

September Hargrove Biography

September Hargrove is Vice President and Head of Detroit Philanthropy at JPMorgan Chase responsible for leading the firm's \$200 million commitment to Detroit's economic recovery, investing across four priority areas: neighborhood revitalization, jobs and skills, small business expansion and financial health.

September joined JPMorgan Chase in November 2017 as part of the *AdvancingCities* team, responsible for replicating the firm's Detroit investment and model for impact in other cities around the globe. Prior to that, September spent nearly a decade working in government at the local, state and federal levels. She was a 2015-16 White House Fellow at the National Economic Council and Senior Advisor at the Economic Development Administration within the U.S. Department of Commerce during the Obama Administration. She also led economic development initiatives for New Orleans Mayor Mitch Landrieu.

In addition, September is the former Chief Operating Officer for the New Orleans Startup Fund, where she was a member of the founding team that launched PowerMoves, a national initiative providing early-stage and high-growth minority entrepreneurs with access to capital, advisors, and the support they need to succeed. She was also a Program Director at the Association for Enterprise Opportunity (AEO), a trade organization for small business community development financial institutions.

September is passionate about creating more access to economic opportunity and wealth for underserved communities, especially through entrepreneurship and small business. In 2019, September was appointed by Michigan Governor Gretchen Whitmer to the Michigan Strategic Fund responsible for helping to fuel economic activity across the state. Throughout her career she has focused on taking a data-driven and entrepreneurial approach to design, pilot, innovate, scale and execute solutions to meet business and community needs. In 2020, September was named Crain's Detroit 40 under 40.

September received her Master of Public Policy and Urban Planning from the Harvard Kennedy School and B.A. from the University of California, Berkeley. She resides in Detroit, MI with her husband, John and son, John-August.