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Oliver Sellers-Garcia

Boston's Green New Deal Director

Oliver Sellers-Garcia serves as Boston's first Green New Deal Director and is a cabinet-level Senior Advisor to Boston Mayor Michelle Wu. In this role, Oliver works across the City to advance climate action through strategies that address social, racial, and economic inequality. Oliver's experience in the public sector includes serving as Director of Resiliency and Equity at the MBTA and Director of Sustainability and Environment in the City of Somerville. In these roles, Oliver was responsible for planning, program management, public administration, and thought leadership in the areas of climate change resilience and mitigation, environmental protection, and people-centered planning in the urban Boston area. Prior to joining the public sector, Oliver worked as a consultant helping public agencies and cities around the world integrate sustainability into planning and organizational management. The son of Guatemalan and American parents, Oliver grew up in a bicultural environment in the Boston area and is a native bilingual Spanish speaker. He has lived in many neighborhoods of Boston and now calls Roxbury home. Oliver holds a Bachelor's degree in Urban Studies from Columbia University and a Master's in City Planning from MIT.

Sustainable Cities: Empowering Communities for a Greener Future

12:00 PM - 12:45 PM

Join us for an enlightening fireside chat with Oliver Sellers-Garcia, Boston's first Green New Deal Director and a cabinet-level Senior Advisor to Mayor Michelle Wu. In this session, we'll explore Oliver's extensive experience in



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advancing climate action while addressing social, racial, and economic inequalities. The chat, moderated by Jaye Meakem, the Boston Harbor Now's Community Engagement Manager, will focus on the crucial role of federal funding in climate change initiatives and offer guidance for civic leaders on how to access these resources. This session promises to provide valuable insights, positioning it as a vital platform for those committed to sustainable urban development and impactful environmental leadership.