



## A Message from the President.....

### Our Clients, Our Partners, In Community Building

Our clients and Partners determine our success, and our *Annual Bronzeville Holiday Community Event* is dedicated to them, as we describe the partnerships we have built with several partners, community organizations, funders and clients – and the value that is created when we become an integral part of their supply chains.

As a result of creating measurable value for our customers, we grew, and remain firmly focused while enduring phases of our industry’s most severe cyclical downturn of this decade. Despite these difficult market conditions, we stuck by our strategy of strengthening operations and expanding customer service through strategic planning.

PICB has increased vigor, delivering three major components of our core business; financial literacy, housing counseling for affordable rent, purchase or foreclosure, and our Comprehensive Housing Organizing Project (CHOP). CHOP seeks to organize tenants and landlords thru training, leadership and development. As we link the two together we propose to preserve quality of life needs in the communities we serve.

PICB’s performance this year was aided by our efforts to partner and share resources with; Wal Mart, World Vision, Strack & Vantil, Hong Kong Baptist University, University of Chicago’s Mandel Legal Aide Clinic, Lawyers Committee for Better Housing, Helping Arms, Housing Matters, Chicago Community Bank, National Housing Association (NHA) Genesis Development Corp., Community Investment Corporation (CIC), Monroe Foundation, Bertina Powers Realty, City of Chicago Department of Community Development, Illinois Housing Development Authority (IHDA), Housing and Urban Development (HUD), National Community Reinvestment Coalition (NCRC), Urban League, Harris Bank, Marquette Bank, Country Financial, Citi Mortgage, Bank of America, Cathay Bank, UIC Voorhees Center, DeLa Salle High School, Illinois Institute of Technology(IIT), Krause Construction, Powers and Sons, Bronzeville Community Clubhouse, Community Development Law Project, Quad Community Development Corporation (QCDC), Neal, Gerber, Eisenberg, LLP, Duane Morris LLP, LISC, Woodstock Institute, Metropolitan Tenants Organization (MTO), The Renaissance Corporation (TRC), Community Economic Development Association (CEDA), Property Owner Partners, 100 Black Men of Chicago, Inc., Pearls Restaurant, Moo & Oink food stores and our clients. We know and understand that nothing in this world can be accomplished without team work and we thank them all.

What we predicted five-half years ago is now coming true, we remain steadfast and focused on our strategic plan, clients, partnerships, growth, sustainability and nothing less than success will do.

Again, we thank you all for your continued support; we can not achieve our goal without you. We look forward to seeing you at our *Annual Bronzeville Holiday Community Event*,

Lamar Davis, President, PICB