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Community Engagement Proposal

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PURPOSE

Within us resides a limitless, unborn potential for creativity and substance. Our cumulative life experiences provide us with the greatest training to use this potential for the betterment of society at large. We (all of us) possess the collective wisdom needed to create and maintain thriving communities as long as we keep in mind that we are our Brothers' and Sisters' Keepers!

MOTTO

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It is said that no one truly knows a nation until one has been inside its jails. A nation should not be judged by how it treats its highest citizens, but its lowest ones.

Nelson Mandela

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MISSION

The mission of Reality Vision Northwest (a non-profit organization) is to provide healing-centered engagement, supportive services, and training for the Pacific Northwest's most marginalized members of society: justice-involved youth and adults, people experiencing homelessness, military veterans, and other historically underserved communities: (BIPOC) Black, Brown, Indigenous, People of Color; people who identify as LGBTQ+; and people with disabilities.

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INTRODUCTION

As our Brothers' and Sisters' Keeper, it is the mission of Reality Vision Northwest to change our societal landscape through cultural affirmation; cultural enrichment; and diversity, equity, and inclusion of human services spaces. It is the responsibility of all service providers to engage society's most marginalized populations with a Healing Centered approach. Reality Vision Northwest is firm in the belief that social engagement guided by compassion, empathy, and respect can heal trauma and restore balance to society. We aim to provide an empathetic and nurturing environment that supports education, training, and stability while acknowledging that those we are serving are whole and complete persons.

When our society begins to appreciate the many facets that comprise us as a people, a nation, a community — when we start to celebrate our likenesses and recognize our oneness, we are taking steps forward to ensure world peace, harmony, love, balance and unity. Let's start to build solidarity in our communities first by displaying respect and showing understanding and empathy.

Everyone benefits when we seek a solution to social, economic and ecological challenges that enrich the lives of all our citizens. Reality Vision Northwest commits to and affirms those we are serving as our Brothers and Sisters that need our support to ensure equitable and healthy lives.

We must learn to accept the simple, spectacular universal truth that there is exquisite meaning to who we are and what we do—and we can build by helping others to improve the quality of their lives. Our innate sensitivity lends itself to reach out to others who have been marginalized, abused and oppressed.

At Reality Vision Northwest, we are possibility thinkers that draw upon our life experiences as credible messengers and agents for change. Let's all learn from what life has taught us so that we can expand our vision to see beyond the parameters that we have accepted and experienced in the past. We must come together and become one because ultimately, we are all members of humanity. Our world's problems cannot be solved at the same level of awareness that created them... We must find and develop creative ways to solve them.

The opportunity to serve others is **now** — and we must not allow ourselves to be overwhelmed by the daunting task before us. We all possess within us the capacity needed to change the world. We are all our Brothers' and Sisters' Keeper!

THE PLAN

Through our fundraising efforts, future partnerships with Federal, State and Local governments, and capacity building efforts directed at community-based organizations, educational institutions, philanthropists, local businesses, and large corporations, we aim to provide daily supportive services to the residents of King County, with a focus on engaging members of the BIPOC (Black, Brown, Indigenous, People of Color) community.

SERVICES

Human Services

Reality Vision Northwest takes a "whole human" approach when assisting individuals in the mission to change our societal landscape through cultural affirmation; cultural enrichment; and diversity, equity, and inclusion of human services spaces. Our programs serve and support in the following ways:

Whole Person Wellness Programs

Substance Abuse Support

Suicide Intervention / Prevention

Veteran Supportive Services

Supportive Services for People Experiencing Homelessness

Supportive Services for Justice-Involved Youth & Adults

Supportive Services for Members of the LGBTQ+ Community

Food Insecurity Support

Supportive Services for Victims of Domestic Violence

Supportive Services for Victims of Violent Crimes

Support Services for Seniors

Supportive Services for People with Disabilities

Support for Immigrants and Undocumented Residents

Supportive Services for Youth & Families

24 Hour Drop-In-Center

Providing program participants with a safe, clean and sober environment to keep them off the streets and consistently engaged with life affirming programming. Creating space for self-help groups; Providing safe spaces for teens and school age youth; Providing facilities for personal hygiene care (showers, laundry, hair grooming); Providing health and wellness classes and workshops.

