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Questionnaire

When did you come to St. Margaret's?

Easter 1973 on a date

What attracted you to St. Margaret's?

The location and the people who were there in 1973

What ministries have you been involved with at St Margaret's or other churches?

Rummage Sales | Morning Prayer | the Vestry | LEV | Retreats

Book Sales | Search Committees | Seminarian committees | Building and Grounds

Why do you feel called to serve on the Vestry at this time?

This is a new season in our church and I would like to be apart in this time and season.

What gifts would you bring to the Vestry, for example in spiritual maturity; non-profit or church governance experience; communications experience; or expertise in financial, property and building management?

I am on or have served on profit boards here in the city.

Have served on the vestry several times over the past 46 years

My Operation Management experience in the profit and non- profit world and dealing with large budgets, long term planning and forecasting and understanding building and grounds helps in working with and in the church.

What are you passionate about for the future of St. Margaret's?

I am passionate about church growth not just financial growth but in growth of our membership and how we can reach those who past our doors daily. Another thing would be growth and creation of new programs that will attract those who do not attend our church in 2019 and to keep those who do attend to stay.

How can St. Margaret's be more effective in communicating to those outside its walls?



This is the million dollar question that I have been thinking of for days and really do not know the answer to but it has to do with exciting programs and word of mouth from those who attend, many years ago it was *Charlie's Place, Tutoring One on One at the schools, English as a Second Language, Work on Immigration, Human Right Issues and Housing issues, and Washington Interfaith Network (WIN), more activities in the Parish Hall.*

Bio

I have been attending St. Margaret's Episcopal Church since 1973.

1967-1977 I worked for Dun and Bradstreet Inc. in Richmond, Virginia and then transferred to Arlington, Virginia and worked as a Reporter.

1977 I went to work for Neiman and Marcus Department Store (NM) started out as a Cashier in the cash office and when I left NM, I was the Operation Manager. I created the budget and implement it and had a staff of thirty and in peak seasons the staffing went up to sixty. The department that I ran was responsible for all the things that you cannot readily see in a department store.

1990 -1991 I went to work for Johns Hopkins Health Center in Baltimore Maryland as an Operation Manager for the Health Clinics.

1991 to 2010 I was a software tester and Trainer for Data Transformation in Silver Spring Maryland.

2010 to 2014 worked for Sash Bruce Youth Work as an Operations manager.

2014 to now retired and working part time working with hard to served youth.

I have served on many committees here at Saint Margaret's, and currently an usher for the 9 am Service, on the current Vestry and the Strategic Planning Committee.

Miranda Cooter

Questionnaire

When did you come to St. Margaret's?

I came to St. Margaret's in 1998 and my daughter was baptized here at the 1999 Easter Vigil.

What attracted you to St. Margaret's?

My partner and I were searching for a place where we would be accepted without judgement and where we could raise our children in the faith. We called one parish who said that we would be accepted as long as we were silent about our relationship and visited another which accepted us as a couple, but had nothing to offer our children. We chose St. Margaret's because it had a nursery, the promise of a place for our children to learn and because we felt welcomed.



What ministries have you been involved with at St. Margaret's or other churches?

Wherever I have lived, from Knoxville, TN, Wichita, KS to Toulouse, France I have actively served in a church community. At St. Margaret's, I helped revive and then led the Sunday school for 10 years. I served as the project manager for the new sound system installed in 2013, continue to manage the recording ministry, and maintain the sound system. I sing in the choir and support the music ministry. As a member of the Building and Grounds Committee, I helped steward the recent repairs and renovations and wrote the Building and Grounds Charter now up for Vestry review. Past vestry service has included co-leading the stewardship committee, serving on the finance committee, managing several Susan Blue Building Fund drives and serving on various committees.

Why do you feel called to serve on the Vestry at this time?

Having served on the Vestry for the last two years and having recently participated in the Strategic Planning workshop, I would like to continue serving the Parish by bringing the work started there to fruition. I believe that St. Margaret's emphasis on Social Justice, inclusiveness, radical welcome and care for all (including children) will help us succeed for the next 125 years.

What gifts would you bring to the Vestry, for example in spiritual maturity; non-profit or church governance experience; communications experience; or expertise in financial, property and building management?

