

Los Angeles City Councilmember Marqueece Harris-Dawson proudly represents the Eighth District of Los Angeles and chairs the city's Planning Land Use and Management committee. Councilmember Harris-Dawson has introduced policies that combat homelessness, create quality jobs, clean streets, and encourage community policing. Within his first 18 months as a Councilmember, he authored Proposition HHH, a \$1.2 billion bond for permanent supportive housing, the largest investment towards ending homelessness in the nation, and has authorized more affordable housing in district 8 than anywhere in the city in his first two years in office.

The Eighth District is home to over 248,000 people and the Councilmember proudly represents the district with the highest concentration of African Americans in the city. Councilmember Harris-Dawson understands how decades of systematic disinvestment have harmed our communities and believes the people of South LA are its greatest resource. As a long-time community organizer in South LA, Councilmember Harris-Dawson is never afraid to discuss issues of race and equity, and relies on his deep roots and relationships to build public trust and collaborative solutions.

Councilmember Harris-Dawson graduated from Morehouse College and joined Community Coalition in 1995. Beginning in 2004, Harris-Dawson succeeded US Congresswoman Karen Bass as President and CEO of Community Coalition - one of the most progressive non-profits in the country.

Councilmember Harris-Dawson is the recipient of various awards such as the coveted *Do Something "BRICK" Award*, *The Wellness Foundation Sabbatical Award*, the *NAACP Man of Valor Award*, *Durfee Foundation's Stanton Fellowship*, and *Liberty Hill Foundation's Upton Sinclair Award*. He also served as a board member for the Liberty Hill Foundation. He holds a certificate in Nonprofit Management from Stanford's Graduate School of Business and is an Aspen Institute Pahara Fellow.

Councilmember grew up in South Los Angeles and proudly resides there with his wife Karrie. They strongly believe in the community's power to create a better tomorrow through organizing and working together.

Dr. Diandra "Dee" Bremond is a gubernatorial appointee serving as the Panel Chair for the Cannabis Control Appeals Panel. Additionally, Dr. Dee is an adjunct lecturer in the MSW and DSW programs in the Suzanne Dworak-Peck School of Social Work at the University of Southern California. Furthermore, Dr. Dee runs a consulting practice where she provides strategic planning, advisory counsel, curriculum development, outreach and development for non-profits, government entities and startups. Prior to her previous roles, Dr. Dee served as the founding

Board President for Crete Academy, a public charter school in South Los Angeles that services at-risk and homeless youth. Additionally, Dr. Dee served as the Director of Trauma-Informed Youth Development for Brotherhood Crusade for nearly seven years. Dr. Dee serves on many non-profit boards of directors and advisors, which includes Equality California and CA Women Lead. Dr. Dee is an Emerge California alumnus and a graduate from Pepperdine University where she earned a Master's of Public Policy and a Doctorate of Education in Organizational Leadership. Dr. Dee's dissertation and substantive interests are rooted in public policy, innovation, social justice, and social work. Lastly, Dr. Dee is married to her wife Otesha Mosley-Bremond and resides in the city of Los Angeles with their two dogs Princess and Polo.

Kristen Gordon was born and raised in South Los Angeles, Kristen Gordon is a community developer and creative director who focuses on the power of design, art, and culture to influence social change and foster equity. She is currently the Owner and Principal of KAG Group, a boutique social impact firm providing organizational development, creative direction, and project management services. She recently served as the Culture Director for Karen Bass for the Mayor campaign where she led cultural organizing and produced social media content to support winning the primary election.

Prior to starting her firm, she served as the Economic Development Deputy for Los Angeles City Councilman Marqueece Harris-Dawson, where she secured more than \$120 million in grants for economic development and infrastructure projects in South Los Angeles. Additionally, she was a driving force behind Destination Crenshaw, a 1.3-mile outdoor cultural experience that aims to prevent cultural displacement by celebrating Black Los Angeles history and culture in the public realm. Under her leadership, the project advanced from a community idea to reality, by managing the project design and community engagement.

