

SIMONE APONTE PROMOTED TO VICE PRESIDENT AND NEWS DIRECTOR AT KTVU FOX 2 SAN FRANCISCO

SAN FRANCISCO – Simone Aponte has been promoted to Vice President and News Director of KTVU FOX 2 San Francisco, announced station Senior Vice President and General Manager of KTVU and KTVU Plus, Mellynda Hartel. Effective immediately, Aponte will oversee all editorial, business, and administrative functions for KTVU, reporting directly to Hartel.

In making the announcement, Hartel stated, "Simone has been a key contributor to our newsroom's success for nearly a decade. Her strong news judgement and management style will enable KTVU to continue to deliver the high quality news and information our viewers expect from us each day."

Aponte joined KTVU in 2014. She has spent the last 2 years as Assistant News Director, after holding the roles of Managing Editor and Executive Producer at the station. Prior to joining KTVU, Aponte served as an Executive Producer for CBS 8 San Diego and before that, at KSWB FOX 5. She started her career as a producer for KUSI San Diego. A graduate of Boston University, Aponte holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Broadcast Journalism. In addition, she has a Master of Arts degree in Multimedia Communications from Academy of Art University.

Aponte added, "I am honored and excited to take the helm of KTVU's news department, a station with a rich legacy of journalistic excellence in the Bay Area. Together with this talented team, I look forward to delivering trusted, impactful news that serves our diverse and vibrant communities."

KTVU FOX 2 is part of the FOX Television Stations, which owns and operates 29 full power broadcast television stations in the U.S. These include stations located in nine of the top ten largest designated market areas (DMAs), and duopolies in 11 DMAs, including the three largest DMAs (New York, Los Angeles and Chicago). Of these stations, 17 are affiliated with the FOX Network. In addition to distributing sports, entertainment and syndicated content, our television stations collectively produce over 1,000 hours of local news every week. These stations leverage viewer, distributor and advertiser demand for the FOX Network's national content.

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