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Adrienne Daniels

ASSOCIATE DIRECTOR, NYC EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT SYSTEM

Interested in equity across the board, and rebuilding and grounding communities through a lens of unity, empathy, and understanding.



Albert Gamarra

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, PROGRAM PERFORMANCE - IDNYC, NYC DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES

Dedicated to increasing access to STEM programs for all youth, and increasing public safety outreach and partnerships with the community.



Alexandra Colzani

SENIOR ACCOUNT SUPERVISOR, STARBUCKS BRAND, EDELMAN

Supporting public health efforts, especially among the elderly.



Alice Fontier [in](#)

MANAGING DIRECTOR, NEIGHBORHOOD DEFENDER SERVICE OF HARLEM

Dedicated to strengthening and supporting our communities with the goal of reducing engagement with the legal system.



Anna Strizich [in](#)

ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF ASSET BUILDING, NYC OFFICE OF FINANCIAL EMPOWERMENT

Dedicated to creating and improving pathways to economic stability and equity for New Yorkers.



Dr. Anne Desrosiers [in](#)

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, THE WORLD IS YOUR OYSTER & PRINCIPAL CONSULTANT, ED EXPERTS LLC

Dedicated to providing international travel opportunities for youth in NYC and training educators to achieve diverse, inclusive, and equitable classrooms.



Arielle Goldberg [in](#)

DIRECTOR OF LAND USE AND POLICY, NYC DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING PRESERVATION AND DEVELOPMENT

Passionate about creating inclusive communities and facilitating affordable opportunities to age in place.



Azmat Ullah [in](#)

NY/NJ AREA MANAGER, JGM INC

Passionate about expanding the City's green footprint and making the affordable housing market accessible to all communities.



Beverly Gilchrist

DEPUTY CHIEF FOR SURVIVOR SERVICES & DIRECTOR, WITNESS AID SERVICES UNIT, MANHATTAN DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S OFFICE

Passionate about community collaboration & engagement to improve homelessness and housing instability.



Cherise McDonald

PROGRAM COORDINATOR, CENTER FOR COURT INNOVATION

Passionate about the Fatherhood Initiative and helping fathers navigate challenges that hinder their success.



Christian Loubeau

MANAGER OF INTERNATIONAL OPERATIONS, FORD FOUNDATION

Passionate about transit equity as well as expanding green spaces for NYC residents.



Christopher Bobko

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, ZAHN INNOVATION CENTER

Striving to enable our campus community to overcome inequities and launch successful new ventures.



Elyse Newman

VICE PRESIDENT, VISITOR SERVICES, PROSPECT PARK ALLIANCE

Passionate about transforming parks and cultural spaces into vital community resources that are accessible to all.



Erik Weber [in](#)

SENIOR VP, OPERATIONS & STRATEGY, HQ TRAVEL

Passionate about making NYC streets and public spaces safer, greener, more equitable and accessible to all.



Evelyn Chevalier-Lui [in](#)

DIRECTOR OF HOUSING, ADULT PROTECTIVE SERVICES, NYC HUMAN RESOURCES ADMINISTRATION

Deeply committed to helping New York's most vulnerable residents have access to safe and affordable housing.



Hiba T. George [in](#)

COMMERCIAL ENGAGEMENT LEADER, LABCORP

Improving the state of the world through community impact and strategic partnerships.



Howard Levine [in](#)

SENIOR ACCESSIBILITY OFFICER, METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY

Passionate about making our region's transit networks as integrated and accessible as possible



Jennella Young [in](#)

CHIEF PROGRAM OFFICER, BEGINNING WITH CHILDREN FOUNDATION

Committed to empowering young people to use their experiences to contribute and help unravel some of our greatest societal issues, particularly intolerance and climate change



Jose W. Torres [in](#)

**DEPUTY PROJECT DIRECTOR - QUEENS COMMUNITY JUSTICE CENTER,
CENTER FOR COURT INNOVATION**

Interested in the intersection of urban planning and democratized decision-making with a passion for environmental justice and human-centered design.



