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## \*\*\*PRESS RELEASE\*\*\* \*\*\*SUPERVISOR SHAMANN WALTON SWORN IN FOR SECOND TERM\*\*\*

**San Francisco, CA** – On Friday morning, Supervisor Shamann Walton and current Board President of the San Francisco Board of Supervisors was sworn in by Judge Maria Evangelista in front of family, community members, and distinguished guests at the new Southeast Community Center for his second term.

Supervisor Walton is the first elected African American man in San Francisco who has won his second term without an initial appointment to the position. As the first Black man serving as President of the Board of Supervisors, Supervisor Walton has fought hard to ensure that our vulnerable neighbors and working families have a voice in City Hall. He's led on tough issues that make a real impact in San Franciscans' lives including securing over \$20 million for rent relief and affordable housing, leading the creation of the Dream Keeper Initiative to reinvest \$120 million into our city's Black community, fighting against AAPI hate crimes, shutting down juvenile hall, and mediated the process to reopen schools during the pandemic.

"When I was Mayor, I mentored young leaders in the African American community hoping to see more representation from the African American community in leadership positions," said Former San Francisco Mayor Willie Brown Jr., "I am proud to see Shamann Walton as one of the leaders and I know he will continue to work hard to represent not only the African American community but all of us here in San Francisco."

"I think Shamann Walton is a worthy successor of all of us," said Former San Francisco Mayor Art Agnos. "As soon as he started on the Board of Education, his colleagues picked him as their leader and his colleagues continue to do so. They recognize that he is able to bring people together. He's not here for recognition, he's here because he wants to do the work and want to do something." President, Board of Supervisors District 10



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"When you look at their (candidates) body of work, it shows you their values and priorities, and then you look at your values and priorities and make sure they align," said former District 10 Supervisor Sophie Maxwell. "Shamann is my candidate. He has been and will continue to be my candidate."

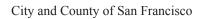
"Over the last four years, we have accomplished a lot such as designating the first landmark in Visitacion Valley, opening a brand new Lucky's Bayview at the Bayview Plaza, securing thousands of units of housing in District 10," said Board President, District 10 Supervisor Shamann Walton. "We have more on the way as we continue to fight for affordability, more housing, more local jobs, and more small businesses and grocery stores to come to District 10. We couldn't have done this without working with the community and I look forward to continuing to work hard for the community."

Born in San Francisco, Walton grew up in public housing in Bayview and Potrero Hill. He has worked in District 10 for decades and has witnessed firsthand the challenges our community faces from long-time residents being pushed out of the city to losing childhood friends to violence and incarceration. As an accomplished and experienced community leader, Walton has dedicated his life to improving these realities in our community and is committed to identifying solutions to our pressing issues. He has a proven track record of creating positive change in the community he serves and has previously served on the San Francisco Board of Education, and as the Executive Director of Young Community Developers.

District 10 covers the Potrero Hill, Dogpatch, Bayview Hunters Point, Visitacion Valley, and Little Hollywood neighborhoods.

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