



**JAY MELDER** currently serves as the Assistant City Administrator for Washington, DC, where he helps to manage day-to-day operations of the city government, with more than 60 city departments, 37,000 employees, and a \$17 billion annual operating budget. In this role, Jay leads the internal services of the government, including real estate and construction, information technology, human resources and contracting and procurement. He also leads government operations for Washington DC's Emergency Operations Center and is a member of Mayor Muriel Bowser's Executive Policy Team for the city's response to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Jay has also held leadership roles in local health and human services initiatives, including developing a pre-arrest diversion program, increasing access to mental health care in public schools, creating an integrated healthcare system in underserved communities, expanding affordable housing opportunities, and revamping the city's homeless services system.

Prior to joining the District of Columbia Government in 2015, Jay helped to coordinate the federal response to homelessness as the Director of Communications and External Affairs for the U.S. Interagency Council on Homelessness under President Obama.

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