



Dear RHI community,

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For over 18 years, Red Hook Initiative has offered resources, tools and opportunities to amplify community voices and interrupt the systems and barriers that perpetuate historic inequities. Today, the RHI Board of Directors is thrilled to make an announcement about our next era. **Following an intensive six-month search, we are proud to welcome Morgan Monaco as our new Executive Director.** Morgan will succeed Jill Eisenhard, whose visionary founding legacy has positioned RHI as a local stronghold serving Brooklyn's largest public housing community, the Red Hook Houses.

Join us in welcoming Morgan! An experienced New York City leader dedicated to our mission and committed to building collective power, Morgan joins RHI with over 13 years of public service at the intersection of environmental sustainability and social justice. Most recently as Deputy Director, Project & Performance Management at the Mayor's Office of Operations, Morgan has worked on a range of complex issues related to health, human services, and racial equity. Morgan's dynamic professional experience draws from previously held leadership roles in the NYC Department of Parks & Recreation and StoryCorps right here in Brooklyn.

On her new role, Morgan offered: "I am deeply honored to be joining the Red Hook Initiative as Executive Director. I am grateful for the opportunity to inherit all that Jill and the broader RHI team have developed over the past 18 years to help provide a space for 6,500 Red Hook residents to grow their voices and build community, and I look forward to supporting a new chapter of growth for RHI. As a born and raised New Yorker and longtime Brooklyn resident, I am excited to join the Red Hook community to help combat systemic injustices, and to create change from within."



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MORGAN MONACO AS OUR
NEXT EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR**

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"I am thrilled that the RHI Board has selected Morgan to succeed me. As a founder my love for the organization, staff, participants, and community of Red Hook runs deep," shared outgoing Executive Director, Jill Eisenhard. "I have full confidence that Morgan's professional experience, strong track record and determined work ethic are exactly what RHI needs in our next leader. I look forward to working closely with Morgan through her onboarding and celebrating her and RHI's powerful work for years to come."

Morgan will officially step into her role as Executive Director on September 8th, with Jill continuing in her position until then to ensure a smooth transition. As we contend with the lasting impact of multiple pandemics, Morgan's leadership will build upon RHI's pioneering and transformative model of youth development, community building, and local hiring. We look forward to introducing you to Morgan in the months ahead!

Thank you for believing in our shared vision,
RHI Board of Directors