



L. Anton Seals Jr. is a South Shore Chicago, IL native and the board chairperson of the South Shore Works Planning and Preservation Coalition. He is a multidimensional servant leader, organizer, entrepreneur, educator, community connector, and Impact producer.

Blending his varied interests Anton has consulted with philanthropic, political leadership, corporate, and community-based organizations to focus on authentic "equity in action" via community engagement, advocacy/policy, and social enterprise development. He also works in the arts and cultural space, producing campaigns for nationally broadcast documentaries, AR and VR projects.

Anton is currently the Lead Steward (Executive Director) of Grow Greater Englewood(GGE) transforming vacant city lots into farm businesses, via a network of Black and brown urban farmers, a social enterprise focusing on building an equitable and resilient local food system that fosters protections of vacant land in divested communities and focuses on connecting those residents with community wealth-building opportunities.

In 2019 Anton founded OURS, a vertical Cannabis and Hemp company. OURS is working to build a national black owned-cannabis and hemp brand that integrates cooperative economic values as its driver. He also is an Asset Based Community Development (ABCD) Institute facilitator located at DePaul University Steans Center.

Anton is a 2018 Next City Vanguard Fellow and 2010 German Marshall Fellow

He serves as a Trustee for the Woods Fund of Chicago, also serves on the board of Chicago Food Policy Action Council and Friends of the Park. Anton has advised and

counsels other organizers and activists, political and civic leaders, corporate and philanthropic organizations on pushing for a more racially just society.