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Slavic Village Development Names Shauna Player Sanders as Executive Director

Slavic Village Development (SVD) announced today that effective January 22, 2024 Shauna Player Sanders will begin her role as the organization's next Executive Director. She replaces Christopher Alvarado, who announced his resignation from the position in the fall of last year to step into a new role with Cuyahoga County.

Sanders joins Slavic Village Development from Malachi Center (Cleveland), where she has acted as Executive Director since 2016. Shauna's work for the Malachi Center was focused on relationship management, fiscal growth, and expansion of operational capacity and services. Before serving as ED, she was with Mount Sinai Manor where she occupied a managerial role.

She currently serves on the Board of Trustees as well as the Finance and Community Engagement Committees for Ohio City Incorporated. She earned both a Bachelors and Masters of Business Administration from Cleveland State University.

Tim Verba, President of the SVD Board of Directors, commented *"We are thrilled to have Shauna on board. Shauna brings experience in working with the underserved in urban communities. She has a strong passion for equity. Shauna's time on the Ohio City CDC Board will bring new perspective into our real estate development."*

Shauna Player Sanders, *"2024 is a very exciting time in Slavic Village with strategic initiatives, such as the Eco District certification, real estate development and designation of Broadway Avenue as an RTA priority corridor. Moreover, I am honored to build on synergies created by Chris Alvarado's impactful leadership alongside a dedicated staff, board, stakeholders, and partners."*