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## **MAYOR-ELECT DANIEL LURIE ANNOUNCES LEADERSHIP APPOINTMENTS**

**SAN FRANCISCO**— Today, Mayor-elect Daniel Lurie unveiled a series of appointments to his administration, naming Adam Thongsavat to serve as Liaison to the Board of Supervisors, Andre Adeyemi as Director of Appointments, Aly Bonde as Policy Advisor, EJ Jones as Director of Community Affairs, and Eileen Mariano as State and Federal Affairs Manager.

*“This is a group of leaders who are ready to meet the moment and deliver for the people of San Francisco,” **said Mayor-elect Daniel Lurie.** “Each of these individuals brings exceptional expertise and a deep commitment to accountability, service, and change. Together, we will take on the city’s most pressing challenges and ensure San Francisco is a city that works for everyone.”*

The Mayor-elect’s new appointments follow [news](#) of recent key leadership appointments including the [appointment](#) of the administration’s new Chief of Housing and Economic Development, and follows announced [plans](#) to restructure the office of the mayor to enhance effectiveness and accountability.

*[See below to learn more about each new appointee and the expertise they bring to Mayor-elect Daniel Lurie’s administration:](#)*

**Adam Thongsavat, Liaison to the Board of Supervisors**



Adam Thongsavat currently serves as a Legislative Aide to District 8 Supervisor Rafael Mandelman and will transition to Mayor-elect Lurie's Administration as the Liaison to the Board of Supervisors. In this role, Adam will support the legislative process for Mayor-elect Lurie's initiatives, and facilitate effective communication and collaboration with the Board of Supervisors and their staff. With more than a decade of experience, Adam has held a variety of roles across the political, private, and public sectors. He began his career as a field organizer for President Obama's re-election campaign in Ohio and has since contributed to Democratic campaigns nationwide, including congressional, senate, gubernatorial, and presidential races. From 2015 to 2021, Adam led Airbnb's community affairs and public policy efforts in San Francisco and across the U.S. West. In his current position, Adam serves as Supervisor Mandelman's chief policy advisor on homelessness, behavioral health, small business, and LGBTQ issues. Adam previously served on the boards of Legacies of War and Global Glimpse and currently sits on the board of the United Democratic Club.

### **Andre Adeyemi, Director of Appointments**



Andre is an accomplished professional with over a decade of experience in public service, talent acquisition, and executive support. With a career spanning roles in government, nonprofits, and the tech industry, Andre has consistently demonstrated the ability to thrive in dynamic environments by aligning people, processes, and priorities to achieve impactful results. Early in his career, Andre served in the executive offices of former Senator Joe Donnelly (D-IN) and former Mayor of South Bend, and current

Secretary of Transportation Pete Buttigieg, in roles such as Special Assistant and Interim Deputy Chief of Staff. Additionally, Andre also served as Special Assistant and Board Liaison for the LGBTQ Victory Fund and Victory Institute. Most recently, Andre served as an Associate at Rich Talent Group, specializing in diversity in executive search within consumer tech and Fortune 100 organizations. He also served as Chief of Staff at Zep Software, where he helped build the AI start-up's foundation and recruitment strategy. In addition to his professional accomplishments, Andre has dedicated years to public service, including impactful work as a board member of the San Francisco LGBT Center, where he contributed as Chair of the Governance Committee and as a member of the Finance and Audit Committees. Andre graduated from Wabash College and earned his MBA from the College of William and Mary.

**Aly Bonde, Policy Advisor**



Aly Bonde is an accomplished public policy and local government leader with extensive experience working across a breadth of policy areas in the Bay Area. Having led policy development on Mayor-Elect Lurie's campaign, she brings a holistic view of the policy challenges facing the residents of San Francisco to City Hall. In her previous role as Director of Government Relations at Planned Parenthood Northern California, she worked with local jurisdictions across 20 counties to ensure access to sexual and reproductive health care. Prior to that she served as Senior Director of Public Policy and Finance at Oakland Thrives/Youth Ventures Joint Powers Authority, delivering a \$100 million public/private partnership for East Oakland and running one of the largest guaranteed income pilots in the country. Aly carries an undergraduate degree from UC Davis and a masters from the UC Berkeley Goldman School of Public Policy. She's a sixth generation Californian and the great-great-great granddaughter of the first mayor of San Francisco.

**EJ Jones, Director of Community Affairs**



Ernest “EJ” Jones is a native San Franciscan from the Lakeview/OMI neighborhood. His professional career has been dedicated to public service and community advocacy. He has worked in City Hall as a legislative aide, where he built coalitions and worked on policy and legislation. He served as Housing Director for the Bernal Heights Neighborhood Center, where he focused on affordable housing development, community building, and land-use policy. EJ has nearly 15 years of service with various mutual aid organizations, community centers, and neighborhood groups. EJ’s deep love for San Francisco drives his commitment to tackling the city’s toughest challenges. With years of hands-on experience in community leadership, he understands the need for strong, action-oriented representation.

### **Eileen Mariano, State & Federal Affairs Manager**



Eileen Mariano was born and raised in the city, and is a fourth-generation San Franciscan. Her family instilled in her the importance of public service, and she is committed to a career serving her community. Mariano started her career in the nonprofit sector, working at two organizations that provide high acuity behavioral health services to kids – first at Edgewood Center for Children and Families and then at Seneca Family of Agencies. From those experiences, Mariano learned the inner workings of the City’s nonprofit sector, and what children and families in San Francisco need to thrive.

Wanting to move upstream and affect change at a systems level, Mariano transitioned into the policy field. She worked for Mayor Breed for three years – first as her Youth and Families Advisor, and then as her Manager of State and Federal Affairs. During that time, she led efforts for the Mayor to implement the landmark Children and Family Recovery Plan, launch a historic early educator workforce compensation initiative, support transformative changes to the state’s conservatorship, public safety, and housing streamlining laws, and coordinate the City’s efforts to secure major investments in transportation, parks, and climate improvements across San Francisco. In addition to serving in City Hall, Mariano is a board member on the Giants Community Fund, and a member of Congregation Temple Emanu-El. She received her Bachelor’s in Human Biology from Stanford and her Master of Public Health from Harvard.

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*Daniel Lurie is the Mayor-Elect of the City and County of San Francisco.*