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Oakland Mayor Quan hires new communications director, Sean Maher

Oakland Mayor Jean Quan announced Friday the hiring of Sean Maher as her communications director.

Maher, a Bay Area native, worked as a reporter at the Bay Area News Group for more than four years before joining the Mayor's office, writing for most of that time for the Oakland Tribune. He covered a wide array of public issues including public safety, social justice, youth development, community organizing, transportation and infrastructure, business and employment, housing and foreclosure issues and finally City Hall itself. With his background as an East Bay journalist, Maher brings to the position a deeply rooted appreciation for the journalists who strive to keep local government transparent, accountable and effective in serving Oakland residents, businesses and visitors.

He takes on the role previously held by the Mayor's long-time colleague, collaborator and friend, Sue Piper, who retired in September after more than 40 years of public relations, marketing communications and community organizing.

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