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Mike Temali, President & CEO

Mihailo (Mike) Temali has been President & CEO of NDC since the organization's inception in 1993. He has over 25 years of experience in the field of community-based economic development. Prior to NDC, Mike was Executive Director of North End Area Revitalization, Inc. (NEAR). During his six-year tenure he raised over \$3 million for programs which resulted in 130 commercial rehabilitation and expansion projects along Rice Street in Saint Paul. Mike and NEAR acted as lead developer of a retail shopping center on Rice Street, planned and implemented a streetscape project, and initiated and participated in the development of new efforts in Saint Paul's North End which focused on youth, single parents, employment, and industrial development. Prior to NEAR, Mike was on the staff of the University of Minnesota's Hubert H. Humphrey Institute of Public Affairs.

Mike has a master's degree in public affairs from the University of Minnesota's Hubert H. Humphrey Institute of Public Affairs and a bachelor's degree in sociology from Macalester College in Saint Paul. He has also received a Bush Fellowship to further study community economic development within inner city communities through Harvard University and the Massachusetts Institute of Technology. In 2002, his comprehensive book on the community economic development process was published by Wilder Research. Targeted to practitioners in the field and nominated for an award for its outstanding guidance, *The Community Economic Development Handbook: Strategies and Tools to Revitalize Your Neighborhood* grew out of his work nationally and abroad during sabbaticals under his Bush Fellowship.

In November 2008, Mike was a member of the inaugural class inducted into the Community Development Hall of Fame (a LISC/MCCD initiative). Additionally, Mike has been a Board member at nearly 30 organizations during his career.