Day Care Services

Reality Vision Northwest plans to provide short-term day care services for children whose parent(s) or guardian are seeking employment, attending court appearances, attending doctor/dentist appointments, and participating in educational/job training courses or programs. Additionally, we will assist clients in finding safe and permanent child-care options.

Supportive Services for Justice-Involved Youth & Adults

We will assist the formerly incarcerated in their efforts to make a successful transition back into society by: Providing assistance with obtaining Identification Documents; Providing access to public benefits; Finding affordable housing; Providing access to: furniture resources, hair care, clothing vouchers, and transportation resources. Assistance with resolving outstanding warrants/traffic violations/child support violations, and making court appearances on time. Providing access to relevant mental health resources.

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PROGRAMS

Veterans Program

Reality Vision Northwest will provide direct support and services (including referrals) for individuals (including their families) that have served (at least one day) in the U.S. Armed Forces (Army, Navy, Air Force, Marines, Coast Guard) regardless of discharge status.

Job Readiness Program

Reality Vision Northwest will provide assistance for clients to create resumes and cover letters, apply for employment on-line, develop appropriate interview and office etiquette and acquire/develop existing professional skills to better prepare them for professional success.

Employment Referrals

Reality Vision Northwest will partner with employment resource organizations and employers to support the needs of program participants of varying skill levels.

Participant Volunteer Program

Reality Vision Northwest's volunteer program will provide opportunities for program participants to volunteer their services throughout the community to foster a sense of purpose and commitment in their lives. Participants will have opportunities to be of service to other organizations who are in need of assistance: Animal Shelters, Neighborhood Clean-up projects, Hospital and Nursing Home visits, Engagement with Disabled Veterans, Clothing and Food Bank drives, etc.

RESOURCES

Speaking Engagements

Schools, Detention Facilities, Government Agencies, Community Organizations, Private Businesses, Judicial Systems and other spaces for meaningful engagement. These events can provide the social interaction that will allow prospective clients and others to share who they are, their issues of concern and importance, along with the challenges they face and the solutions needed. Outside agencies and guests will also be invited to speak at the future Reality Vision Northwest facility regularly to keep our communities connected.

Education & Vocational Training Workshops

In-person and virtual programs, classes, and events focused on preparing our program participants to thrive socially and economically.

Trained, Licensed, & Healing Centered Staff + Volunteers

Reality Vision Northwest will employ professionally trained, licensed (where applicable), and healing-centered Executive Leadership, Administrative Staff and Support Personnel to ensure the efficacy of programming and services for program participants. We are a comprehensive, healing-centered, anti-racist organization that promotes diversity, equity, inclusion, and empowerment by providing life-affirming resources for our adolescent and adult participants. We are our Brothers' and Sisters' Keepers!

Impact Research Committee

This committee will comprise community leaders, educators, and graduate students from local colleges and Universities to shape social justice strategies and stay abreast of emerging trends in social service providing that best addresses the needs of the marginalized members within our community and greater society.

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DEVELOPMENT GOAL

Reality Vision Northwest's immediate fundraising objective is to acquire the resources necessary to develop a facility where we can accomplish our programmatic goals. We need the support of the private sector, the philanthropic community, federal, state, and local governments, as well as the public at large.

25% OF 7%

BLACK

Black/African American homeless population vs. total Black/African American population of Seattle/King County

800-1,100

VETERANS

Points in time show 800-1100 Veterans are homeless in Seattle/King County

900-1000

YOUTH

& young adults are homeless in Seattle/King County; 26% are under 18 years old

255

VETERANS

died by suicide in Washington, which is 20% of all WA suicides in 2019

Data presented above was collected from the most recent reports and estimates as of June 2021.

Sources: Point in Time 2020 report. <https://regionalhomelessssystem.org>, www.va.gov, www.kingcounty.gov, www.doh.wa.gov, www.huduser.gov

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY



Reality Vision Northwest's Founder and Chief Executive Officer, Robert Henry is a U.S. Army veteran who served honorably in the Vietnam War, Mr. Henry is also a Seattle Business Owner and former Washington State licensed Chemical Dependency Professional. Robert previously founded New Direction, Inc. — Adolescent and Adult Counseling Services, a social service agency that provided low-cost Alcohol/Drug assessments and counseling to under-served populations in the Greater Seattle area. Robert has also worked as a Program Coordinator in a Seattle Alternative School that focused on assisting adolescent students to obtain a G.E.D. and necessary life skills.

