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Alan S. Farrell 

**ASSISTANT DEPUTY COMMISSIONER FOR PARENT AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT,
NEW YORK CITY HUMAN RESOURCES ADMINISTRATION**

Dedicated to helping fathers and families navigate the New York City child support program and get access to services that can help them thrive.



Andrew Klein 

MANAGING DIRECTOR OF SPECIAL SERVICES, ACHIEVEMENT FIRST CHARTER SCHOOLS

Passionate about education, accessibility, and racial equity, as well as city planning, transportation, and public spaces.



Arielle A. Torres 

DEPUTY CHIEF OF STAFF, NEW YORK CITY DEPARTMENT OF HOMELESS SERVICES

Passionate about integrating homeless individuals and asylum seekers into the community and assisting with access to social services such as education, employment, housing, and medical services.



Bahar Ozveren [in](#)

PROJECT MANAGER, AECOM

Passionate about empowering women and advocating for equity, diversity, and inclusion within the Architecture, Engineering, and Construction industries.



Brandon Buffin [in](#)

ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL, WASHINGTON HEIGHTS AND INWOOD MUSIC COMMUNITY CHARTER SCHOOL

Committed and passionate about advocating for and providing all scholars with a culture of excellence in their educational experience where values and diversity are celebrated and building collaborative relationships to ensure that all scholars have opportunities to succeed.



Carly Lynch [in](#)

ACCOUNT DIRECTOR, SHARED VALUE MEDIA

Committed to expanding equitable educational opportunities and early literacy support for all children.



Chisom Ananaba [in](#)

ASSOCIATE GENERAL COUNSEL, NEW YORK CITY MAYOR'S OFFICE OF MEDIA & ENTERTAINMENT

Passionate about educating the youth and helping bring equity, diversity, and inclusion to work and school environments.



Daniel McCombie [in](#)

SENIOR MANAGER, PUBLIC WORKS PARTNERS

Committed to promoting actions that enable deeper community participation and understanding of urban planning and civic processes.



Daniella Davi [in](#)

DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF POLICY, COMMUNITY RECONSTRUCTION & INFRASTRUCTURE, NEW YORK STATE OFFICE OF RESILIENT HOMES AND COMMUNITIES

Committed to equitable policymaking on coastal resiliency and climate adaptation in New York City and New York State.



David Guadeloupe [in](#)

DIRECTOR OF HOUSING AND CRISIS, THE PARTNERSHIP TO END HOMELESSNESS

Passionate about resource equity and helping New York's most vulnerable residents maintain access to safe and affordable housing.



Devi Singh [in](#)

INSTRUCTIONAL DESIGNER AND TECHNOLOGY TRAINER, CENTER FOR JUSTICE INNOVATION

Believes we can research and find new public school programming that is attractive for youth to stay involved in school and deter them from criminal justice involvement.



Dylan Baker-Rice [in](#)

DIRECTOR OF ARCHITECTURE & ENGINEERING SERVICES, NEW YORK CITY HOUSING AUTHORITY

Passionate about increasing equitable access to affordable housing for all New Yorkers, fostering connections and collaboration between agencies and the private sector to increase housing quality, and integrating best practices for sustainability and energy conservation.



Eli Dvorkin [in](#)

EDITORIAL & POLICY DIRECTOR, CENTER FOR AN URBAN FUTURE

Dedicated to creating a stronger and more equitable economy for all New Yorkers.



Emily Riquelme Beaufort [in](#)

PLANNER, NEW YORK CITY DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Passionate about solving challenges through various means – communications, community engagement, data analysis, and strategic frameworks. My professional interests include transportation, economic development, sustainable development, education, and equity.



Fatima Ramadan Sanz [in](#)

SENIOR POLICY MANAGER, WORLD EDUCATION SERVICES

Passionate about expanding and promoting equitable access to the workforce and educational opportunities for immigrants and refugees in the U.S.



Hayoung Kim [in](#)

SENIOR VICE PRESIDENT OF STRATEGY, NEW YORK CITY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION

Passionate about economic development with a focus on improving quality of life for more people.



