

Muriel Bowser, Washington DC mayor

Four months after she endorsed you last February, Bowser drew international acclaim when she renamed a street in front of the White House “Black Lives Matter Plaza” and had the slogan painted on the asphalt in massive yellow letters in June 2020. She was photographed standing on the message with Rep. John Lewis (left) just five weeks before he died.



Bowser, 48, joined us for a Bloomberg CityLab 2021 talk on March 2 with Michael Nutter, during which she discussed the recent death of her sister Mercia, 64, from Covid on February 24: "I just want to remind everyone, it's not over. We have to continue to fight the virus, do all the things the public health officials tell us to do so that we can crush it."

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Mario Draghi, Italy's brand-new Prime Minister

The much-admired economic heavyweight was lured out of retirement and installed as Prime Minister just four weeks ago on Feb. 13 after the collapse of the administration led by Giuseppe Conte. Draghi, 73, had served as the European Central Bank president from 2011 to 2019 (when Christine Lagarde, with him at left, took over) and is credited with saving the single currency with his pledge to do “whatever it takes.”



Nicknamed “Super Mario,” Draghi has significant support — but also a daunting challenge ahead of him. The country’s combination of rising debt, stagnant growth and simmering hostility toward elites has long made it the weak link in the euro area. Meanwhile the battering Italy has taken from

Covid has left the economy on its knees. With more than 100,000 deaths, it has the sixth-highest death toll in the world.

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Brian Moynihan, Bank of America President and CEO

The second-longest serving CEO of a U.S. bank — second only to JPMorgan’s Jamie Dimon — Moynihan, 61, has headed BofA since 2010. A member of Trump’s advisory committee on reopening the economy last spring, Moynihan (seated next to Trump in April 2020, at left) signaled early the U.S. should focus on fighting Covid and keeping Americans financially stable rather than getting people back to business. He said in April, “you have to work hardest to protect the people who are fighting the war for you” — medical professionals and first responders.



Moynihan made news Feb. 12, 2021 when BofA’s board of directors announced they’d cut his 2020 compensation from \$26.5 million to \$24.5 million. The bank’s earnings suffered in the pandemic—though Moynihan pledged that the bank would not have Covid-related layoffs in 2020, and indeed headcount at the bank actually grew to about 212,000 last year.