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Mayor-elect John Carney Names Cerron Cade as Chief of Staff

WILMINGTON, Del — Mayor-elect John Carney announced today that Cerron Cade will serve as his Chief of Staff, bringing extensive experience in public service and a proven track record of leadership to the new administration.

“Cerron has been a trusted advisor and an exceptional leader throughout his career,” said Mayor-elect Carney. “His deep knowledge of government operations, strategic insight, and dedication to public service make him the ideal choice to help guide our city. I look forward to working closely with Cerron to address the needs of our community and deliver results for the people we serve.”

Cade has a long history of collaboration with Mayor-elect Carney, including his role as Carney’s Campaign Manager during his 2016 race for Governor. In 2017, Cade was appointed as Director of the Delaware Economic Development Office (DEDO), where he oversaw the office’s transition into the Delaware Division of Small Business, fostering economic growth and opportunity statewide for women-, minority-, and veteran-owned small businesses.

In 2018, Governor Carney appointed Cade as Delaware's Secretary of Labor. During his tenure, Cade launched the state’s first contractor registration system and successfully navigated the agency through the unprecedented challenges of the COVID-19 pandemic.

Since 2021, Cade has served as the Director of the Delaware Office of Management & Budget (OMB), where he manages Delaware’s \$6 billion operating budget and oversees critical state assets, facilities, and support services. Under his leadership, OMB has delivered four balanced state budgets and left the administration with a \$469 million budget reserve.

“Serving alongside Mayor-elect Carney is an honor, and I am excited to help advance his vision for Wilmington,” said Cade. “Throughout my career, I’ve been committed to finding solutions that make government work better for the people it serves, and I look forward to bringing that same commitment to the Mayor’s Office.”

Cade’s extensive public service career also includes roles as Legislative Liaison to Governor Jack Markell, County Director to U.S. Senator Tom Carper, and Legislative Aide in the Delaware House of Representatives.



As Chief of Staff, Cade will play a central role in shaping and implementing Mayor-elect Carney's policy agenda, managing day-to-day operations, and fostering collaboration between city departments and community stakeholders.

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