Jessica Dickson [in](#)

PORTFOLIO DIRECTOR, FUND FOR PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Passionate about equitable access to education resources, inspired by civic engagement and dedicated to collaborative public sector solutions.



Julian Chender [in](#)

MANAGER OF OPERATING MODEL & ORGANIZATION DESIGN, ACCENTURE

Cares deeply about pluralism, one's ability to live and work together with (not in spite of) our differences.



Kai Meredith

SENIOR RESOURCE COORDINATOR, CENTER FOR JUSTICE INNOVATION

Driven to transform the criminal justice system and enhance public safety by addressing systemic issues in inequality, housing, education, and behavioral health.



Kyle Kaniecki

VICE PRESIDENT OF LIFE SCIENCES AND HEALTHCARE, NEW YORK CITY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION

Committed to promoting early career entrepreneurship, primarily by supporting one-to-one mentoring programs.



Lian Farhi

DIRECTOR OF PLANNING AND URBAN DESIGN, SAM SCHWARTZ

Devoted to increasing connectivity via accessible mobility, designing the public realm, and creating safe, welcoming streets with communities.



Lindsey Giostra

SENIOR ACCOUNT SUPERVISOR OF SOCIAL IMPACT 7 SUSTAINABILITY, EDELMAN

Passionate about advancing more equitable systems through inclusive economies and climate resiliency.



Malik Canty

CORPORATE COMPLIANCE ANALYST, METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY

Passionate about voting and political engagement, staying informed about political issues, and engaging in political discussions.



Maria Cristina Quinn [in](#)

DIRECTOR FOR GOVERNMENT GRANTS, COMMUNITY SERVICE SOCIETY OF NEW YORK

Committed to ensuring sexual education and healthcare is inclusive, affirming, and accessible to all.



Meera Kumar [in](#)

PROGRAM MANAGER, NEWLAB

Dedicated to building livable places with connected and safe transportation for all.



Midhat Ibrahim [in](#)

ASSOCIATE RETIREMENT BENEFIT EXAMINER, NEW YORK CITY EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT SYSTEM

Passionate about leadership values and principles and would like for every student, worker, manager, and business owner to learn and apply these values to acknowledge the uniqueness of each individual and focus on the talent of each person.



Mildred Johnson-Silvie [in](#)

DIRECTOR OF THE EARLY ENGAGEMENT CASE SUPPORT UNIT, NEW YORK COUNTY DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S OFFICE

Committed to uplifting our young people through education and social opportunities to get them to think beyond the local neighborhood as well as assist staff to rise higher and set professional goals outside of their daily tasks.



Milka Rodriguez [in](#)

POLICY ADVISOR AND CITY RESEARCH SCIENTIST, NEW YORK CITY MAYOR'S OFFICE OF CLIMATE AND ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE

Passionate about community and youth development, environmental justice, economic mobility, and tackling climate challenges.



Nancy Ramamurthi

PRINCIPLE AND FOUNDER, 2 CUBES

Passionate about better supporting the health and economic security of women, veterans, and older New Yorkers.



Parker Krasney

**ASSOCIATE DIRECTOR OF PROGRAMS AND PARTNERSHIPS, NEW YORK CITY
MAYOR'S OFFICE FOR ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITY**

Interested in the legal system reform, violence reductions, disconnected youth, mentoring, workforce development, financial empowerment, asset building, and adult education.



Rachel Shifman

BUSINESS IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT MANAGER, ORSTED

Passionate about renewable energy, environmental justice, and sustainability in New York City.



Rafia Zahir-Uddin

VICE PRESIDENT OF GLOBAL PHILANTHROPY, JP MORGAN

Committed to supporting economic and career mobility pathways for low-income and underrepresented individuals.



Rakeyah Evans

DIRECTOR OF REGIONAL SUPPORT, NEW YORK CITY DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

Deeply passionate about creating equitable and efficient learning environments for students residing in temporary housing.



Rocket Osborne [in](#)

CONSTRUCTION PROJECT MANAGER

Passionate about enriching public spaces to enrich our communities and cities with a mission to deliver megaprojects that enhance the fabric of the city and elevate the essence of public space.



