

DAVID J. THOMPSON

David J. Thompson of **Thompson Consulting** and co-principal of **Neighborhood Partners, LLC**, has worked for the national cooperative organizations of the United States, Japan and the United Nations. In 2010, he was inducted into the **US Cooperative Hall of Fame**. David was at the United Nations and the White House to participate in the 2012 **UN International Year of Cooperatives**. In 2013, David received the **Voorhis Award**, the highest honor of the **National Association of Housing Cooperatives (NAHC)**. David is the lead narrator on “**Food For Change**”, the major film on food co-ops in the USA.

From 1985-1991, David was Vice President, Western States and Director, International Relations for the **National Cooperative Business Association**. From 1976-1985, David co-chaired California’s efforts to create the **National Cooperative Bank (NCB)**, was the first co-op employee, then Director of National Planning, and later Regional Director of **NCB's** 13 state Western Region. As Regional Director, David supervised loans to develop over 2,300 units of cooperative housing. David was a board member of **Recreational Equipment, Inc. (REI)** (\$3.2Bn) the largest US consumer cooperative.

David is President of the **Twin Pines Cooperative Foundation (TPCF)**. Under David’s leadership, **TPCF** has created **Cooperative Community Funds (CCF)** for 45 US food cooperatives. **TPCF** is the largest co-op funder of US cooperative development organizations leveraging \$50 million in capital. For its work on **CCF**, **TPCF** was presented with the **2019 CCMA Board Service Award**.

With Luke Watkins, David is co-principal of **Neighborhood Partners, LLC**, which has created and has under development over 1,400 units of nonprofit housing. NP received the 2015 **Environmental Recognition Award** from the City of Davis. See NP’s nonprofit housing at www.npllc.org. In 1979, David lobbied for the passage of the “Bates Bill”, the nation’s first law creating Limited Equity Housing Cooperatives. In 2010, David and Luke drafted the revision of the LEHC law, AB 1246 (Jones).

David created the **Kagawa Fund** with funds raised from Japanese and US Co-ops. David is a co-founder of **Co-opportunity**, in Santa Monica. He is also vice-chair of the **Yolo Federal Credit Union**; a community chartered credit union (\$400M in assets).

David authored **Co-opportunity: The Rise of a Community Owned Market** and **Weavers of Dreams: Founders of the Modern Cooperative Movement**. He co-authored **Cooperation Works!** and **A Day in the Life of Cooperative America**. David wrote **Credit at the Grassroots** for the **United Nations**. David edited **Where Credit Was Due**, the history of the **National Cooperative Bank**. He writes frequently for the **Co-operative News (UK)** and the **Cooperative Housing Quarterly (US)** and has written over 400 articles. He has written for **The NonProfit Quarterly**, **Ramparts** and **The Progressive** and been on the **BBC**. His book “**Against Slavery and for Civil Rights: Cooperatives**” out in 2022.

David has the world's largest private library on co-ops. He was born in Blackpool, England, near Rochdale, birthplace of cooperatives. David is winner of the “**Cooperative Service Award**” from the **Consumer Cooperative Management Association** and twice “**Author of the Year**” from **NAHC**. David has a **Licensed Trade Diploma** from Blackpool Technical College, England and an **MA in Architecture & Urban Planning** from the **University of California at Los Angeles** where he won the **Dean's Award for Community Service**. In 1973, with his brother, Philip as Director, David co-produced “A Place Called Ardoyne” about the ‘Troubles’ in Northern Ireland. David wrote the film narration for Stephen Rea, Oscar Nominee for Best Actor in the “Crying Game.” David is married to Ann M. Evans. Ann is a former **Mayor of Davis** and co-founder of the **Davis Food Co-op** and the **Davis Farmers’ Market**. They have one daughter, Hatley Rose Evans Thompson.

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