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ABC NEWS PROMOTES AVERI HARPER TO POLITICAL DIRECTOR

Averi Harper has been promoted to ABC News' political director, it was announced today by Washington D.C. Bureau Chief Rick Klein. Harper will relocate to Washington from New York to take on the role being vacated by Klein, whom she will continue to report to.

Harper will help lead the news division's political coverage and editorial content across all ABC News programs, platforms, special events and breaking news coverage. She will also manage the political unit, as well as collaborate with colleagues from across the organization and coordinate with ABC News' polling partners, Decision Desk operations and ABC Owned Television Stations on political coverage. She will continue to provide on- and off-air analysis for the network.

"Averi is a trusted journalist and leader whose integrity and rigor elevate ABC News' political coverage and analysis every day. She has been a valuable partner, and I know her nuanced perspective will serve our audience well as we continue to cover the most important political stories of our time," said Klein.

Harper added, "It's a privilege to help shape our political coverage at such a pivotal moment. I look forward to continuing our commitment to straightforward coverage by delivering informative reporting and thoughtful analysis that cuts through the noise and focuses on the issues that matter most to our audience."

Since 2021, Harper has served as deputy political director for ABC News. She joined ABC in 2019 as a campaign reporter and producer, reporting from across the country on the 2020 presidential election and covering the primary and general election campaigns. Prior to joining ABC News, Harper was a general assignment reporter at News 12 New York, a morning reporter for KRON-TV in San Francisco, and a bureau reporter and fill-in anchor at WCTI-TV in Greenville, North Carolina.

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