

**HARVARD KENNEDY SCHOOL'S TAUBMAN CENTER ANNOUNCES 2023
TRANSITION TERM COHORT**

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CAMBRIDGE – Harvard Kennedy School's Taubman Center for State and Local Government announced today that 17 incoming

Providence, RI – Mayor-Elect Brett Smiley
San Bernardino, CA – Mayor-Elect Helen Tran
San Jose, CA – Mayor-Elect Matt Mahan

Through Transition Term, now in its fifth year, these newly elected leaders are matched with teams of HKS students who will join them full-time for three weeks during Harvard's January Term. Students participating in Transition Term are selected from a highly competitive pool of applicants and help to advance projects based on each host administration's priorities, including research, data analysis, drafting memos or orders, engaging with stakeholders, and responding to rapidly evolving needs that arise during the intense early weeks of governing.

In past years, students have supported new administrations with research and recommendations on education, housing, and transportation policy; helped develop COVID-19 vaccine distribution recommendations and vaccine procurement efforts; supported efforts to gather criminal justice data to reveal community-wide criminal justice inequities; and more. Some students who have participated in the program have also continued to work in the administrations they serve during the program as summer fellows, part-time researchers, and full-time staff members.

Since its launch in 2018, 152 HKS students have served 51 governors, county executives, and mayors from across the country through the Transition Term program.

About the Taubman Center for State and Local Government

The Taubman Center for State and Local Government and its affiliated institutes and programs are the Harvard Kennedy School of Government's focal points for activities that address state and local governance. The Center's mission is to develop the next generation of state and local government leaders, generate big ideas and solutions to state and local government challenges, and help state and local government implement and scale solutions. The Taubman Center focuses on urban policy issues such as economic development, transportation, education, public