis was appointed the Director of the Department of Financial Institutions by Governor Chris Gregoire in March 2005. He has more than 34 years of experience as a financial regulator in Washington State. As the director of DFI, Scott focuses on fostering policies that provide a healthy and predictable regulatory environment and promote economic vitality. Scott actively supports efforts to maintain the attractiveness and viability of the state bank and credit union charters, provide a fair and dynamic lending environment, and enable small business capital formation.

Scott is committed to protecting consumers and investors from fraudulent and predatory lending practices and believes those involved in such activities should be held personally accountable for their unlawful actions. Scott believes in the value of creating financially literate communities. Under his direction, DFI supports a variety of financial education programs for Washington residents of all ages through private, non-profit, and public partnerships. Scott is an attorney and native New Yorker. He earned his bachelor's degree from Allegheny College and his professional degree in law from the University of Puget Sound (now Seattle University) School of Law. Scott was recently selected to serve as a 2011-2012 Board Member-at-Large for the Conference of State Bank Supervisors.

TOM KNIGHT

Garrison Chief of Staff for Joint Base Ft. Lewis/McChord

Mr. Knight manages and directs Joint Base Lewis-McChord (JBLM) installation support operations across a large, complex multi-Service military post with mission activities from all Service Components, including Army Stryker Brigade Combat Teams, Air Force C17 Wings, Special Operations Forces, and other DoD agencies. The Installation supports over 42,000 military personnel assigned to JBLM, as well as providing regional support across the west coast. He provides administrative program direction to various civilian directors, assigned Army and Air Force personnel, and special staff involved in a wide variety of functional program areas, and formulates goals, policies, and objectives for the Joint Base Garrison. Additionally, he works with public leaders in surrounding communities to promote community relations, negotiate common interests and services, and other partnership efforts of mutual benefit.

Mr. Knight is a native of Middleton, Massachusetts. Prior to becoming the Chief of Staff (formerly referred to as the Deputy to the Garrison Commander), he served as the Director of Plans, Training, Mobilization, and Security for (then) Fort Lewis. His service as a Soldier spanned thirty years and included assignments with Infantry, Special Forces, and Civil Military Operations units. He's a graduate of the National Defense University's National War College, and the US Air Force Air Command and Staff College. He holds a doctorate in Public Administration, and advanced degrees in political science, international relations, and national security strategy.

**PILI MEYER
REALTOR®**

Pili Meyer was born and raised in Hawaii. She graduated from Mills College in Oakland, CA with a BA in Political Science.

Since 1986 Meyer has been a REALTOR, located in Port Angeles, WA. While still a full time REALTOR, she also teaches real estate classes throughout the northwest and British Columbia. Meyer has twice been named Instructor of the Year by the Washington REALTORS.

In particular and germane to this group, Meyer has taught a class titled “Short Sale and Foreclosure Resource” 40-50 times in the last 3 years. As a result of this class, she has studied the crisis closely following the changes in federal and banking policies and practices. She has attended many forums and classes on the topic.

In addition, Meyer has listened to the stories of hardship and misfortune that buyers and owners face in this niche. Many of her colleagues and students have shared these stories with her and she has an experience that is wider than her own practice in real estate provides.

In 2012 Meyer is serving as the vice-chair of the National Assoc. of REALTORS Risk Management committee. Short sales and foreclosures are among the top topics we discuss and study.

BRUCE NEAS

Staff Attorney
Columbia Legal Services

Bruce has been a legal services attorney since his graduation from the University of Missouri – Kansas City, School of Law, in 1980. He was the managing attorney for the St. Joseph office of the Legal Aid of Western Missouri until 1984, when he became an attorney with Puget Sound Legal Assistance Foundation in Tacoma. From 1986 to 1996 he was the managing attorney of the Olympia office of Puget Sound Legal Assistance Foundation. From 1996 until the present, he has been an attorney at Columbia Legal Services.

Bruce has been instrumental in advocating (which includes research, bill drafting, negotiations with legislators and interest groups; and testimony) on many bills directly impacting homeowner and renter rights (including manufactured homes), wage and benefit payments for workers, and payday loans. Bruce was also intimately involved in legislation regarding foreclosure rescue scams (HB 2791 in 2008; codified RCW 61.34 and 59.18) and the sweeping changes brought about in the Foreclosure Fairness Act (HB 1362 in 2011; codified in RCW 61.24), which allows homeowners an opportunity to meet and confer prior to foreclosure and to mediate disputes with their lenders. The Foreclosure Fairness Act also provides funding for housing counselors and civil legal services.