ROBERT C. HENRY, FOUNDER/CEO

"On the branch of a cherry tree, swelling buds are ready to burst into blossoms in perfect order. In much the same way, we are growing and evolving into what we were created to be. We are filled with life, great expectations and we must collaborate to achieve our goals. Each life experience is a unique occasion for us to learn, grow, and discover that which is within us and ready to bloom."

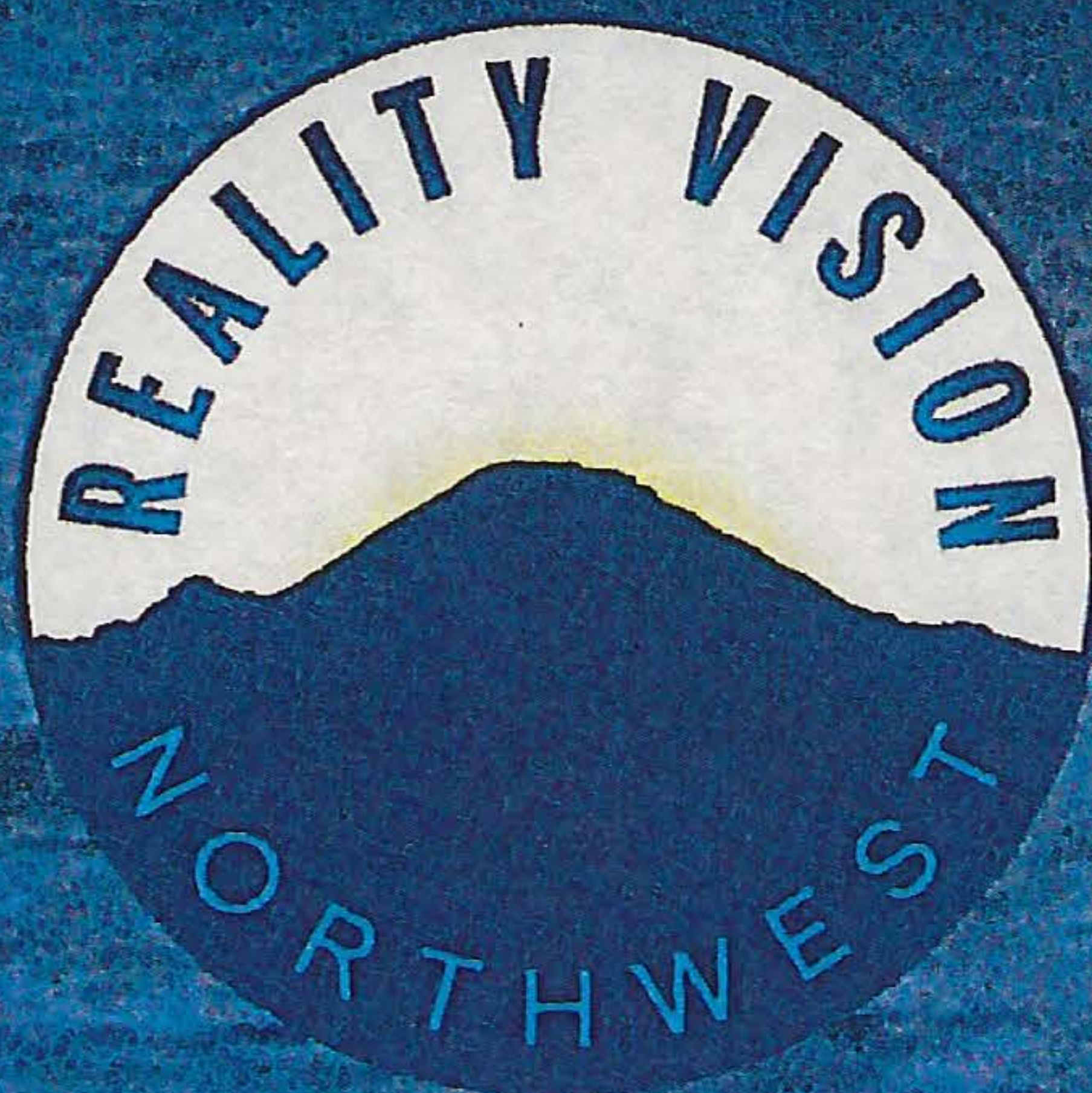
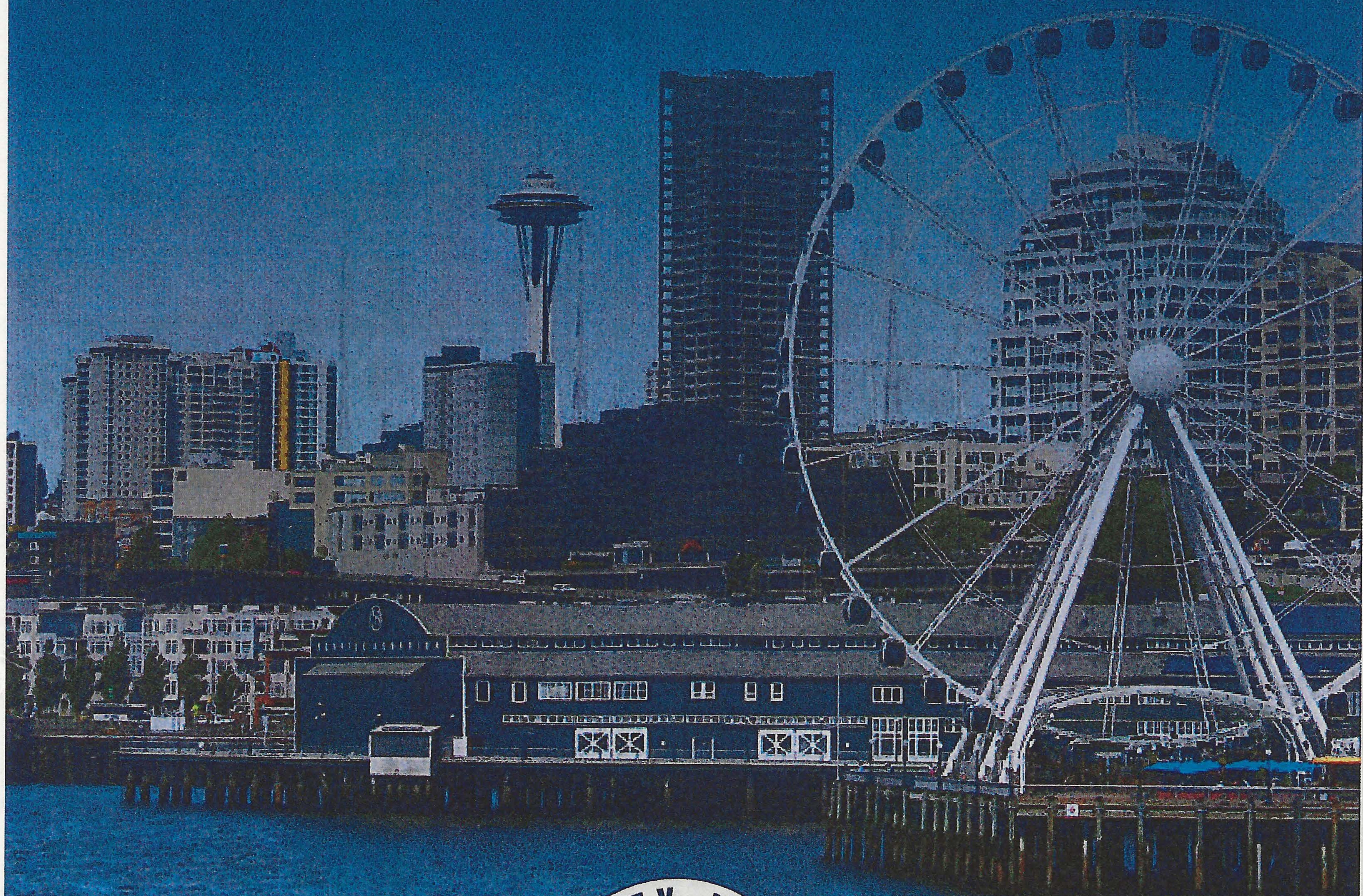
We are members of many communities—our neighborhoods, work-spaces, spiritual spaces, networks of family and friends ... as well as the greater human community.

