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Previously, he was chief of staff to Lilliam Barrios-Paoli, the former NYC deputy mayor for health and human services who had oversight of nine city agencies with a combined budget of more than \$20 billion. Mr. Tambar also served in various public service roles, including executive director of South Asian Youth Action (SAYA!), a youth development community based organization dedicated to helping low income South Asian youth in NYC; assistant deputy commissioner for parent and community engagement at the New York City Human Resources Administration; special assistant to the HRA commissioner; assistant director of the Policy Research Institute for the Region at Princeton University, policy director for Newark Mayor-Elect Cory Booker's transition team; and manager of policy and operations at the 9/11 United Service Group.

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