Justin B. Cortes [in](#)

CHIEF OF STAFF, OFFICE OF THE BRONX BOROUGH PRESIDENT

Inspired by the local economic development potential of my beloved borough and understanding how to transform our communities by empowering local small businesses and building opportunities through neighborhood plans.



Keith Tubbs [in](#)

PRINCIPAL, CAPALINO + COMPANY

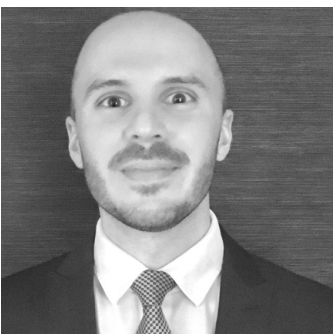
Passionate about helping Brown and Black-owned businesses navigate the city's budget and procurement process and expand the housing stock in NYC, including low, moderate, and middle-income housing.



Mark Lee [in](#)

**HEAD OF CORPORATE DEVELOPMENT, MASS TIMBER BUILDINGS, SIDEWALK
LABS (GOOGLE)**

Passionate about economic diversity, resiliency, and revitalization in cities.



Mason Hess [in](#)

**ASSISTANT VICE PRESIDENT, FUNDING AGREEMENTS, NYC ECONOMIC
DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION**

Committed to helping nonprofits and cultural institutions with capacity building and project implementation to improve their services and cultural impacts.



Meekaelle Copeland

DIRECTOR OF PROGRAM MANAGEMENT, NYC TAXI AND LIMOUSINE COMMISSION

Passionate about ensuring marginalized communities can access valuable NYC government resources to better their educational and economic trajectory.



Michelle Santana

ASSISTANT DIRECTOR, CSTEP, FORDHAM UNIVERSITY

Passionate about providing access and resources to students of color to address social injustices, promote change, and decrease racial disparities in the STEM and licensed fields.



Natasha Bartley

DIRECTOR OF ADMINISTRATION, NYC DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Strategically advocating for Black Women to lead in NYC organizations.



Nicole McVinua

DIRECTOR OF POLICY, URBAN PATHWAYS

Dedicated to improving the quality of human services and affordable housing by improving the sustainability of the nonprofit sector.



Noah Gardy

ACCOUNT SUPERVISOR, EDELMAN

Passionate about economic and social justice, including access to affordable housing.



Nneka Hadaway [in](#)

OPERATING BUDGET MANAGER, BROOKLYN PUBLIC LIBRARY

Passionate about raising awareness on maintaining affordable housing while fostering vibrant and non-exclusive communities within the city.



Polina Bakhteiarov [in](#)

SENIOR ACQUISITIONS DIRECTOR, THE NATIONAL HOUSING PARTNERSHIP FOUNDATION

Committed to fighting for racial justice by preserving and growing housing affordability for the most economically-vulnerable New Yorkers.



Ryan Walsh [in](#)

ASSOCIATE/REGIONAL MANAGER, FHI STUDIO

Dedicated to achieving equitable outcomes for NYC communities through civic engagement.



Samantha Alcalá [in](#)

ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF PARTNERSHIPS & ADVOCACY, THE OPPORTUNITY NETWORK

Passionate about resource equity and post-secondary support for Brown and Black youth.



Shaun A. Hoyte [in](#)

SECTION MANAGER, CON EDISON

Building meaningful relationships to address climate inequities that impact health, development, and the well-being of communities in NYC and NY state.



Shira Bergstein [in](#)

SENIOR POLICY ANALYST, U.S. DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Committed to strengthening the physical and social connections that underpin communities.



Teir Morris [in](#)

CULTURALLY RESPONSIVE EDUCATOR, NYC DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

Committed to creating equitable outcomes for students with disabilities and students from historically marginalized communities.



Terren Wing [in](#)

DIRECTOR, POLICY AND ANALYTICS, NYC HOUSING DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION

Committed to centering racial equity in ensuring access to economic and social opportunities via affordable housing.



Yuri Chang [in](#)

CONSULTANT, KARP STRATEGIES

Passionate about livable cities, specifically via access to affordable housing, childcare, public transit, green spaces, and emotional connections.