The life of a community is richer and healthier as each person practices thoughtfulness, kindness and understanding. I present **Reality Vision Northwest**.

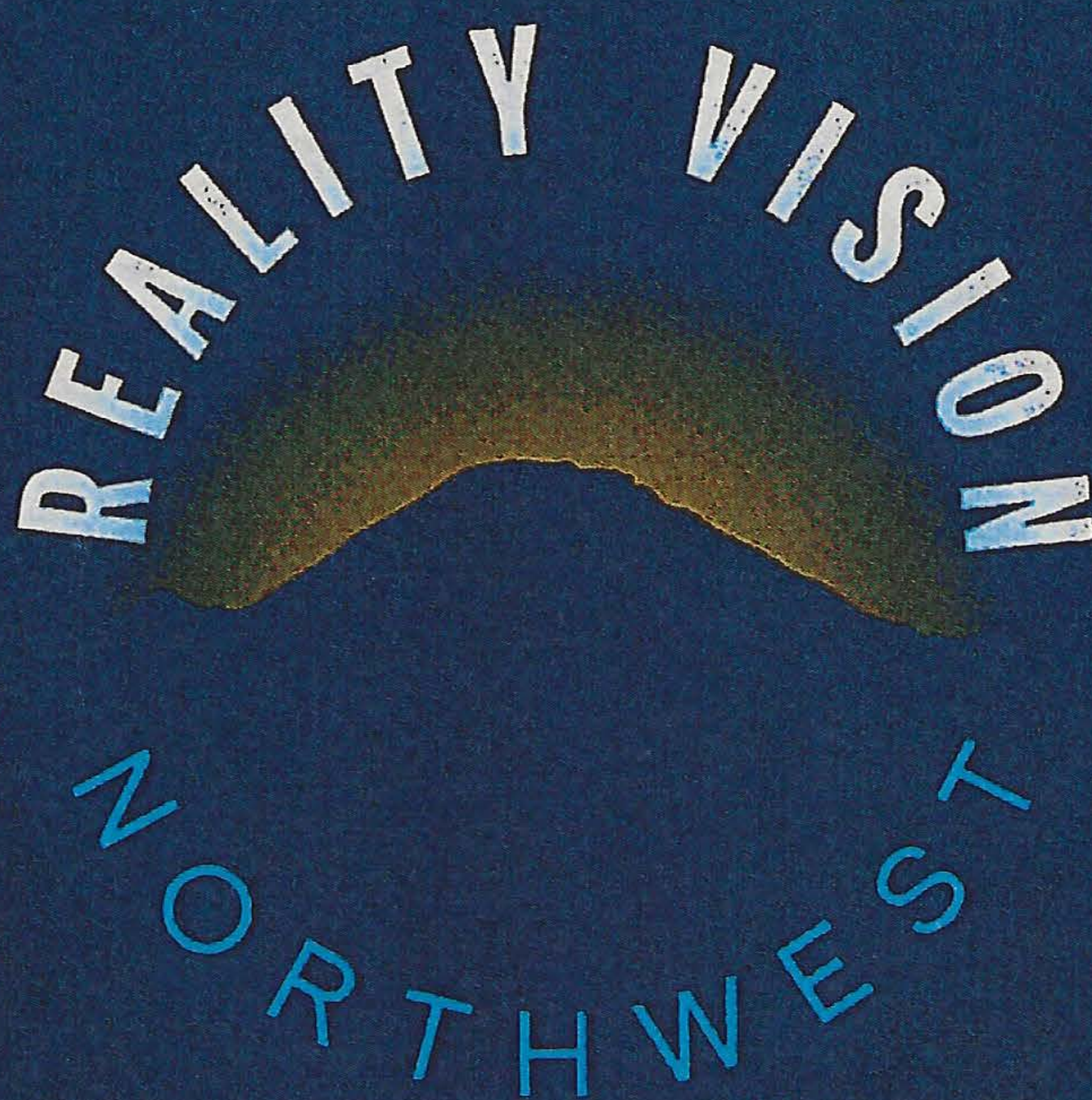
Robert C. Henry

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