## **Cheryl Spector has:**

# 1. Worked as Architect to design the Built Environment using innovative and sustainable strategies:

- ➤ Mayor's Office of Economic Development City Architect
- Northeast Denver Housing Center Design/Development Director
- Spector & Associates

#### 2. Hired as Director of:

- EventGallery 910Arts for profit art exhibition, event and bar venue
- Colorado Center for Community Development (CCCD) @ University of Colorado-Urban program in Denver and the Rural Statewide Program with Colorado Dept. of Local Affairs
- Northeast Denver Housing Center (NDHC) developed housing programs/developments for under-served and blighted neighborhoods

#### 3. Put her money where her mouth is:

- ➤ Designed/developed 910Arts, a mixed-use Creative Industries Shared Space Facility in the Art District on Santa Fe Dr., Denver, which has:
  - Created 60+ jobs
  - Incubated 20+ businesses (9 of which now own property in the District)
  - Provides affordable housing for artists and creative businesses
  - Earned four awards for excellence in the field of design, sustainability and/or community development
- Spector Development Owner of 12 creative industry studios and live/work lofts
- ➤ Her company is certified MWDBE

## 4. Facilitated others in impacting their communities:

- Led design-thinking engagements impact-driven organizations from 1991 to present, such as:
  - Non-profit Shared Space Facilities
  - Affordable Housing
  - Revitalizing Neighborhoods
  - Environmental Justice
  - Biodynamic Farm CSA

#### 5. Blazed trails in her community:

- Served on Board of Directors for:
  - Santa Fe Drive Business Improvement District (SFBID) current
  - 910Arts current
  - Santa Fe Arts Center (SFAC)
  - Santa Fe Drive Redevelopment Board
  - Fort Lupton Historic Preservation Board
  - Camp Fire Boys & Girls
- ➤ Denver Mayoral Appointee to Creative Space Matters
- ➤ Invited as speaker and/or Panel Member for numerous forums throughout the country:
  - STEM8 Juror/Judge for Biomimicry Design Challenge
  - Biomimicry Educator Network Annual Conference
  - Biomimicry Global Design Challenge Judge Food Systems and Transportation
  - Greenbuild

- USDA Rural Housing & Landscape
- Premier Housing Summit for Denver
- United Nations Conference
- Presenter/Speaker McAuliffe Middle School
- Energy Efficient Builders Association Conference Workshop Panel member on Financing Tools for Affordable Housing (November 1997)
- Founding member of non-profits for sustainability, social and environmental justice;
  - Santa Fe Drive Business Improvement District (SFBID)
  - Biomimicry Colorado Regional Network
  - US Green Building Council (USGBC) Colorado Chapter
  - 910Arts
  - Grow Local Colorado
  - Art District on Santa Fe Drive
  - REACH

### 6. Worked tirelessly to spread the word:

- ➤ Has taught numerous formal and informal classes, including course materials related to:
  - Biomimicry
  - Systems Thinking
  - Creative and Socially Responsible Financing
  - Sustainable Design/Green Building
  - Historic Preservation
  - Social Entrepreneurship
  - Affordable Housing
  - Associate Professor, Rocky Mountain College of Art and Design

#### 7. Worked Internationally:

2 years with Ricardo Legorreta Arquitectos, an internationally acclaimed and award winning architecture and urban planning firm

#### 8. Had extensive education:

- Graduate Certificate in Biomimicry, Arizona State University, 2016
- ➤ Biomimicry Specialist, Biomimicry 3.8 Institute, 2013
- Master of Architecture, University of Colorado, 1991
- ➤ Bachelor of Science in Architectural Studies, University of Texas, 1987
- Oxford Summer Town Planning Program, University of Oxford, England 1987

#### 9. Been recognized as a leader, trail-blazer, innovative thinker:

- 2014, Prospector Award in La Alma Lincoln Park Neighborhood, Denver, NEWSED & SFDRC
- ➤ 2010, Innovative Space Award Finalist, Leveraging Investments in Creativity & MetLife Foundation highly competitive national award recognizes outstanding efforts in the design and development of affordable space for artists
- 2006, "It Ain't Easy Being Green" Mayor's Design Awards, Denver
- ➤ 2006, GreenBuild Legacy Project, United States Green Building Council
- ➤ 2005 / 2006, Exemplary Colorado Project, United States Green Building Council
- ➤ 1995-2005, Multiple recognitions Green Design, Historic Preservation and Sustainability