I bring to the vestry extensive experience at St. Margaret's in all areas of ministry. As an engineer and project manager I have an excellent sense of building and mechanical priorities. A graduate of the four-year Education for Ministry (EfM) program, I am passionate about service, worship, an experienced leader, well-organized and tech-savvy. I have led numerous teams and projects, many with scarce resources and tight timelines. Last, but not least, I have very well-developed skills in meeting facilitation, documenting action items and following-up to ensure things get done.

What are you passionate about for the future of St. Margaret's?

I believe that St. Margaret's welcome for all, history of social justice and compassion will bring people through our doors. Actively engaging them by providing compelling reasons to join us in service will help them stay. Our ability to reflect and transform will sustain all of us as our newcomers discover Christ's love through our example. Our care and concern for one another and our neighbors will strengthen and support our parish and larger community.

How can St. Margaret's be more effective in communicating to those outside its walls?

We should actively improve our presence on Social media, develop and maintain our website and continue to renovate our exterior so that our beautiful building can be seen clearly from the outside. Additionally, well-advertised and planned special events will help those living in our neighborhood and beyond come to know us and learn that we are an active, compassionate and loving community where they will be warmly embraced.

Bio

Miranda Cooter is an Aerospace Engineer by day. She earned a Bachelor's Degree in Mechanical Engineering from the University of Tennessee, and a Master's Degree in Information Technology from the University of Maryland, University College. She is currently a civil servant working for NASA as a Flight System Safety Engineer. A life long Episcopalian, Miranda and her family have been members of St. Margaret's Episcopal Church since 1998. (Her daughter, Gwen, was baptized at Easter Vigil in 1999). She and her wife, Isabelle, were married at St. Margaret's in 2005 (Holy Union) and 2010 (Legal Marriage). She has served on the Vestry under four rectors including Rev. Susan Blue, Rev. Anne Marie Jeffries, Rev Kym Lucas and Rev. Richard Weinberg. Miranda coordinated and taught Sunday School for 10 years and led the effort to redo the sound system. She completed the Education for Ministry class sponsored by Sewanee University. She sings in the choir and has been known to occasionally dust off her fiddle and play a tune or two.

Heidi Mayor

Questionnaire

When did you come to St. Margaret's?

October 2000

What attracted you to St. Margaret's?

I came to go to the healing rail. I had never attended church before, having been raised in an atheist home, but I had been going through a rough patch, and when friends mentioned that there was a healing rail where you could go just to ask for comfort (nobody promised a miraculous cure), I figured I could use the help.



What ministries have you been involved with at St. Margaret's or other churches?

I've taught Sunday School, been on bell choir, drafted liturgical readings and led discussions on several Advent retreats, helped write a few Christmas pageants, chaperoned a youth pilgrimage, and participated in a couple of Maggie's Cabarets. I also completed EFM.

Why do you feel called to serve on the Vestry at this time?

I think St. Margaret's is at a fragile but exciting point. Whenever there is a change in leadership, things can get complicated. I'd like to help ensure that our future is as robust as our past.

What gifts would you bring to the Vestry, for example in spiritual maturity; non-profit or church governance experience; communications experience; or expertise in financial, property and building management?

I work for a financial regulator, so money issues are not a foreign language to me. That said, I am not an accountant. I am the president of my condo association, caring for a century-old apartment building. And, having been raised in DC, I have long experience at speaking truth to power.

What are you passionate about for the future of St. Margaret's?

The world appears to be increasingly scary, with leaders all over stirring up fear and separateness. But I remember being at St. Margaret's on September 14, 2001, the national day of mourning following the terrorist attacks. The sanctuary was packed – people yearned for community, for hope, for faith. I want us to be that place in a day-in, day-out way, not just when we are facing a national crisis.

How can St. Margaret's be more effective in communicating to those outside its walls?

Bringing things outside can be hokey, but effective. Ashes to go is a great example, as is the blessing of the animals on the steps for St. Francis day – I've seen people who are just walking their dogs ask to have them blessed, and everyone is so uplifted by that simple offering! Could we ever have church outside? No organ, of course, but otherwise, why not? I'd also like to see a forum on how to talk to friends about church, how to be welcoming without being creepy. And as silly as it may sound, I think the message board in front of the church could be used to encourage visitors to come in and give us a try. It should have actual messages, not just names, dates, and times.

