

## **Robert Looper III**

### **Brief Biography**

Robert Looper III was born and raised in the projects of Washington, D.C. and is one of 10 siblings. Architecture, real estate, and construction have always been a passion for Robert even as a child. So much that during the fall he would rake the leaves into floorplans and sell them to his friends. Robert attended public schools up until 9<sup>th</sup> grade when he transitioned into a smaller Public Charter School. During that time Robert propelled academically and graduated near the top of his class.

After graduation, Looper (as he prefers to be called) attended Norfolk State University where he received his Bachelor of Science in Building Construction Technology. While at NSU Robert was a Senator for Campus Beautification, Sophomore Class Vice President, & Student Government President. Robert also became a member of the Epsilon Pi Chapter of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Incorporated and was the most winning step master in the Chapter's History.

Upon Graduation Robert accepted an offer to work for Hensel Phelps Construction, where he'd interned two summers prior. He purchased his first home in 2014, which was a huge goal and milestone. He spent nearly 5 years at HP before leaving for opportunities at 3 other construction companies. He also served as a Senior PM for the DC Department of General Services. During the time away from Hensel Phelps he was also an elected official and served 2.5 terms as an Advisory Neighborhood Commissioner with the DC Government. He also beat the longest seated incumbent politician in DC history in getting to that role. Robert returned to Hensel Phelps in 2018.

Robert moved to Nashville in January of 2019 temporarily to work on the Concourse D expansion at BNA. He was promoted to Design manager after his 1<sup>st</sup> year and found working with the BNA Staff very rewarding. During his 1<sup>st</sup> year in Nashville Looper was amazed by the growth that was happening and started taking pictures of projects. He was also a huge fan of Lower Broadway. Robert requested to extend his 4-month temp relocation and rented an apartment in the Gulch. Eventually, he decided to purchase a home in the Nations the Summer of 2020.

It was in the midst of the Covid 19 pandemic where Robert decided to dedicate more time to blogging about development projects in Nashville. This had always been a passion and he saw a niche that could be filled with something he enjoyed. Looper used his experience in design, planning, & construction to create a different readership experience with his articles. In late 2020 the site NashvilleNowNext.com garnered about 1,900 views, that number grew to 98,000 views in 2021 and to more than 100K views in April of 2022. Looper decided in February 2022 to go from part time blogger to entrepreneur. He started the company CityNowNext Real Estate Media, LLC with the goal of transforming how we view, interact, and experience real estate development now and in the future.