Yvi McEvilly [in](#)

VICE PRESIDENT, NYC ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION

Dedicated to delivering inclusive public open space.



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Alan Patterson 

CONSULTANT, KARP STRATEGIES

Passionate about advancing economic development in NYC.



Anthony Coker 

PROGRAM MANAGER, BEDFORD STUYVESANT RESTORATION CORP.

Interested in economic and racial justice.



Anthony L.C. Sanford 

PROJECT MANAGER, SECURITY SCIENCES, NYC3 CYBERCOMMAND/OIT

Passionate about being the plug for leading efforts to utilize technology to connect the under-connected and bring awareness of opportunities to the underrepresented.



Brian Barkman, Jr. [in](#)

ASSOCIATE LEAD ANALYST, MOODY'S INVESTORS SERVICE

Passionate about increasing access to affordable housing and reducing gun violence while maintaining Second Amendment rights.



Brittany Taylor [in](#)

**DIRECTOR OF REGIONAL SUPPORT, STUDENTS IN TEMPORARY HOUSING UNIT,
DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION**

Passionate about providing all students, especially students in temporary housing, with an equitable educational experience.



Brynna Tucker [in](#)

DIRECTOR OF INNOVATION LEARNING, BROOKLYN PUBLIC LIBRARY

Passionate about public libraries, economic development, DEIA practices, and human capital.



Cathy Li [in](#)

DEPUTY CHIEF OF STAFF, METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY

Dedicated to improving the efficiency, equity, and resiliency of our region's transportation infrastructure.



Christina Blackston [in](#)

SOLUTION ENGINEER, OPTIBUS

Passionate about transportation and equitable neighborhood investments.



Clovis Thorn [in](#)

MANAGING DIRECTOR OF DEVELOPMENT AND COMMUNICATIONS, GRAND ST. SETTLEMENT

Dedicated to creating pathways for low-income and immigrant New Yorkers to move from surviving to thriving while promoting good governance by cultivating strong and efficient public/private partnerships.



Courtney Granger [in](#)

SENIOR VICE PRESIDENT OF WORKFORCE, GOODWILL NYNJ

Passionate about creating an equitable and inclusive workforce and access to healthcare and reproductive rights.



Courtney Nelson [in](#)

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF FAMILIES WITH CHILDREN CAPACITY, DEPARTMENT OF HOMELESS SERVICES

Passionate about addressing housing insecurity and expanding the supply of housing opportunities in New York City.



Daniel Lee [in](#)

SENIOR DIRECTOR OF PROGRAM, IMENTOR NYC

Dedicated to improving systems, developing talent, and building mentorship pipelines to ensure all students have resources, tools, and opportunities to meet their potential and highest aspiration.



Diniece Mendes [in](#)

FREIGHT MOBILITY DIRECTOR, NYC DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Passionate about increasing the participation of underrepresented groups in transportation and the broader civil engineering profession.



Erin Berry [in](#)

ASSISTANT CORPORATION COUNSEL, NYC LAW DEPARTMENT

Passionate about transparent, accessible, and responsive government and how communities can engage in collective decision-making.



Farah Mohmad [in](#)

SOCIAL WORKER, CENTER FOR COURT INNOVATION

Inspired by the way different cultures create spaces for healing and committed to expanding access to creative mental health services.



Gerard Belfort [in](#)

LITIGATION ASSOCIATE, BALLARD SPAHR LLP

Committed to building an eco-friendly city and economic development.



Houssam Akra [in](#)

PROGRAM DIRECTOR, HAYDAN CONSULTANTS, INC

Passionate about advancing equity, diversity, and inclusion, advocating for social infrastructure, and mentoring Architecture/Engineering/Construction students and young professionals.



Jared Carroll [in](#)

CEO AND FOUNDER, PLAY AT THE CORE

Committed to collaborations that leverage community assets to explore root causes of collective adversities and co-create healing-centered systems.