Bio

I grew up mostly in Washington, DC, when my family moved here from suburban New York. I went to college and graduate school in Chicago, then moved briefly to San Francisco, then spent a year teaching English as a foreign language in Spain. I came back to DC for good in 1988.

I graduated from law school in 1995, and have worked for the federal government enforcing securities laws since 2001.

I began attending St. Margaret's in 2000, and have enjoyed many different roles here: Christmas pageant planner/scriptwriter, bell choir, Advent retreat discussion leader and lectionary drafter, Sunday School teacher, chaperone for youth pilgrimage, and, more recently, participant in Maggie's Cabaret.

I live in Adams Morgan with one dog, but will likely get another in a few months. I am the primary caregiver for my mother, who lives on Thomas Circle and has dementia.

John Payne

Questionnaire

When did you come to St. Margaret's?

I came to St. Margaret's with my former wife and my young children nearly 30 years ago.

What attracted you to St. Margaret's?

Diversity and Inclusion, and Social Justice: The original impetus for our search that led us to St. Margaret's was raising a daughter and seeing in the churches where we had worshiped that women were not able to claim leadership. We found a church in St. Margaret's, led by the Reverend Dr. Vienna Cobb Anderson with the assistance of her associate, the Reverend Meg Graham, where women were leaders and great role-models for children.



The diversity of the clergy, the congregation, and the lay ministry was important. We wanted our children to grow up in a diverse community and to learn to enjoy and embrace diversity.

The inclusion of LGBTQ people was important as I came out and embraced my own sexuality. St. Margaret's support and love for me, my fiancé Shemba, and those I love, has been a source of strength and community.

The social justice mission of the church challenges me to do more and be more.

What ministries have you been involved with at St. Margaret's or other churches?

The mission of hospitality has been my main focus at St. Margaret's. I believe one way we attract newcomers to stay and a way we nurture each other is through hospitable welcome. That ministry for me has included providing food and beverage at coffee hours on holiday Sundays, special events, and celebratory dinners. The food is not an end in itself, but is the lubricant of social interaction by which we get to know each other better. It is one way we welcome newcomers.

With Marty Williams, I strive to make sure that every newcomer or visitor who comes to the 11:15 service is greeted before they leave the service. We stand at the door to talk especially to those who don't stay for coffee hour. Marty and I try to greet each one--learning names if possible--and letting each one know that their presence was valued and that St. Margaret's welcomes them to come again.

I have served in Eucharistic ministry by serving as chalice-bearer for most of my tenure at St. Margaret's.

For the last 2 years I have assisted with our outreach to the LGBTQ community in our annual march in the Washington Pride parade. Last year I organized our contingent in the parade.

For several years I have worked the Rummage Sale--one year managing the men's section, and last year cooking the food to sustain the rummage sale volunteers.

I am chair of the Garden Guild. And I served most of one year as Secretary to the Vestry.

Why do you feel called to serve on the Vestry at this time?

This year I will transition from full time employment to retirement and believe at this time that I can devote the time and provide the focus necessary for the role of Vestry member.

What gifts would you bring to the Vestry, for example in spiritual maturity; non-profit or church governance experience; communications experience; or expertise in financial, property and building management?

I have more than thirty-year's experience in management and executive positions in the Federal government developing and managing large budgets, and delivering programs within budget.

I am a founder and current Chair of the Board of Directors of a non-profit, Neighbors Helping Neighbors of College Park (NHN-CP). NHN-CP organizes a "village" of volunteers to help seniors in College Park. We are trying to help seniors who are aging in place to age in community by assisting with transportation, grocery shopping, chores, friendly visits, and other needs seniors express. NHN-CP with the "villages" from Cheverly, Hyattsville, University Park, and Greenbelt is planning an event during Pride month for LGBTQ seniors.

What are you passionate about for the future of St. Margaret's?

I want St. Margaret's to develop a sustainable budget so that St. Margaret's can not only survive, but thrive to bring our message of God's love to our broader community. I am excited to extend our social justice ministry, building on the ministry of Charlie's Place. I would like to see our outreach to the LGBTQ immigrant community strengthen and grow.

How can St. Margaret's be more effective in communicating to those outside its walls?

