Charles A. Montorio-Archer

80 Black Duck Walk

Running for the Board of Directors, FIPPOA 2021



Good Day Fire Island Pines!

I greet you announcing my candidacy for the FIPPOA Board of Directors.

I am Charles A. Montorio – Archer and I live at 80 Black Duck Walk with my husband Paolo and our French Bulldog, Giuseppe Brixton. As I wrote in my Pines Party 2021 journal article, *Equity on Fire*, I have been coming out to The Pines for nearly 10 years and with each ferry ride I am transported into a utopia that includes dining tables, pools, beaches, and dance floors in the name of love and freedom. However, this utopia has not always been a joyful experience for every community member.

I envision a Fire Island Pines Community that is deliberately and actively welcoming to everyone. This is a vision that I believe that each of you also share. A Pines Community that is reflective of every voice, perspective, choice, contribution, and energy.

Over the past few years, my contributions to our community have included:

- → Pines Care Center Board of Directors
- → Tri-Chair of the FIPPOA Committee on Black Equality (CoBE)

→ FIPPOA's AIDS Memorial Task Force

And with your support, advice, and guidance, I will add FIPPOA Board of Directors to the list.

For 30 years, I have been a non-profit executive with experience founding, growing, and turning around human service organizations through strategic planning, advocacy, operations improvement, financial management, and relationship building. With extensive expertise in board governance, regulation compliance, policy reform, community outreach, Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DEI), and cultural transformation, I will build camaraderie, consensus, and collaboration with every Director on the Board.

I am the President and Chief Executive Officer of One Hope United (OHU), a multi-state non-profit that creates opportunities for children and families by providing early education, foster care, adoption, counseling, residential, and other support services. Previously, I was the Co-Founder and Chief Executive Officer of The Thrive Network, a non-profit organization that advocates and serves the interests of children, adults, and families with intellectual development disabilities. I have also been Lobbyist for the unserved and underserved and an Adjunct Professor, School of Public Affairs at Bernard Baruch College, City University of New York.

I am a member of countless Board of Directors and appointed to numerous councils and commissions throughout my career. This currently includes Commissioner for Illinois Youth Budget Commission and Illinois Commission on Poverty Elimination and Economic Security, Illinois Collaboration on Youth, Chicago Alliance for Collaborative Effort, Florida Coalition for Children, Child Welfare Advisory Committee, and a Member of Casey Family Programs 2020 Race Equity Improvement Collaborative.

I earned a Doctor of Philosophy, Public Management and Leadership from Walden University, my Juris Doctor from Brooklyn Law School, and a Master of Public Administration from Baruch College/CUNY. I also hold Six Sigma Black and Green Belts along with being a Certified Health Care Compliance Professional, and a Certified Compliance and Ethics Professional.

As I write in my book, *Everybody Paddles: A Leader's Blueprint to Creating a Unified Team,* we demand that our leaders be experienced, show up, communicate effectively, address concerns timely and remain committed to the mission. This is the leader I will be for each and every one of you. So, let's Pick Up Our Paddles and Serve.

United In Service, Charles