



Scott Syphax

Scott Syphax is the Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of The Nehemiah Companies, a Sacramento, California based social enterprise and real estate development firm. Scott leads the development team of Township 9 - a 2,300 unit master-planned, smart-growth community in downtown Sacramento. As CEO of Nehemiah, he manages the Nehemiah Community Reinvestment Fund, which has leveraged over \$880 million in projects to spur development in low-income and underserved communities, including funding down payment assistance to help over 320,000 families achieve their dream of homeownership. During his tenure as CEO, the Nehemiah Social Enterprise has been studied by organizations as diverse as the Milken Institute and Bridgespan Group for its achievements in social innovation and asset development in low-income communities throughout the United States.

Mr. Syphax serves as a Director, and former Vice-Chairman, of the Federal Home Loan Bank of San Francisco; serves as a Director of Norcal Mutual Insurance Company of San Francisco and of Medicus Insurance Company of Austin, Texas; serves as a Director, and former Chairman, of the Northern California regional think-tank Valley Vision; serves as Chairman of the Board for the American Leadership Forum, Mountain Valley Chapter; serves on the California Department of Insurance's Task Force of Supplier Diversity and Board Governance; and serves as a Director of the California Medical Association Foundation.

Mr. Syphax is Founder of the Nehemiah Emerging Leaders Program, a selective 10-month leadership development program designed to prepare its Fellows for effective and ethical leadership in their companies and communities. Since its inception in 2009, in addition to their professional advancement, NELP fellows now serve on over 150 boards and commissions throughout California.

Mr. Syphax is an Emmy Award Winning and International Telly Award Winning talk show Host and Executive Producer of Studio Sacramento, on PBS affiliate KVIE.

Mr. Syphax earned his Bachelor of Science Degree in Business with an emphasis on Real Estate Development and Land Use Planning from the California State University, Sacramento. Scott received an honorary Doctor of Humane Letters from Drexel University. He was also an Executive Fellow with the Coro Foundation and a Fellow with the American Leadership Forum.