

Fenway Community Development Corporation

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Boston, MA - Fenway Community Development Corporation Announces New Executive Director, Steven Farrell.

Steven Farrell was selected following a yearlong process involving the Fenway CDC Board, staff, community partners, stakeholders, and our search partner Isaacson Miller. Farrell is replacing Leah Camhi, who is retiring after nine successful years as Executive Director.

Nikki Flionis, Fenway CDC Board President, said, "We are delighted to welcome Steven as the new Executive Director. His professional experience in nonprofit leadership and his commitment to social justice and grassroots activism make him an ideal candidate. We have great confidence in his ability to lead the Fenway CDC toward even greater achievements."

Farrell has several decades of experience in housing, policy, workforce development, and nonprofit management. He most recently served as Chief Operating Officer of Metro Housing | Boston, a regional organization - serving residents who are homeless and housing insecure. The Board was impressed by his significant experience in strategic planning, managing teams, engaging government and community stakeholders, and fundraising. His extensive executive management experience will aid the organization as it plans to expand. Farrell is a Boston native and is familiar with the Fenway community, dating back to his time as a student studying political science at Northeastern University.

"I'm thrilled to have the opportunity to lead this organization into its next stage, continuing to maintain and create truly affordable housing and working with residents and community groups to knit together and empower a diverse, equitable, active and supportive community," said Farrell.

For more than 50 years, the Fenway CDC has built and maintained affordable housing and worked with neighborhood residents and city and state coalitions to preserve the vibrancy and diversity of the Fenway neighborhood. The organization has several initiatives and programs that improve residents' quality of life and foster strong connections among neighbors.

The board would like to thank Leah Camhi for her stellar service to the Fenway CDC and welcome Steven Farrell as the new Executive Director. We look forward to an era of continued growth and community empowerment. Community members and friends of the Fenway CDC will be formally introduced to Mr. Farrell at the organization's annual meeting on April 25th, 2024.