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## **Mayor-elect Lincoln Candidates for Office of the Mayor Support Positions *Appointees Considered on December 15, Council Meeting Agenda***

STOCKTON, Calif. – Mayor-elect Kevin Lincoln will officially take office on January 1, 2021. In preparation, he has identified three positions and candidates to advise and assist in the work of the Mayor. The positions include a Senior Policy Advisor, Public Information Officer, and Chief Aide to the Mayor. The City Council Meeting Agenda for December 15, 2020, has been revised to include a New Business item for the Council to provide advice and consent to his appointments, as provided for under the City of Stockton Charter.

Mayor-elect has selected the following employees:

***Senior Policy Advisor Rajan Nathaniel:*** Mr. Nathaniel has assisted Mayor-elect in his campaign for Mayor in the role of Campaign Manager and Director of Policy and Strategy, in addition to working as an Independent Political Strategy and Development Researcher. His current assignments include the California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation (Stockton), the Center for Deliberative Democracy (Stanford), and the Stanford Constitutional Law Center, where he is an undergraduate fellow. Mr. Nathaniel's related experience includes work as a Trauma Research and Policy Intern with Public Health Advocates (Stockton and Sacramento); Youth Leadership Summit Participant with Asian Americans Advancing Justice (Washington, DC); and a Board Member Representative/Financial Public Policy Intern for the Lodi Unified School District from June

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2017 to October 2018. He is currently pursuing a Bachelor of Arts degree in Political Science with Stanford University.

**Public Information Officer Dana Sovinec:** Ms. Sovinec has been serving as the Director of Strategic Communications and as a Policy Analyst for Mayor-elect during his campaign. Since 2012, she has been the Creative Productions Coordinator, Administrative Assistant, and Communications Coordinator for Quail Lakes Baptist Church (Stockton). Ms. Sovinec has been a leader in public and community service in Stockton for the past ten years, through youth mentoring, lay counseling, and outreach projects. Ms. Sovinec earned a Bachelor of Arts in Government from CSU Sacramento, and served as an intern in the Governor’s Office of Economic Development, then as a Constituent Affairs Representative and as an Office Technician under Governor Schwarzenegger.

**Chief Aide to the Mayor Nadeja Steager:** Ms. Steager served Mayor-elect as a key advisor on homelessness during the campaign. Ms. Steager is currently an Administrative Secretary with San Joaquin County Health Care Services. She previously worked as an Office Assistant Specialist for the San Joaquin County Sheriff and in telecommunications for AT&T West, SBC West, and Pacific Bell. Ms. Steager serves the community on numerous boards, commissions, and committees in San Joaquin County including San Joaquin County Equal Employment Opportunity Advisory Committee, Service Employees International Union Chapter Board, and the San Joaquin County Continuum of Care.

Mayor-elect Lincoln will introduce and share with the Council his plans for each position and their individual roles within the Office of the Mayor.

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