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### **Chad Dunham Named Human Resources Director**

NORTHAMPTON - Today, Mayor Gina-Louise Sciarra announced that she has selected Benefits Specialist Chad Dunham as the city's next Director of Human Resources.

"I'm thrilled that Chad Dunham, pending City Council confirmation, will lead the Human Resources Department for Northampton," said Mayor Sciarra. "Chad exemplifies our strong succession planning, benefiting from years of mentoring and extensive training. Our city relies on its people, and Chad brings a dynamic energy and steadfast leadership that will steer this critical department into the future."

Mr. Dunham is a graduate of Anna Maria College with a Bachelor's in Business Administration. He has a Master's of Business Administration in Management from Springfield College and a Certificate in Local Government Leadership and Management from Suffolk University and the Massachusetts Municipal Association, which he achieved while working for the city.

Mr. Dunham shared, "I learned the ropes of the Human Resources department under the guidance of retired Director Glenda Stoddard. I'm eager to add my own perspective and continue the department's vital work assisting the city's employees in serving our residents effectively."

During his time with the city, Mr. Dunham has acquired an expansive knowledge of employment law, labor relations, employee management, benefit and payroll administration, and institutional knowledge specific to the city. Mr. Dunham has an in-depth understanding of the city's many employee policies and the contracts for all 13 collective bargaining units.

Mr. Dunham is originally from Framingham, Massachusetts. He moved to Northampton after his undergraduate studies and fell in love with the city. He currently resides in Easthampton with his wife Liana.

Mayor Sciarra submitted her appointment to the City Council for confirmation in accordance with the Northampton Charter, Article 2, § 2-10 at the City Council meeting on September 7, 2023, where it was referred to committee for deliberation.

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