Ronee Mattingly [in](#)

DEPUTY CHIEF OF RECREATION, NEW YORK CITY PARKS DEPARTMENT

Inspired to engage communities to be more involved in the social development of their youth and young adults.



Rubenstein Jean-Louis

STRATEGIC ENGAGEMENT MANAGER, CON EDISON

Dedicated to educating our youth equitably and effectively and developing people from underserved communities.



Sabrina Lippman [in](#)

SENIOR VICE PRESIDENT OF PORTFOLIO MANAGEMENT, NEW YORK CITY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION

Committed to building strategic alliances that maximize commercial real estate in an inclusive and equitable manner to strengthen surrounding communities.



Sebastián Martín [in](#)

FOUNDER AND CEO, CAMBIO LABS

Passionate about creating access to entrepreneurial education, business ownership, and generational wealth for youth and low-income people and leveraging technology to democratize and scale access to resources and quality education.



Shakara Petteway

DIRECTOR OF PARK PROJECTS AND PROGRAMS, FORT GREENE PARK CONSERVANCY

Interested in building healthy, equitable, and accessible environments that sustain community and environmental health.



Shifra M. Goldenberg

DIRECTOR OF IMPLEMENTATION, NEW YORK CITY HEALTH + HOSPITALS

Committed to building programs that deliver equity at scale, particularly in the health and human services and civic engagement domains.



Sonia Daly

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF OPERATIONS, IDNYC

Passionate about maternal wellness initiatives, in particular supporting women who have experienced miscarriages.



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Aaron Miner 

DEPUTY CHIEF SERVICE OFFICER OF NATIONAL SERVICE + FISCAL OPERATIONS, NEW YORK CITY SERVICE, OFFICE OF THE MAYOR

Passionate about building bridges and equity through civic engagement, making our communities stronger and more connected.



Aaron Sanders 

PUBLIC POLICY DIRECTOR, ASSOCIATION FOR A BETTER NEW YORK

Passionate about affordable housing, the public realm, and re-entry reform.



Alex Engel 

SENIOR MANAGER OF COMMUNICATIONS, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF CITY TRANSPORTATION OFFICIALS

Passionate about achieving social change through the built environment and by building broad-based support for forward-thinking policies.



Andrea Carter [in](#)

PARTNER, ERNST & YOUNG

Committed to child welfare advocacy and opportunities that advance the success trajectory of children in foster care or without parental care.



Ashley So [in](#)

SENIOR ANALYST, HR&A ADVISORS

Inspired to drive equitable economic development through the lens of urban tech and climate sustainability.



Benjulkys Martinez [in](#)

PROCUREMENT SUPERVISOR, NEW YORK CITY EMPLOYEE'S RETIREMENT SYSTEM

Inspired to understand gentrification and displacement in New York and the impact on the current housing crisis: rising rents, homelessness, loss of rent-regulated housing, public housing deterioration, and destabilized communities.



Brittany N. Montgomery [in](#)

SENIOR ADVISOR OF SPECIAL PROJECTS AND INITIATIVES, METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY

Committed to improving government services via GovTech, employing behavioral science to 'nudge' civic behavior, and delivering projects.



Chioma Ohakam [in](#)

MANAGER OF PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT, GRACIE MANSION CONSERVANCY

Passionate about creating equitable and inclusive spaces and programs that engage and cross all cultures and backgrounds.



Constance Barnes-Watson [in](#)

DIRECTOR, CUNY ASAP

Passionate about educational equity for marginalized populations and criminal justice reform.



Corrine Christison [in](#)

DIRECTOR OF INTERAGENCY COLLABORATION FOR STUDENTS IN TEMPORARY HOUSING AND FOSTER CARE, NEW YORK CITY DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

Dedicated to ending generational homelessness by looking beyond affordable housing and passionate about understanding historical & systemic racism in NYC and its impacts in education, health, and economic outcomes.



Diamond Budansingh [in](#)

HUMAN RESOURCES QUALITY ASSURANCE MANAGER, NEW YORK CITY EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT SYSTEM

Passionate about promoting equity, diversity, inclusion, and mentoring to ensure that opportunities and resources for workforce, economic and social development are equitably distributed.



