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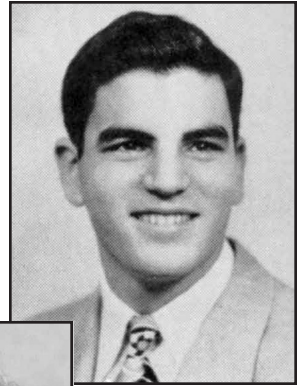
Charles L. Edson

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Charles Edson began his years in University City at Flynn Park Elementary and Hanley Junior High. After high school, he continued his education at Harvard University. This Phi Beta Kappa graduated Magna Cum Laude from Harvard in 1956 and received his Juris Doctorate from Harvard Law in 1959.

The name “Charles Edson” is synonymous with equitable and affordable housing. He is nationally recognized as a

major authority on and advocate for affordable housing for all Americans. His extensive law practice focused on housing development, including legislative activity. Edson played a key role in crafting and enacting the Section 8 Housing Program in 1973 and founded an industry newsletter, *Housing and Development Reporter*, the same year. He helped organize the National Council of State Housing Agencies and in 1986 played a key role in enactment of the federal housing tax credit. Retiring from his law practice in 2002, Edson continues as a strong force in the housing field as a consultant, lecturer, writer and teacher.



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