The initiatives of the past few years to bring ministry outside the walls of St. Margaret's have helped increase the visibility in our nearby community: imposition of ashes on the street on Ash Wednesday, participation in memorials and vigils for Matthew Shepherd and the Orlando shooting victims at DuPont Circle, Christmas caroling with our sister churches at DuPont Circle. I would like to see us build on these types of events and publicize them better. We should continue to share our Charlie's Place ministry with our neighbors and invite their participation.

I'm looking forward to the brainstorming that will come from our strategic planning process to generate ideas for better communication.

Bio

John Payne has been attending St. Margaret's since 1992 when he came with his former wife Mariann and their two small children. His family came to St. Margaret's for its inclusion and diversity, and for his children to experience the strong leadership of women in the church.

John served 6 years in the Navy, and has a Ph.D. in plant pathology from the University of Florida. He has served in many managerial and executive-leadership positions in the US Department of Agriculture in diverse programs on biotechnology regulation, veterinary vaccine licensing, international trade, and programs for prevention of introduction of invasive species. He served on the Secretary's Council for International Food Security; and spent 2 years on assignment to the Office of the US Trade Representative as the head of delegation to the WTO committee dealing with health and safety issues related to human, animal, plant and environment--as those issues intersect with trade. He served 8 years as a plant-health resource to the NATO committee responsible for planning response to natural and terror-related crises. For the last six years he has been a USDA liaison to the University of Maryland in College Park, where he is an adjunct and a special graduate faculty member.

John was a founding member and is current chair of the board of directors of a non-profit, Neighbors Helping Neighbors of College Park (NHN-CP). NHN-CP organizes a "village" of volunteers to help seniors in College Park who are aging in community by assisting with transportation, grocery shopping, chores, friendly visits, and other needs seniors express.

He is a member of the Board of Election Commissioners of College Park and a member of the College Park Complete the Count Committee for the 2020 Federal Census.

At St. Margaret's he has been active in hospitality ministry, chalice-bearer in the Eucharistic ministry, taken various roles in past rummage sales, and is the Chair of the Garden Guild.

John will be retiring from USDA at the end of the year. He is engaged to be married to Shemba Wells this summer.

Andrew Reese

Questionnaire

When did you come to St. Margaret's?

I first came to St. Margaret's in 2000. I attended for ten years, alone at first, and then with my husband and son (Greg and Jeremy). When we moved to Chevy Chase, DC, in 2010, we stopped coming to St. Margaret's. After Jeremy graduated from high school, I started searching for a church home again. I tried some churches closer to my home, but then returned to St. Margaret's in 2017.

What attracted you to St. Margaret's?

The liturgy. It retains much of what I loved in the liturgy, growing up in the Catholic Church. However, far more inclusive, particularly of women.

What ministries have you been involved with at St. Margaret's or other churches?

Chalice and intercessor

Why do you feel called to serve on the Vestry at this time?

At the time that Kym announced her departure from St. Margaret's I was very sad, because I feel that she has done a lot in her time here to increase the diversity of the church. Then I realized that it was the church that called Kym, and Susan before her, to ministry. I want to be involved to strengthen the church and see it continue to grow in diversity.

What gifts would you bring to the Vestry, for example in spiritual maturity; non-profit or church governance experience; communications experience; or expertise in financial, property and building management?

I have a great deal of management experience, as the Director of a DC government agency. I have a number of years experience in non-profit and government management.

What are you passionate about for the future of St. Margaret's?

Expanding the work the church does in the community. Although my work and family life have not left a lot of time in the recent years to be involved in this aspect of the church, as a social



worker and public interest attorney, I am very committed to the kinds of work that St. Margaret's provides in the community. I do work as a volunteer mentor for two homeless youth, working with them to try and help them achieve independence and self-sufficiency.

How can St. Margaret's be more effective in communicating to those outside its walls?

I think this has to be an individual responsibility for each of us.

Bio

I grew up in Hyattsville, MD, just outside Washington, DC. I have lived in the DC area most of my life, except for a year I spent in Santiago, Chile, as an exchange student in my last year of high school. I come from a large Catholic family (seven siblings). I grew up in the 1960s, at a time that my parish was very much influenced by Vatican II, and taught a very positive message about the ministry of Jesus. I had a very positive view of the church as a young child. As I got older, I believe the church moved progressively rightward. In my early twenties, I stopped going to church. Interestingly, my first professional social work job was at Catholic Charities, which I also felt allowed, me to live my faith, working with refugee and immigrant youth in foster care.

