EOS Interim CEO Announced as Co-Chair of Mayor-elect Bruce Harrell's Transition Team

On Tuesday, November 16th, Seattle Mayor-Elect Bruce Harrell announced the individuals who will be a part of his transition efforts as he prepares to step into his mayoral role. Harrell plans to define his administration by bringing experienced leadership and community voices in and has appointed four individuals to co-chair his transition team. Among them is Equal Opportunity Schools Interim CEO Eddie Lincoln.

To drive solutions for Seattle's critical issues, Harrell has gathered more than 150 leaders from across the city to form 12 committees. As part of his pledge to center and unite the city around progress and shared values, Harrell has assembled a comprehensive and robust team of local civic, business, conservation, youth advocacy, philanthropy, labor, and community leaders to develop and shape his agenda. The 150 individuals selected will make up the most racially and ideologically diverse team in Seattle history.

"I know the mayor-elect called together this team with the values of representation and equity at the forefront and as defining features," said Eddie. "Having leadership at the top that accurately reflects our communities is what is needed to ensure all voices are heard, and the best outcomes are reached. Additionally, the Mayor-elect's specific focus on mentorship, youth, and education demonstrates an important and thorough focus on developing an agenda for not just the challenges of today but also the opportunities of tomorrow. It's my honor to help lead and organize this effort."

Eddie will lead the transition team alongside former United States Secretary of the Interior Sally Jewell, Uwajimaya President and CEO Denise Moriguchi, and Sea Mar CEO and founder Rogelio Riojas. "In this transition team, the mayor-elect is setting the tone for an administration that is inclusive, dynamic, and diligent," said former United States Secretary of the Interior Sally Jewell. "The members of this team are policy experts, and government leaders, CEOs, and workers, Seattleites with real lived and professional experience addressing the issues facing our city."

Over the next two months, each of the 12 committees will meet several times to discuss and define the priorities and focuses of the incoming administration. A team leader from each group will meet with Jewell, Lincoln, Moriguchi, and Riojas to identify mutual priorities, overlapping policy goals, and interconnected opportunities. The team will also consider recommendations and develop frameworks for the mayor-elect to adopt.

"We are building a one-of-a-kind, diverse, and skilled team, filled with the energy and expertise needed to ensure our administration hits the ground running; said Mayor-elect Bruce Harrell. "With this transition team in place, we have the opportunity in front of us to thoughtfully develop the urgent and forward-looking agenda that will restore our city and propel Seattle forward."