Ms. Gordon holds a B.A. in Urban Studies from the University of California, Irvine and a Certificate in Real Estate Development from the University of South California (USC) Ross Program. In 2018, she was awarded the Next City Vanguard "40 under 40" fellowship for her cross-sector leadership in just city building and improving cities.

Francis Roberts is Head of Creator Partnerships at Snap Inc. where he oversees relationships with digital-native talent and is focused on strategically building the Snap Creator Ecosystem across Snap Stars, Spotlight, Shows and more. He joined Snap in May 2020 to bring his vast experience in the digital creator space to the platform, having worked with some of YouTube's biggest creators during his eight-year tenure at Google. He has collaborated with some of the most popular Creators and celebrities, including Will Smith, Naomi Campbell, Liza Koshy, Jackie Aina, Brent Rivera, and The Try Guys.

Prior to joining Google, he co-founded BE LLC, a New York-based event planning and digital media firm and spent time at Barclays Capital. Francis holds a bachelor's degree in international business with a focus on Asia-Pacific studies from Howard University.

Nicole Walker currently works as the environmental planning manager for Ontario International Airport Authority, one of the fastest growing airports in the nation. Her previous diplomatic work experience included working as a green technology business development associate for the British-Consulate General of Los Angeles. She is currently a PhD candidate at California Baptist University and received both her bachelor's in urban studies and master's in public policy from CSU Northridge. Ms. Walker is an alumna of several political training programs (Los Angeles African American Women's Public Policy Institute Class of 2020, New Leaders Council-Orange County 2014, and Emerge California 2016). Her engagement at the local level includes serving as an assembly level delegate for the 59th District. Previously, she served as the president of the South Los Angeles Democratic Club and secretary for the Black Los Angeles Young Democrats. Ms. Walker also has the pleasure of serving as the Southern California Political Director for the CDP Black Caucus. The community serves as her inspiration in becoming more involved in social justice and politics. In her free time, Nicole enjoys adventures with her son.

Prophet Walker, Co-Founder and CEO of Treehouse, grew up in South LA, where amidst poverty, violence, and homelessness in his neighborhood, community was always at its core. Prophet's experiences surrounding community strength and human connectedness inspired him to create Treehouse, recognizing the power of community in proximity and shared humanity. Prophet leads the company day to day, with a focus on acquisitions research, property selection, supervision of construction operations in the field and design/engineering for each project, and investor relations. The Treehouse flagship building is currently leased and operating in Hollywood, with two additional buildings owned in Los Angeles. Treehouse currently manages \$100M in assets.

Prior to Treehouse, Prophet was the SVP of Construction for Aegis Development, a subsidiary of Urban Commons. With Aegis, he led construction of a 74-unit apartment building, a 200-room hotel, and helped with the acquisition of the Queen Mary and the 50 adjacent acres. Prophet's real estate experience also includes work for Morley Builders and Nautilus Group, where he built the well-known ACE Hotel DTLA and a 6-story subterranean fully robotic parking structure, respectively. Prophet has participated or directly managed more than \$400M of real estate assets.

Prophet is deeply involved with both criminal justice and education reform and serves on multiple non-profit and civic boards. In 2014 Prophet ran for the

California State Assembly, coming in second. This passion for reform was triggered by his personal experience of being incarcerated at 16 and sentenced to spend 6 years within an adult prison. While incarcerated, he started a statewide program that allowed inmates to earn a two-year college degree, and today thousands of inmates participate in the program. Prophet was one of the program's first graduates to come home and attended Loyola Marymount University where he received a degree in Civil Engineering. In 2015, President Obama and First Lady Michelle Obama invited Prophet to attend the State of the Union to honor his efforts to reform our criminal justice system and for his commitment to our children. Prophet now serves on the board of College Track, a holistic program committed to students investing in the academic, social-emotional, and executive functioning skills of students in low-income communities. He is also a founding board member of the Anti-Recidivism Coalition, working to end mass incarceration in California. In his free time, Prophet enjoys spending time with his 16-year-old daughter, family, and friends.