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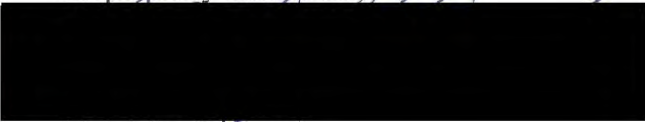
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My Name is Abdul Sm Rasheed and I am currently the CEO of Franklin-Vance-Warren Opportunity, Inc. a four county 50 year Community Action Agency. FVW has a portfolio of Human and Social service programs that seek to facilitate individual self-sufficiency and neighborhood stabilization. FVW is a 9 million dollar enterprise with 100 plus employees. In my professional life for the last 30 years I have had the good pleasure to work with BB&T in my roles as Founder and CEO of the North Carolina Association of Community Development Corporations and The North Carolina Community Development Initiative/Initiative Capital. These three organizations greatly benefited from its relationship with the BB&T family. While working to build these institutions BB&T was an active participant at the highest corporate level. The Former Chief Operating Officer of the corporation actively served on my board of Directors and made such a meaningful contribution to the success of our organization. For my full tenure as CEO of these organizations I always had a senior level BB&T corporate executive active on the board. Sharon Jeffries-Jones and Brian Coyle followed Henry Williamson giving sage advice to both the Board and me as CEO.

Over the life of this relationship BB&T invested Millions of Dollars in the organization and the projects we facilitated throughout the state of NC. BB&T provided furniture and office space to house these organizations for 10 plus years. BB&T leadership lead Capital Campaigns that raised Millions of dollars to invest in community Economic Development throughout the State. I was on the campus of NCA&T earlier this week and saw that BB&T is the Corporate sponsor of the Aggie Football Stadium which I have not seen other Financial Institutions step up and do. I commend Kelly King and his organization for being a leader in this space and I wish them every success as they move to become the 6 largest financial institution in this nation. I only expect them to do things bigger and better as the 6<sup>th</sup> largest Bank in this country.

Respectfully Submitted, 

  
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