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METROPOLITAN PLANNING COUNCIL ANNOUNCES DAN LURIE AS NEW PRESIDENT & CEO

Lurie, a Chicagoland native, brings national experience advancing bold, equitable policies in governance, housing, transit, land use and economic growth.



CHICAGO - Metropolitan Planning Council's (MPC) Board of Governors is pleased to announce the selection of Dan Lurie as President & CEO of MPC, effective September 30, 2024. As a nationally recognized policy leader, Lurie has crafted and implemented innovative inclusive economic growth and social safety net programs at the highest levels of government and civil society.

Lurie brings extensive leadership experience from Chicago's City Hall, the Obama-Biden White House, the National Endowment for the Arts, the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, the Washington D.C. think-tank New America, and the Chicago Transit Authority.

Lurie is known for fostering partnerships that advance bold policies confronting race and gender inequities, and for reaching new consensus that, as he likes to say, "expands the aperture of the possible". As President & CEO, Lurie will provide strategic leadership to MPC as the organization builds on 90 years of impact as a leader that, through coalitions and partnerships, transforms policies and practices to advance racial and economic justice in our communities, infrastructure, and public systems.



Lurie's appointment concludes a rigorous, national search led by an MPC Board appointed Search Committee in collaboration with Koya Partners, an executive search firm that specializes in partnering with mission-driven clients.

MPC Board Chair Paul Carlisle expressed his enthusiasm about the selection: "The MPC Board is excited and gratified to have Dan joining our team. His background and skill set fit perfectly with the MPC mission, and we look forward to working with him and our talented staff to take MPC's work to the next level in 2025 and beyond."

Lurie most recently founded the Municipal Governance Initiative (MGI), which addresses the state capacity crisis that threatens local governments' ability to solve critical social problems. Prior to MGI, Lurie was the City of Chicago's Chief of Policy where he oversaw the City's policy design and program implementation. His work as Chief of Policy included democracy reform, housing, transportation, land use, environment, and the care economy. He also led former Chicago Mayor Lightfoot's whole-of-government project to reduce racialized intergenerational poverty and broader economic insecurity, while strengthening the social safety net.

Lurie is a graduate of the University of Michigan (B.A. and JD) and lives with his family in the Independence Park neighborhood on Chicago's Northwest Side.

Lurie will succeed Chris Conley, who has led MPC as Interim President & CEO since April 2024, Darlene Hightower, who led MPC from 2022-2024, and MarySue Barrett, who led MPC from 1996-2022, and many others who have helped make MPC an impactful leader in the region for over 90 years.

ABOUT MPC:

Metropolitan Planning Council (MPC) is an independent planning and policy organization working to address regional built environment issues through a racial and economic justice lens. MPC partners with communities, businesses, and government to advance policy and drive systemic change toward a racially equitable and economically just Chicago region.

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