Carl Joe Williams is a founding member of Blights Out. Blights Out is a collective of artists, activists, and architects working to imagine and design a new model for housing development centered outside the for-profit market; we generate dialogue, art, and action to support the movement for permanently affordable housing and challenge blight, displacement, and gentrification.

Carl Joe Williams was born in Uptown New Orleans (b.1970). Art was Williams’ first love. At fourteen he was accepted into The New Orleans Center for Creative Art (NOCCA) where he received his formal training. Upon completing high school, Williams continued his studies at the Atlanta College of Art. In Atlanta, Williams flourished in his craft; graduating in 1994, produced solo exhibitions, participated in several group exhibitions and completed several public art projects.

Williams’ work has been displayed in several venues throughout the United States, including Journeys, an installation at the Hartsfield-Jackson International Airport and Williams’ Sculptural Trees installation on the median of Veterans Boulevard.

Christopher Scott Hunter was born and raised in Dayton, Ohio. He holds a Bachelor of Architecture degree from the University of Cincinnati, and a Master of Science in Architecture from Texas A&M University. He is currently a doctoral student pursuing a PhD in architecture at Texas A&M University, and is two time recipient of the William W. Caudill Fellowship for doctoral research from the College of Architecture at Texas A&M. His research focus is the study of the design and construction influences upon early African American church buildings in the United States constructed between 1800 to 1920.

Chris has nearly 30 years of professional experience working as a project architect and project manager on number of large scale projects for design firms in Dallas, Texas. His project experience includes mixed use and retail development, hospitality design, health care, civic and municipal projects, higher education, historic preservation, master planning, and community development. Chris served on numerous city council appointed boards and commissions for the City of Dallas and the City of Frisco, Texas, including the Dallas Landmark Commission, the City of Frisco Housing Trust Fund Board, and the City of Frisco Comprehensive Plan Advisory Committee. Chris also served as the executive director for a Dallas based community development corporation, whose focus was to introduce affordable housing into three historically distressed neighborhoods, one of which is a historic Freemantown district.

Timothy McDonald is the President and CEO of Onion Flats LLC. Tim is a licensed architect in Pennsylvania and New Jersey. In 1997, with his brother Patrick, he co-founded Onion Flats LLC; a Philadelphia based real estate development/design/build firm.

Tim has been an adjunct Professor of Architecture at Philadelphia University, Temple University, University of Calgary, and University of Pennsylvania. His service and experience extends into his community by holding current positions in the Northern Liberties Neighbors Association Zoning Committee, the Philadelphia Sustainability Advisory Board, as well as a previous position on the Old City Civic Association Board of Directors. Tim is also Founder/President of FAARM, a non-profit organization dedicated solely to the exhibition of art and architecture in Philadelphia.

As a partner in Onion Flats, Tim’s role is Lead Architect and Construction Manager for many of Onion Flats’ projects. In 2005, Tim and his brothers Pat and John, in conjunction with Howard Steinberg formed the architecture firm Plumbob, LLC and JIG, Inc., a General Contracting, Construction Management and Green Roof company, allowing this team to provide full design-build services for both clients and their own developments. Additionally, Tim is a Certified LEED Accredited Professional and Passive House Certified Consultant and Tradesman.

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