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**MAYOR LIGHTFOOT ANNOUNCES JAYE STAPLETON TO SERVE AS DEPUTY
MAYOR FOR EDUCATION AND HUMAN SERVICES**

CHICAGO — Mayor Lori E. Lightfoot today announced that Jaye Stapleton will serve as the City of Chicago's Deputy Mayor for Education and Human Services. Stapleton brings nearly 15 years of experience working with communities locally and internationally. She is a dedicated public servant with a commitment to ensuring that Chicago residents and families have access to the essential services that are needed to thrive.

"Jaye's outstanding commitment has been an incredible asset to my administration, and I am especially proud of her ongoing work to enrich our communities and support families," said Mayor Lightfoot. "I have full confidence that Jaye, as the new Deputy Mayor for Education and Human Services, will continue to bring efficacy and innovation to our team, as well as help us create a more equitable city."

Prior to becoming Deputy Mayor for Education and Human Services, Stapleton joined Mayor Lightfoot's administration in September 2020 as the Director of Social Services Policy, and her diligent work allowed her the opportunity to grow into her most recent role as Senior Director of Social Services Policy early in 2021. Some of her most outstanding accomplishments are co-leading the Mayor's Office of Education and Human Services team, where she worked closely with the Chicago Department of Public Health, Department of Family and Support Services, and the Mayor's Office for People with Disabilities to drive coordination and collaboration on joint initiatives and improve the quality, equitable delivery, and scale of human service and public health programs citywide. Stapleton also guided and supported a select number of multi-year signature strategic initiatives, including Healthy Chicago 2025, the City's Mental Health Equity Framework, homelessness reduction, the City's Food Equity Agenda, 211 Metro Chicago, the Chicago Resilient Communities Pilot, coordinated workforce development, and violence prevention programs.



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Stapleton's commitment to Chicago began early in her career as a Chicago Mayoral Fellow working with City leaders to develop policy related to wellness programs, primary care, and international programming.

"It is an honor to be named the new Deputy Mayor for Education and Human Services for the City of Chicago, and I'm grateful for the opportunity to represent this great City, our residents and families," said Jaye Stapleton, Deputy Mayor for Education and Human Services. "I will continue to pursue our goals and ongoing efforts to make Chicago a city that works for all."

Prior to joining the Mayor's Office, Stapleton co-founded Four Corners Global Consulting Group where she co-led strategic engagements in education and health sectors through the development of data systems, cutting-edge tools, training, and technical assistance.

Stapleton's devotion to improving policy through the development of evidence-based interventions and centering user voice in program design has been a key motivator since the start of her professional career. Stapleton spent five years leading program evaluation for Heartland Alliance International, where she worked hand-in-hand with service providers to strengthen mental health, gender equity, legal aid, violence prevention, and healthcare programs based in Chicago and overseas in post-conflict settings.

Stapleton also managed impact evaluations for education, gender, maternal and child health, and microfinance programs throughout Africa and Asia as the Research Manager for Northwestern University's Center for the Study of Development Economics. Additionally, Stapleton supported social science research through her work with Innovations for Poverty Action and the University of Michigan.

Stapleton received her bachelor's degree in Brain, Behavior, and Cognitive Science from the University of Michigan, as well as master's degrees in public health and public policy.

As Stapleton embarks on this new chapter in her career, during her free time she can be found exploring all the fun and social aspects the City of Chicago has to offer by going to the theatre and enjoying local Chicago dining spots.

Photo: [Jaye Stapleton's Official Photo](#)

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