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London Breed is the 45th mayor of the City and County of San Francisco and the first African American woman mayor in the city's history. As mayor, she has focused on helping the city's homeless population into care and shelter, including opening up more than 330 new shelter beds and helping over 1,000 people exit homelessness. She has invested in workforce development opportunities for local residents, including her Opportunities for All initiative, which provides paid internships for youth to prepare for their future careers. She has also pushed to make San Francisco a cleaner and safer city by expanding street cleaning and increasing police foot patrols in order to stabilize areas of need. In addition, she is pushing ambitious environmental goals, including transitioning to 100 percent renewable energy by 2030. Previously, she served for six years on the San Francisco Board of Supervisors, where she passed legislation to create more housing along transit corridors and prioritize residents for affordable housing opportunities in their communities. She helped to reform the city's emergency response systems, secured funding for San Francisco's homelessness support network, and enacted the strongest Styrofoam ban in the country. She is a native San Franciscan, raised by her grandmother in Plaza East Public Housing in the Western Addition. She attended the University of California, Davis, earning a BA in political science/public service with a minor in African American studies. She holds an MPA from the University of San Francisco.

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