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Julia Stasch is the immediate past President of the John D. and Catherine T. MacArthur Foundation, with assets of about \$8 billion, headquarters in Chicago, and global offices in India and Nigeria. Her career spans the business, government, and social sectors. Highlights include her roles as Housing Commissioner for the City of Chicago and Chief of Staff to Mayor Richard M. Daley. She served as President and CEO of Shorebank Chicago Companies, including South Shore Bank, the nation's first community development bank, and President and COO of real estate development firm Stein & Company, whose Chicago projects include the United Center, expansion of McCormick Place, and the Gleacher Center at the University of Chicago. While there, she was nationally known for opening opportunities for women and people of color in the construction industry. In the Clinton Administration, she was Deputy Administrator of the General Services Administration, a 20,000-person agency responsible for government-wide building construction, leasing, management, and technology. She is Chair of the Board of MacArthur affiliate Lever for Change, a co-founder of the philanthropic Partnership for Safe and Peaceful Communities and its efforts to reduce violence in Chicago, and a member of the board of directors of experiential education innovator Embarc. She is also on the board of P33, a private sector-led initiative to foster inclusive, global tech and innovation leadership in Chicagoland, and HIRE360, which is driving change in the construction, manufacturing, and hospitality industries. She is Philanthropy Executive in Residence at the Rustandy Center for Social Sector Innovation at the University of Chicago Booth School of Business and previously served as a Distinguished Nonresident Senior Fellow at Brookings Metro at the Brookings Institution.