Emily Marcus Falda [in](#)

VICE PRESIDENT, NEW YORK CITY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION

Passionate about utilizing government resources to advance equitable economic development



Fanon J. Howell, Ph.D. [in](#)

DIRECTOR AND NYC PROJECT MANAGER, THE CARMEL HILL FUND

Passionate about the educational achievement and mental health of youth.



Grace Doramus [in](#)

CHIEF INNOVATION OFFICER, BEYOND100K

Committed to increasing and improving paths for opportunity through expanding access to great STEM learning.



J. Logan Clark [in](#)

ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF BUDGET REVIEW, NEW YORK CITY INDEPENDENT BUDGET OFFICE

Committed to a sustainable, transparent, and equitable New York for all New Yorkers.



James A. Stratford, MPA [in](#)

SENIOR EXECUTIVE LEADERSHIP CONSULTANT, A SECOND CHANCE INC.

Passionate about bridging equity and achievement gaps in underserved and at-risk communities across the nation because I believe and know real change can be achieved from within, given access to resources and opportunities.



James Wong [in](#)

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF NYC FERRY, NEW YORK CITY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION

Passionate about finding ways to improve bureaucracy/process by an order of magnitude, and taking complex projects with ongoing operational needs from vision to stable operations.



Jane Nopachinda [in](#)

SPECIAL PROJECTS MANAGER, NYC TAXI AND LIMOUSINE COMMISSION

Passionate about urban social safety net and anti-poverty programs and dedicated to accessibility exposure with a focus on inclusivity in the taxi and for-hire vehicle industry.



Jeffery R. Brault [in](#)

VICE PRESIDENT OF PUBLIC AFFAIRS, FERRIES & TRANSPORTATION, HORNBLOWER GROUP

Passionate about raising community voices to generate positive political and policy outcomes for those most often forgotten, ignored, or disregarded.



Jennifer Medina [in](#)

SENIOR PROGRAM MANAGER FOR THE SUPERVISED RELEASE PROGRAM, CENTER FOR JUSTICE INNOVATION

Passionate about addressing barriers to foundational needs, including housing and food access.



Joy Lau [in](#)

**USER EXPERIENCE DESIGNER | TEACHING ARTIST | ARCHITECT | FILMMAKER
THINK DESIGN | QUEENS MUSEUM**

Interested in the intersection of education, art, and civic engagement to empower under-served communities and improve cross-cultural understanding.



Julia Dippel [in](#)

GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS & SOCIAL IMPACT, MADISON SQUARE GARDEN ENTERTAINMENT

Dedicated to promoting gender equity in the workplace and passionate about sharing mental health resources, advice, and/or a listening ear to others in need.



Julianna Schroeger [in](#)

PROJECT MANAGER OF OFFSHORE WIND, VANASSE HANGEN BRUSTLIN, INC.

Passionate about leveraging opportunities in the green and blue economies for a more resilient and equitable future.



Juliet Moser [in](#)

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, DARNELL-MOSER CHARITABLE FUND

Curious about funding for not-for-profit performing arts and educational opportunities; seeking to become an effective board member.



Jyoti Parth [in](#)

SMOKE-FREE NYCHA ADMINISTRATOR, NEW YORK CITY HOUSING AUTHORITY

Committed to advancing health equity and sustainable housing for New York City's most vulnerable residents.



Kimberly Williams [in](#)

DIRECTOR OF MANHATTAN REGIONAL AND COMMUNITY AFFAIRS, CON EDISON

Empowering New York communities to make the best decisions around energy, education access, and cultural preservation.



Larissa Larrier [in](#)

DIGITAL NAVIGATION MANAGER, BROOKLYN PUBLIC LIBRARY

Concentrated on helping eliminate the digital divide faced by families and individuals who are low-income.



Lauren Moriarty [in](#)

POLICE OFFICER, NEW YORK CITY POLICE DEPARTMENT

Strong passion for the betterment of police relations through progressive policy changes.



Lena Ferguson [in](#)

ASSISTANT VICE PRESIDENT OF NEIGHBORHOOD STRATEGIES. NEW YORK CITY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION

Passionate about planning and implementing greenway, streetscape and other place-based projects that improve the city's public realm.