I attended the University of MD, College Park, graduating with a Bachelor's in Family Studies, then obtained Master's in Social Work, at Howard University. After practicing social work for a number of years, primarily in child welfare, I began teaching at the University of MD, School of Social Work, in 1995. While there, studied law. I practiced law, both representing the government, in child neglect proceedings, and as the Deputy AG for Family Services in DC (responsible for child neglect, mental health and domestic violence). In 2011, I began working at the Department on Disability Services. First as the Deputy General Counsel, and later as Deputy Director, and since 2016, as agency Director. The Department on Disability Services provides services to people with disabilities to help them obtain employment and achieve independence and provides supports to people with intellectual disabilities to help them live as independently as possible in the community.

I am married and have one son. Greg and I have been together for 22 years, married for 12 years. We adopted Jeremy, who was eleven years old at the time, in 2008. He is now 22, and attending college in Florida.

Pedro Rivera

Questionnaire

When did you come to St. Margaret's?

2015

What attracted you to St. Margaret's?

It's diversity within the parish members and Charlie's Place services to the homeless community in the DC Metro area.

What ministries have you been involved with at St. Margaret's or other churches?

I am involved with Charlie's Place providing the breakfast on the second Saturday of every month. I also work with Richard on providing donations to Casa Ruby and I also work with the Rummage sale organizing the children's clothes and the day of the rummage sale I work where needed.

Why do you feel called to serve on the Vestry at this time?

I have served in the Vestry for the last two years and feel my call this time because of our new leadership and I want to be able to provide my talent and knowledge with our new Priest in Charge and staff.

What gifts would you bring to the Vestry, for example in spiritual maturity; non-profit or church governance experience; communications experience; or expertise in financial, property and building management?

I bring in the fundraising and development expertise to St. Margaret's Church. I also bring to the Vestry 20 plus years of board governance and wealth management experience.

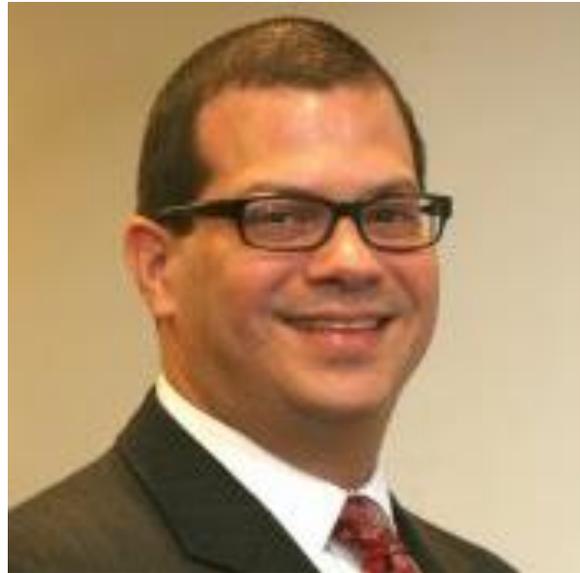
What are you passionate about for the future of St. Margaret's?

I am passionate about the future growth of St. Margaret's membership and the endless opportunities with our new leadership.

How can St. Margaret's be more effective in communicating to those outside its walls?

Going out to community activities and social media.

Bio



Pedro J. Rivera, Esquire joined Latin American Youth Center in 2017 as their Chief Development Officer. Pedro's responsibility is to build a first in-class Major Gifts & Planned Giving program. While at City Year Greater Philadelphia he was the Director, Corporate and Foundation Relations. Pedro's responsibilities included cultivation, solicitation, and stewardship of corporate and foundation partners who support City Year Greater Philadelphia.

Prior to joining City Year Greater Philadelphia, Pedro served at the Miami Children's Hospital Foundation in 2010 as a Director of Development and Planned Giving. His primary focus is to form new philanthropic alliances to benefit Miami Children's Hospital. He previously served as a consultant for non-profit organizations through his own company, PJR Consulting. Prior to that he served as Vice President, Wealth Relationship Officer for Wachovia Wealth Management-Legal Specialty Group, where he worked with large multinational and international law firms and provided their attorneys with private banking services. Prior to that he was V.P. at PNC Bank.

