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John Hans Gilderbloom is a gun shot survivor. He is a badass fighter who never turned his back on social issues. He is fearless, passionate, and refuses to be intimidated. He

has accomplished much working Civil Rights icons such as Harvey Milk, Cesar Chavez, Mayor Pete Buttigieg, Bernie Sanders, Jesse Jackson and Vice President Gore. He stood up to Secretary Andrew Cuomo and his bullying at HUD demanding that I increase the number of jobs created by HUD programs.

John I. "Hans" Gilderbloom is not your everyday pedestrian academic that hides in a office as a keyboard warrior that in the end accomplishes little. They see their job as mandating the status quo He is on the streets from the hood to the holler to the White House. He has been repeatedly warned that his research for equitable and justice. One attempt caused him to lose part of his hearing and vision. He not only survived but thrived taking the ringing ears and morning headaches into action. More recently the Louisville police department and University of Louisville reported another credible assassination attempt for his research on how big polluters are prematurely causing shorten lifespans and ruining poor neighborhoods—both white and black. . For his own safety, police have told him to move out of Kentucky in an undisclosed location.

He is considered a legendary figure in urban affairs. His finger prints are all over cities throughout the world. He has been credited as a major player in getting legislation passed at the local, state and federal level: fair rent ordinances passed in many cities covering millions from Los Angeles to San Francisco to New Jersey., eviction control legislation, Americans Disability Act, HOPE VI, calmer streets legislation, and defending environmental protection laws. Dr. Gilderbloom is a Professor in the Graduate Planning, Public Administration, Sustainability, and Urban Affairs program at the University of Louisville, where he also directed the highly lauded Center for Sustainable Urban Neighbourhoods for 30 years before it was moved to Washington D.C. with Neighbourhood Associates Corporation (<u>http://sunlouisville.org</u>. He was formerly Professor of Economics and Business.

In an international poll of thousands of Urbanists, planners and architects, Professor Gilderbloom was ranked one of the "top 100 urban thinkers in the world." Since earning his Ph.D., Gilderbloom's research in urban sustainability has appeared in eight edited books, 62 scholarly peer-reviewed journals, 35 chapters in edited books, 11 monographs and 35 opinion pieces in newspapers and magazines including: Wall Street Journal, Washington Post, Los Angeles Times, , Chicago Sun-Times, San Francisco Chronicle, New York Times, Courier-Journal, USA Today Magazine, and is syndicated with City Lab/Bloomberg.

The New York Times ran a Sunday feature of his work on renewing poor neighbourhoods and ran a small opinion piece on pollution. His most recent books on stabilizing and regenerating neighbourhoods came out in 2019: http://www.chromatichomes.com . He has consulted for National Geographic, Presidents (Bush, Clinton and Obama), Mayors (Jerry Abramson, Bernie Sanders), Senators (McConnell, Schumer); Governors (Jerry Brown, Andrew Cuomo and Secretaries of Housing and Urban Development (Cuomo, Cisneros). He has consulted with the Mayors of Moscow, Russia; Habana, Cuba; San Jose, Costa Rica, and over fifty US Mayors. He has brought in over \$3.5 million dollars in federal, state and local grants and has won numerous awards including the University of Louisville medal for outstanding research and his likeness is commended on a backlit picture of him. He loves teaching, research, and community service at home and around the world. In January of 2020. After polluters demanded his SUN Center be closed, Dr. Gilderbloom was named a Fellow at the Neighborhood Housing Associates Corporation in Washington D.C. and was invited to move his Center for Sustainable Urban Neighborhoods (htttp://sunlouisville.org) to Washington D.C.. He has also been named to head up the "Institute for Environmental Justice . Peace out

Sincerely,

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cc: We the People, U of L Center for Sustainable Neighborhoods, Portland Museum, Neighborhood Associates, City View Park, . Habitat for Humanity

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