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Seth Steward Named New Executive Director of The Crucible



Oakland, CA — The Crucible's Board of Directors is pleased to announce Seth Steward has been named the organization's new Executive Director, ahead of the Crucible's 25th-anniversary milestone in 2024.

"I am profoundly inspired by The Crucible's commitment to the creative arts and supporting the community it serves," shared Steward. "As a West Oakland resident, I appreciate The Crucible's values, given my belief that creative outlets ensure thriving futures. I look forward to building on The Crucible's programming by continuing to empower the voices of faculty, staff, and students to bring industrial arts education to the broader community."

Steward previously served as Chief of Staff for Oakland City Councilmember Dan Kalb and taught criminal law at City College of San Francisco. He was an Assistant District Attorney in San Francisco and served in the United States Air Force as a Flight Engineer where he was deployed to Iraq and Kenya.

Steward's academic achievements include a Master's Degree in Public Administration from Harvard University's prestigious John F. Kennedy School of Government, a Juris Doctor from the esteemed George Washington University Law School, and a Bachelor of Arts degree in Public Policy from Occidental College.

Crucible Board President. Melanie Moore had this to say about Steward's appointment. "The Crucible Board of Directors has tremendous confidence in Seth Steward's leadership, and we could not be more pleased to welcome an Executive Director for this West Oakland institution, who is himself a West Oakland resident. Heading into our 25th year,



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we are led by an immensely capable and experienced individual, whose career has been shaped by the pursuit of excellence and equity.”

A formal meet and greet has been organized for community members and leaders on November 30. Please contact our team to learn more.

About The Crucible

The Crucible, located in Oakland, California, is the largest nonprofit industrial arts education facility in the United States. For nearly 25 years, The Crucible’s creative team has brought the transformative power of art-making into the community. The Crucible inspires creative exploration and expression through welcoming, hands-on arts education and experiences for people of diverse ages and backgrounds. As an innovative hub built around the industrial arts, The Crucible is a catalyst for individual growth and vibrant community connections. A leader in the Bay Area arts community, The Crucible is widely recognized for its exceptional learning experiences, rich and varied arts programs, skilled and committed faculty, and unparalleled educational facilities.

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To stay up to date with events at The Crucible, including our annual craft show and open house, GIFTY on December 3, [click here](#).