

Joy Aruguete

Joy has served as the Chief Executive Officer of Bickerdike Redevelopment Corporation for the past 23 years. In this capacity, she supervises operations for this 50-year-old, award-winning, nonprofit community development corporation dedicated to community-controlled development, the preservation and management of affordable housing, economic development centered on job creation, comprehensive community planning and engagement, and the development of community leaders. Joy manages corporate, subsidiary, and affiliate business operations of over \$20 million annually and oversees the work of 75 staff members who carry out Bickerdike's mission.

Bickerdike's accomplishments include: the development of 1,328 housing units, including 154 single family homes, with an additional 400 units under development; resident-involved property management of 1,094 rental and cooperative housing units; management of over 90,000 square feet of commercial space across eight sites; minor repairs in over 700 households; the development of hundreds of jobs for community residents; and the development of hundreds of community leaders. For the past 15 years, Bickerdike has also been the lead agency for the Humboldt Park New Communities Program, and continues to actively engage 70 neighborhood organizations and institutions in the successful implementation of over 100 wide-ranging community development initiatives.

For 20 years, Joy has been an active board member of the Chicago Rehab Network where she currently serves as board president. In this role, she provides citywide leadership in efforts to ensure effective policy, capacity, and resources for affordable housing and community development in Chicago.

Joy was appointed to the national Enterprise Community Leadership Council in 2006, where she actively participates in shaping national community development priorities. She was appointed by the mayor to the Board of Directors of the Chicago Community Land Trust in 2006, where she also serves as Chair of the Projects and Policy Committee. Joy was appointed to the Illinois FAIR Plan Governing Board in 2015 by the Illinois Insurance Commissioner, and she served on the Federal Home Loan Bank of Chicago's Community Investment Advisory Council from 2009 to 2017.

In May 2009, Joy was presented with the 40 Who've Made a Difference Award by Business and Professional People for the Public Interest. In December 2002, she was presented with the Tom Gobby Award for Neighborhood Leadership by LaSalle Bank.

Joy has been active in the nonprofit sector for over 25 years. Her work at Bickerdike adds to her background in community organizing and economic development. Her experience is enriched by six years of teaching at the University of Illinois at Chicago in the Urban Developers Program of the College of Urban Planning and Policy Administration. Prior to this, she taught for two years at the University of Wisconsin-Madison. Joy received her master's degree from the University of Wisconsin-Madison. She also holds a Certificate in Non-Profit Management from Roosevelt University, and an Illinois Real Estate Managing Broker License.