During his career, Pedro, was a former board member of the Greater Philadelphia Hispanic Chamber of Commerce (GPHCC) where he served as the board sponsor to the GPHCC Latino Professional Mentoring Network.

He is the Past President of the Hispanic Bar Association of Pennsylvania and Region IV Past President of the Hispanic National Bar Association. He is a member of the Hispanic Bar Association of District of Columbia and member of the Hispanic National Bar Association. Pedro currently serves as a member of the Vestry at St. Margaret's Episcopal Church.

Pedro received his J.D. from Western New England College School of Law and his B.S. degree in business administration from the University of South Florida. Pedro is a member of the Hispanic Bar Association of the District of Columbia, the Hispanic National Bar Association, Association of Fundraising Professionals and sits on the vestry of St. Margaret's Episcopal Church.

Todd A. Torres-Douglas

Questionnaire

When did you come to St. Margaret's?

Juan and I started attending St. Margaret's Episcopal Church (SMEC) in the summer of 2002. Juan and I were both confirmed on May 17, 2003.

What attracted you to St. Margaret's?

My spouse and I are from very different Christian traditions. I was raised Baptist in southern Indiana and he was raised Catholic in Central America. It was important for us to have a church home different from our original denominations but reflective of the diversity of our family history. Upon entering St. Margaret's, we felt accepted and valued. In addition, we are inspired by SMEC's rich history of social justice and the diversity of the congregation.



What ministries have you been involved with at St. Margaret's or other churches?

In 2009, one of the first ministries that I participated in was Sunday school and helping with the youth. It was a challenge dealing with young kids and teenagers but I enjoyed the unique perspective that engaging the young can provide. Many of the children that I worked with are now in college or older. Secondly, I began assisting service as an usher when needed.

In the summer of 2018, I was asked to lead the SMEC Building and Grounds (B&G) committee. Over the past year, I helped to manage the installation of the new heating system for the sanctuary, repair of iron work, renovation of the multipurpose room, and establishment of the B&G committee charter.

Why do you feel called to serve on the Vestry at this time?

I believe SMEC is at a turning point in its history requiring creative and bold solutions. I hope that my vision and skills set can assist the church in realizing its full potential.

What gifts would you bring to the Vestry, for example in spiritual maturity; non-profit or church governance experience; communications experience; or expertise in financial, property and building management?

Over the years, I served on the non-profit boards of two health service organizations in DC. I believe my board experience allows me to enter the commitment of Vestry service with a realistic perspective. I am trained in Real Estate and have experience managing federally funded housing and health service programs. Also, my spouse and I own a small business specializing in

building permit drawings. As such, my knowledge of project management, real estate, and exposure to development provides a unique perspective.

What are you passionate about for the future of St. Margaret's?

I am passionate about ensuring SMEC maximizes the revenue generating potential of its properties to help secure the church's financial security. Secondly, I am passionate about SMEC attracting new members from the surrounding communities.

How can St. Margaret's be more effective in communicating to those outside its walls?

SMEC can be more effective in communicating to those outside its walls by target marketing and programming attractive to the demographic in the surrounding neighborhoods.

Bio

Todd is originally from New Albany, Indiana a small town across the Ohio River from Louisville KY. He was raised in the Baptist tradition. Upon meeting his spouse Juan Torres, who is from Panama and raised Catholic, they both sought a new faith tradition that would respect their love and diverse backgrounds.

Todd and Juan found St. Margaret's and have been members of St. Margaret's since 2002. They were confirmed in 2003 at the National Cathedral. Over the years, Todd has served as an usher and a Sunday school teacher. Recently, he joined the SMEC Building and Grounds Committee (B&G). As a member of the B&G committee, he was instrumental in the installation of the new heating system for church sanctuary. He also helped coordinate building repairs throughout the church including iron work and renovation of the multipurpose room.

Todd received his undergraduate degree in Political Science from the US Naval Academy, an MBA from George Washington University, and a Masters in Professional Studies in Real Estate (MPRE) from Georgetown University. As a real estate professional, he obtained the Certified Commercial Investment Manager (CCIM) designation in 2011.

Todd has a diverse work background in municipal government including management of federal health and housing grants and leasing of offices space as a Realty Officer in the DC government. He has served on the boards of Joseph's House and the Carl Vogel Center. He is currently a Senior Realty Specialist at the Food and Drug Administration.