Lyna Saad [in](#)

SENIOR PLANNER, NEW YORK CITY DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING PRESERVATION & DEVELOPMENT

Dedicated to housing choice and stability, inclusive planning processes, and social resiliency.



Matthew Bradley [in](#)

DIRECTOR OF MOYNIHAN TRAIN HALL & REAL ESTATE, EMPIRE STATE DEVELOPMENT

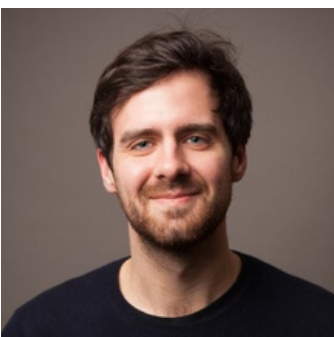
Passionate about finding new, collaborative solutions to address New York's complex urban development and transportation challenges



Nelida LaBate [in](#)

GRANTS PROPOSAL & FUNDING MANAGER, FORDHAM UNIVERSITY

Interested in justice and curious about education, recreation, and inter-generational dialogue to co-create well-being and planetary health.



Nicolas Grefenstette [in](#)

SENIOR LANDSCAPE ARCHITECT, NEW YORK CITY DEPARTMENT OF PARKS & RECREATION

Passionate about creating equitable, accessible, and resilient public spaces at the intersection of design, operations, and technology.



Nina Robbins [in](#)

ACCOUNT DIRECTOR FOR SOCIAL IMPACT COMMUNICATIONS, SHARED VALUE MEDIA

Passionate about creating a community-driven process for cataloging and reimagining how we can repurpose empty real estate to support affordable housing, healthcare, training, climate resilience, and community building.



Nolan Levenson [in](#)

DIRECTOR OF BUS PRIORITY AND TRANSIT DEVELOPMENT, NEW YORK CITY DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Passionate about improving mobility and access to opportunity for all New Yorkers by changing the design of our streets to prioritize bus service.



Rayn Riel [in](#)

SENIOR PROGRAM MANAGER, NEW YORK CITY DEPARTMENT OF CITY PLANNING

Passionate about transforming the New York region's built environment and improving quality of life.



Ria Baird

MANAGER OF VOCATIONAL SERVICES, CENTER FOR EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

Dedicated to making an impact in the justice involved community through employment, retention, and upward economic mobility.



Sahara James [in](#)

SENIOR SUSTAINABILITY CONSULTANT, KINETIC COMMUNITIES CONSULTING

Passionate about leading individuals in realizing their power to create a sustainable society for all.



Shanel Spence [in](#)

DEPUTY DIVERSITY & EEO OFFICER, NEW YORK CITY LAW DEPARTMENT

Passionate about neurodiverse workplaces and committed to equitable workplace practices.



Tareake Dorill [in](#)

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, DORILL INITIATIVE

Dedicated to educating our youth equitably and passionate about making arts programming accessible in all New York City communities



Tiffany Bergin [in](#)

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF RESEARCH & EVIDENCE-BASED PRACTICE, NEW YORK CITY CRIMINAL JUSTICE AGENCY

Committed to promoting evidence-based practice, equity, and fairness in the criminal legal system.



Vineet Jain [in](#)

ASSISTANT VICE PRESIDENT, DEPUTY PROJECT EXECUTIVE, METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY

Dedicated to enhancing the quality of transportation services, focused primarily on providing safer and more convenient experiences and continuing to help the local economy.



Vladimir Sterlin, MBA [in](#)

SENIOR DIRECTOR OF COMMUNITY, POLICY, & GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS, THE BROOKLYN CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

Passionate about creating economic development opportunities within marginalized neighborhoods and enabling the youth of tomorrow with real-world common sense on small business development.



Will Depoo

SENIOR CAMPAIGN ORGANIZER, ASSOCIATION FOR NEIGHBORHOOD & HOUSING DEVELOPMENT

Passionate about holding banks accountable for disinvestment, redlining, and lending to bad-acting landlords and ensuring the most marginalized voices are heard when developing policy.