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Ernest Jones was born at St Luke's Hospital in the Ingleside District in 1985. EJ's home was at Arch and Holloway Street in the neighboring Taraval District. EJ's mother worked as an educator for the San Francisco Unified School District (SFUSD) for 45 years; his father worked for SF MUNI as an Inspector.

EJ attended St. Emydius Grammar School and later attended St Ignatius High School. EJ attended Dominican University for his undergraduate studies and received a Masters in Public Administration from the University of San Francisco.

EJ's professional career in Public Administration began with the SFUSD where he assisted families and students with their needs and education. EJ wanted to further his public service and have more tangible impact on families, so he began working at the Bernal Heights Neighborhood Center and with residents of the Alemany housing complex. There, he affected positive community engagement by starting the "City Eats Program" where 1,000 homeless people are fed nutritious meals every Saturday of each month. EJ continues to serve challenged and underserved communities and has a desire to make a positive impact on people's lives.

EJ takes great pride in planning block parties where residents from communities such as Holly Park and Alemany Housing Complex celebrate their neighborhood. When asked about the recent Holly Park Block Party, EJ took pride in the success of the event where residents, neighbors (including Mayor Breed), and neighborhoods came together in a spirit of collaboration, preparation, and connection. EJ is grateful for so many motivated, caring, and dedicated people, community members, community groups, and City government (with special thanks to Nick Chapman at ISCOTT/MTA and Daniel Homsey from NEN) coming together to plan the upcoming November 3rd Alemany Block Party on Ellsworth Street from 11AM-2PM. We are grateful for EJ's dedication, enthusiasm, collaboration, and support for community building!

If you are interested in supporting this amazing upcoming event, please call 415-206-2140 or visit www.bhnc.org.

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