Jenny Gillette [in](#)

TECHNICAL DIRECTOR OF ALTERNATIVE DELIVERY FOR PUBLIC BUILDINGS AND INFRASTRUCTURE, NEW YORK CITY DEPARTMENT OF DESIGN AND CONSTRUCTION

Dedicated to creating more robust public spaces in NYC via interdisciplinary and interagency collaboration.



Jonathan Lane [in](#)

VICE PRESIDENT, INFRASTRUCTURE INNOVATION, NYC ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION

Passionate about creating economic opportunities for historically marginalized communities and improving the frameworks that create the opportunities.



Julia D. Day [in](#)

DIRECTOR, GEHL

Passionate about creating places where everyone has the right to safe, dignified, and joyful public space and mobility.



Lan To [in](#)

SENIOR CONSULTANT, COMMUNITY RESOURCE EXCHANGE

Passionate about supporting exponential change by uplifting, rejuvenating, and strengthening the people and processes behind great causes for equity and justice.



Lauren Micir [in](#)

ASSOCIATE, URBANISM AND PLANNING, AECOM NEW YORK

Dedicated to building a more adaptable, resilient city and incorporating equitable community engagement throughout the design process.



Mariela Meza-Armenta [in](#)

DIRECTOR OF ADVOCACY AND EXTERNAL AFFAIRS, KIPP NYC PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Passionate about empowering communities to increase high quality education access for our youth.



Melinda Watson [in](#)

DEPUTY PRINCIPAL EQUAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY OFFICER, NEW YORK CITY EMPLOYEES RETIREMENT SYSTEM

Passionate about helping young people at risk to not just survive, but also thrive in their community.



Michael E. Collins, Jr. [in](#)

VICE PRESIDENT, HOUSING AND FINANCIAL CAPABILITY, NATIONAL URBAN LEAGUE

Dedicated to supporting the housing stability and economic mobility of low and moderate income New Yorkers.



Molly Washam [in](#)

SENIOR DIRECTOR, CUSTOMER EXPERIENCE, METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY

Dedicated to building equity through policy & service delivery, with a focus on transportation, the legal system, social services, and housing.



Monique Francis [in](#)

INTERIM DIRECTOR, CUNY CITIZENSHIP NOW!

Dedicated to helping immigrants access services and resources available to them and eliminating language-based barriers to access.



Nse Umoh Esema [in](#)

VICE PRESIDENT, SMART & SUSTAINABLE CITIES, NYC ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION

Passionate about equitable & sustainable economic development.



Paul A. Philps [in](#)

DIRECTOR OF THE BRONX OFFICE, THE DEPARTMENT OF CITY PLANNING

Committed to ensuring that opportunities and resources for workforce development are equitably distributed.



Saloni Sharma [in](#)

SENIOR DIRECTOR, NEIGHBORHOOD ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, BROOKLYN CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

Passionate about neighborhood and community-led economic growth, representation, and advocacy.



Shauntay Cherry

DEPUTY AGENCY CHIEF CONTRACTING OFFICER, HOUSING PRESERVATION AND DEVELOPMENT

Passionate about using art to address mental health challenges and connecting individuals struggling to overcome interdependent systems of disadvantage with core services such as housing support.



Spencer Martin [in](#)

GENERAL MANAGER OF ELECTRIC OPERATIONS FOR BROOKLYN AND QUEENS, CON EDISON

Passionate about NYC parks and waterways and committed to the protection and restoration of the 520 miles of NYC shoreline.



Tamika Henderickson [in](#)

DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF COMPLIANCE, NYC EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT SYSTEM

Motivated to identify and implement ways families can support and fortify all of our teacher's mental health in our school system.



Ting Ting Cheng [in](#)

DIRECTOR, EQUAL RIGHTS AMENDMENT PROJECT, COLUMBIA LAW SCHOOL

Committed to developing strategic leadership and expert guidance on an intersectional, intergenerational, and innovative approach to the ratification of the Equal Rights Amendment (ERA) to the U.S. Constitution.



Vanessa Jones [in](#)

DIRECTOR, TRANSACTIONS, REAL ESTATE DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT, NYC HOUSING AUTHORITY

Passionate about affordable housing and voter suppression and learning how to affect change via policy and laws on these issues.