



Dion-Jay Brookter Named Executive Director of Young Community Developers

SAN FRANCISCO--(BUSINESS WIRE)—The Board of Directors of Young Community Developers (YCD) announced today the appointment of Dion-Jay Brookter as Executive Director. Mr. Brookter assumes the top leadership position at YCD, a community-based service provider of education, training, and employment placement services to residents of underserved communities throughout San Francisco. Mr. Brookter replaces Mr. Shamann Walton who held the position for 9 years until recently being elected San Francisco's District 10 Supervisor. With over 7 years of management experience at YCD, most recently as its Deputy Executive Director, Mr. Brookter assumes leadership responsibilities of an organization with 75 staff managing over 25 programs.

"We are delighted that Mr. Brookter has accepted the position of Executive Director of YCD," said Mr. Claude Everhart, YCD Board Chairman. "Mr. Brookter's years of managerial experience with YCD, his rich experience and deep engagement with disadvantaged communities, city and county agencies, businesses, and philanthropic organizations throughout San Francisco and the Bay Area make him the ideal choice to continue to advance the legacy and phenomenal service delivery of YCD".

Named for the fifth year in a row by The NonProfit Times (NPT) as one of top 50 non-profit organizations in the United States to work for, YCD features an exceptionally skilled professional staff, thoroughly immersed in the development and delivery of quality services to the communities they serve. During Mr. Brookter's tenure at YCD the organization has consistently demonstrated significant year over year growth in the number of customers trained and placed in employment. In 2018 YCD served 1,040 customers and secured placement for 443 through a broad range of industry sectors to include construction, government, health care and non-profits.

"Our vision and mission at YCD has and always will be to empower and inspire San Francisco residents to engage in employment and educational opportunities resulting in each responsibly contributing to their personal and professional development, the development of their families, and to the economic development of their neighborhoods", said Executive Director Brookter. "I am thrilled to take the helm at YCD, to continue its rich tradition of superior service delivery, and most importantly to continue to grow and expand our collective impact with and for the residents we serve."

In addition to his years at YCD, Mr. Brookter has a plethora of for-profit and non-profit experience including Executive Director of the Southeast Community Facility in Bayview Hunters Point and management positions with World Savings, Icon Health & Fitness, Lowes Home Improvement and Fresno Career Development Institute. In addition, Mr. Brookter currently serves on the San Francisco Police Commission.

Mr. Brookter holds a Bachelor of Science in Speech Communication from Utah State University and his Master in Business Administration from University of Phoenix.



About Young Community Developers

Young Community Developers (YCD) provides a variety of education, training and employment services to people residing in San Francisco and surrounding areas. YCD is committed to the preparation, placement, and preservation of Bay Area residents, resulting in each responsibly contributing to their personal and professional enrichment, the development of their families, and to the economic development of their neighborhoods. More information is available at www.ycdjobs.org, www.facebook.com/ycdjobs, or follow YCD on Twitter @ycdjobs or Instagram @ycdjobssf

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