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Summary

Urban planner and Master of Urban Design candidate at UC Berkeley with San Francisco City Hall experience in community affairs and constituent services. Pairs community engagement and stakeholder coordination with GIS mapping, site analysis, and housing policy research, and turns policy into clear briefings and public materials.

Experience

Community Affairs Intern Jan 2026 to Present
Office of Mayor Daniel Lurie, City & County of San Francisco San Francisco, CA

- Prepare briefings for Mayor Lurie on community organizations, neighborhood issues, and upcoming engagements.
- Serve as a liaison to community organizations, attending their meetings and connecting them with City programs and departments.
- Design proposals and programming for neighborhood engagement initiatives, coordinating across residents, community groups, and City departments.

Legislative Intern Jul 2025 to Dec 2025
Office of Supervisor Bilal Mahmood, District 5 San Francisco, CA

- Researched and drafted Letters of Inquiry on the Civic Center Public Realm Plan and on Sonic fiber expansion, serving as the office's liaison to the North of Panhandle Neighborhood Association.
- Managed constituent cases by email and in person, logging them in Salesforce and routing issues such as elevator outages, street cleanliness, and accessibility to DBI, Public Works, and other departments.
- Prepared background notes for meetings with other Supervisors' offices and City agencies, including the Entertainment Commission and Public Works.
- Drafted Certificates of Honor, Letters of Support, and newsletter content; planned community tabling with District 5 trivia games for residents.

Staff Mentor, CNI-X / CNV-X Program 2023 to 2025
Stanford University, Department of Psychiatry and Behavioral Sciences Palo Alto, CA

- **Mentored 200+ students** across multiple cohorts through a design thinking curriculum, guiding teams from problem definition to final capstone presentation.
- Recruited and onboarded each new cohort, and facilitated workshops, breakout sessions, and group discussions.
- Authored participant evaluations and program summaries to track learning outcomes and improve the program.

Education

University of California, Berkeley Expected May 2027
Master of Urban Design (M.U.D.), College of Environmental Design Berkeley, CA

- Studios: high speed rail station area planning and last mile mobility in Merced; refinery buffer land reuse in Richmond; curb and parklet study with the North Shattuck Association.
- Thesis (in progress): mixed use housing and a road diet for El Camino Real in Palo Alto and Menlo Park.

San Francisco State University 2026
B.A., Urban Planning & Design; Minor in Recreation, Parks, and Tourism San Francisco, CA

- Senior seminar client project for the San Francisco Planning Department: on a team of four, built a searchable database of state HCD technical assistance and enforcement letters, and wrote the procedure staff use to maintain it.
- Applied design research on transit access, public realm performance, and neighborhood redevelopment, including the JFK Promenade and Embarcadero Waterfront.

Skills & Competencies

Planning & Engagement: Land use and state housing law research, community outreach, workshop facilitation, stakeholder coordination, constituent services

GIS & Data: ArcGIS Pro, Mapbox, Excel, Salesforce; parcel mapping, pedestrian counts, surveys, database design

Design & Visualization: AutoCAD, Rhino, Adobe Illustrator, Photoshop, InDesign, PowerPoint, Google Suite

Communication: Briefings, Letters of Inquiry, policy translation, presentations, community storytelling