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Prior, Ivy served as the legislative director for San Francisco Board of Supervisors' President Norman Yee and as Supervisor Jane Kim's chief of staff. During that tenure, she staffed legislation designed to open opportunities and access to marginalized communities, such as the Fair Chance Act to remove unnecessary barriers to stable employment and housing for individuals with criminal convictions; Eviction Protections 2.0 to provide tenants with a chance to resolve petty nuisances with their landlords prior to any eviction action; the Free City College program which established San Francisco's City College as the first free institution of higher learning in the U.S.; and legislation to fund affordable early care and education for all San Francisco families, including a wage increase for providers.

Prior to government service, Ivy directed the Immigrant Rights & Human Trafficking Project at Asian Pacific Islander Legal Outreach in San Francisco. At APILO, she represented immigrant survivors of crime for immigration and civil relief; conducted legislative and policy advocacy at the local, state and federal levels, and provided training and technical assistance for law enforcement agencies as well as nongovernmental organizations nationwide. She has also held positions as a staff attorney at the Asian Law Caucus and as the Thurgood Marshall Fellow at the Lawyers Committee for Civil Rights of the SF Bay Area.

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