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# I-DIEM Welcomes Four New Advisory Board Members

**ATLANTA – January 6, 2021** – The [Institute for Diversity and Inclusion in Emergency Management](http://www.i-diem.org) (I-DIEM) welcomes [Andrea Davis](#) - Senior Director of Global Emergency Management and Business Continuity at Walmart; [Alexander Diaz](#) – Head of Crisis Response and Humanitarian Aid at Google.org; [James Joseph](#), Chief of Staff at Tidal Basin; and [Vincent Davis](#) – Director of Disaster Services at Feeding America, to the 2022 Advisory Board.

Andrea Davis brings over two decades of experience in emergency management including non-profit experience and previous roles with the Salvation Army, Federal Reserve Bank, and the Walt Disney Company where she served as Director of Global Crisis Management and Business Continuity. Recognized by Forbes' List of 30 Under 30 for Law and Policy, Alexander Diaz is a recipient of both the Marshall and Rhodes Scholarships and manages Google's philanthropic effort in response to global crises providing innovative nonprofits on the frontlines with funding and volunteer opportunities. Recently appointed as Chief of Staff of Tidal Basin, James Joseph maintains more than 15 years of senior leadership in both the public and private sector including former roles as FEMA Region V Administrator and Director of the Illinois Emergency Management Agency (IEMA). Vince Davis provides over four decades of experience in emergency and crisis management including prior roles with the Federal Emergency Management Agency, the American Red Cross, Walgreens, Sony, and Amazon, leading emergency preparedness and response efforts.

"We are truly excited to have Andrea, Alex, James, and Vince, join our Advisory Board as I-DIEM continues to advance the push for equity within the emergency management enterprise. They each bring a unique perspective and tenured experience in emergency management, and we are honored by their commitment to diversity, equity, and inclusion" says I-DIEM Chief Executive Officer, Chauncia Willis.

Davis, Davis, Diaz, and Joseph join a diverse, powerhouse collective of returning Advisory Board members including: Ellis Stanley, Sr., Commissioner Adam Thiel, Kay C. Goss, Dr. DeeDee Bennett-Gayle, Sindy Benavides, Henry Comas, and Kellie Bentz. For more information on the Institute for Diversity and Inclusion in Emergency Management, visit our [website](http://www.i-diem.org).

### **About the Institute for Diversity and Inclusion in Emergency Management**

The Institute for Diversity and Inclusion in Emergency Management is a 501(c)3, global non-profit organization established to facilitate change by integrating equity into all aspects of emergency management. Our focus is on humanity, and our vision support the empowerment of marginalized communities within all phases of the disaster management cycle.

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