



## The Equity Alliance adds policy director

*Memphis lawyer Kendra Lee to lead organization's lobbying and advocacy efforts*

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NASHVILLE, Tenn. – The Equity Alliance, a statewide non-profit focused on the civic and economic empowerment of the Black community, announced today the addition of attorney Kendra Lee as the organization's policy manager. Lee is charged with leading The Equity Alliance's government relations and advocacy efforts.

Lee, a Memphis native, is a veteran of local and national political campaigns, including serving as a staffer for Sen. Elizabeth Warren's presidential campaign. She most recently served as the election protection director for the Tennessee Democratic Party.

The Equity Alliance Co-Executive Director Charlane Oliver said Lee will make an immediate difference for the organization, including having a full-time presence at the Tennessee General Assembly.

"Though we entered a new era of politics in America this week, we must be mindful that the systemic challenges and hurdles to equity and justice still exist at every level of government. Kendra is an experiences player that understands the need for vigilance and proactive action when seeking societal change," Oliver said.

Lee is a graduate of Spelman College and the University of Dayton School of Law. Her advocacy experience is extensive, including stints at the A. Philip Randolph Institute as political director and a redistricting fellow.

The Equity Alliance Co-Executive Director Tequila Johnson said it is a crucial for the organization to put more resources into shaping public policy in Tennessee and that Lee's hiring is the next logical step.

"Kendra Lee is an experienced organizer who understands public policy at a deep level. Her background in law, campaigns, and redistricting allow her to have a deep impact on The Equity Alliance's efforts to shape public policy in Tennessee that addresses the deep issues of inequality in our state."

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**About The Equity Alliance:** Founded in November 2016 by six black women, the mission of The Equity Alliance is to proactively advocate for African Americans and other communities of color to have a fair



and just opportunity at realizing the American dream. We are a Nashville-based 501(c)3 nonpartisan non-profit organization that seeks to equip citizens with tools and strategies to engage in the civic process and empower them to take action on issues affecting their daily lives. Learn more at [www.theequityalliance.org](http://www.theequityalliance.org) or follow us on Facebook, Instagram, and Twitter.

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