Bruce is a past president of the Thurston County Bar Association. In 2005 Bruce was the recipient of the TCBA's Daniel Bigelow "Lawyer of the Year" Award. He is the statewide legislative coordinator in the Olympia office of Columbia Legal Services. He is the project manager for the CLS Institute for Foreclosure Legal Assistance Grant which provides legal representation to homeowners facing foreclosure. Bruce represents clients in areas of housing, consumer and education law, as well as speaks frequently to client and community groups.

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TINA ORWALL, M.S.W.

Washington State Representative, 33rd District

As a strategic planner in health care and workforce development, affordable housing advocate, and community leader, Tina has fought for improved services and responsive government for people throughout the Puget Sound.

For more than a decade Tina has exemplified her commitment to the most vulnerable populations of Washington through her work as an advocate for the homeless, PTSA president of Marvista Elementary School, and co-Chair of the King County Legislative Action Committee. As a well-seasoned social worker and advocate, Tina knows that the government and private sector must work together to solve our state's big problems. She created a nationally recognized public-private funding partnership with local government and foundations that has resulted in over 600 units of housing for homeless individuals, including units dedicated to homeless veterans. In 2011 she sponsored the Foreclosure Fairness Act to give struggling homeowners tools and assistance to better navigate the foreclosure process. The measure included provisions for homeowners to meet with the lender and a mediator to explore every alternative to foreclosure.

Tina is honored to have received several awards as a housing advocate, the Veteran's Administration Community Partner Award, Democrat of the Year Award, Washington State Co-Occurring Disorder Leadership Recognition Award and Washington State Coalition for the Homeless Advocate of the Year Award. Tina is an active member of the Des Moines Rotary Club.

Educational Background: University of Washington: Bachelor of Science Degree of Psychology 1988; and Masters in Social Work Administration, 1991.

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CHARLES ROSS

Washington State Representative, 14th District

Representative Charles Ross was born in Portsmouth, Virginia and moved to the Yakima Valley at the age of three. He grew up in Naches and makes his home there today with his wife, CarriAnn, and their two sons, Vincent and Lucas.

Rep. Ross served in the United States Navy from 1991-95, including duty on the flight deck of the aircraft carrier USS Kitty Hawk during the Persian Gulf War. After serving in the military Rep. Ross received an Associate of Arts degree from Yakima Valley College and an Associate of Arts in Funeral Director/Mortuary Science from Mt. Hood Community College. He is a licensed funeral director and has worked in the funeral home industry in Yakima for the past 17 years. His community involvement includes the Naches Chamber of Commerce, Naches Lions Club, lifetime member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars, Post 379, Board of Directors – Yakima County Health Department and the Yakima County Mayors Association.

Rep. Ross was a member of the Naches Town Council, than served as the Elected Mayor of Naches from 1999-2006, resigning upon becoming a state representative in January 2007. He is the Republican floor leader and a member the House Ways and Means Committee and the House Public Safety & Emergency Preparedness Committee. He is the recipient of the 2008 Legislator of the Year Award, Washington Council of Police and Sheriffs (WACOPS), 2012 Guardian of Small Business Award, National Federation of Independent Business (NFIB) and the Association of Washington Business (AWB) Cornerstone Award for 2007-2011.

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MAJKEN RYHERD

Principal, Waypoint Consulting Group (Statewide Poverty Action Network)

Majken Ryherd is a Principal in Waypoint Consulting Group. Waypoint represents the Statewide Poverty Action Network, whose mission is to build grassroots power to end causes of poverty and create opportunities for everyone to prosper. Poverty Action was a leader in Washington State's foreclosure legislation creating a homeowner mediation program. From 2000-2010 Ms. Ryherd was the Chief of Staff to the Speaker of the House and the House Democratic Caucus.

Prior to working for the legislature, she was a lobbyist on behalf of a variety of low-income and anti-poverty causes including the Washington Low-Income Housing Congress, the Washington State Association of Community Action Agencies, Northwest Women's Law Center, Washington Women United and the Friends of the Basic Health Plan.

Ms. Ryherd has an M.S. in Human Services Administration from Cornell University and a B.A. in Political Science from Western Washington University. She served as a Peace Corps Volunteer in West Africa.

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LILI SOTELO
Senior Attorney
Northwest Justice Project

She has practiced consumer and housing law for 16 years and has been a legal services attorney for the last ten. As the Senior Attorney of the Northwest Justice Project's Foreclosure Prevention Unit, she oversees a statewide pro bono program and represents homeowners facing foreclosure. She works in partnership with the Washington State Bar Association, the State Attorney General and the State Housing Finance Commission to protect and preserve homeownership rights.