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Luigi Ottaviani Named Northampton's Chief Information Officer

NORTHAMPTON - Today, Northampton Mayor Gina-Louise Sciarra announced that she has selected Luigi Ottaviani as the next Chief Information Officer to lead the City of Northampton's Information Technology Services Department.

Mr. Ottaviani's extensive background in information technology management, particularly within healthcare settings, positions him as an ideal candidate for this role. His tenure as IT Director at Berkshire Health System highlighted his ability to spearhead strategic planning and technical service delivery across multiple imaging departments. Previously, at Trinity Health, he demonstrated significant expertise in IT management, including system upgrades, staff development, and workflow optimization.

"I am delighted to welcome Luigi Ottaviani as our new Chief Information Officer. Luigi brings a wealth of experience and a fresh perspective that will be instrumental in advancing our city's and schools' IT capabilities," shared Mayor Sciarra. "I would also like to extend my heartfelt thanks to Acting Director Raphael Deh-Atheba for his exemplary leadership and dedication since last September. Raphael has been instrumental in maintaining our IT systems' integrity and resilience during a critical period, and we are grateful for his steadfast commitment."

Mr. Ottaviani's academic credentials are robust. He holds a Master of Business Administration and a Bachelor of Science in Information Technology Management from American Public University, in addition to training in Computer Engineering at Alma Mater Studiorum at the Università di Bologna, Italy. His professional certifications include being a Certified Information Systems Security Professional (CISSP) from ISC2, which he obtained in 2023.

Mr. Ottaviani added, "I am thrilled to be appointed as Northampton's Chief Information Officer. I will focus on fortifying our city and schools' IT frameworks, ensuring they are secure, efficient, and forward-looking. Our technology must support our educators and city staff, enabling them to serve our community effectively. I'm eager to contribute to a technologically empowered Northampton, where our infrastructure meets today's needs and anticipates those of tomorrow."

Originally from Ravenna, Italy, Luigi has made Easthampton his home, where he resides with his family. In his personal time, Mr. Ottaviani practices the Japanese defensive-only martial art Aikido, in which he has attained a black belt. He also enjoys growing trees from seeds, especially European and American chestnuts, because his family has always lived near this type of tree, which was once very common in western Massachusetts.

Mayor Sciarra submitted her appointment to the City Council for confirmation in accordance with the Northampton Charter, April 2, § 2-10 at the City Council meeting on April 4, 2024, where it will be referred to committee for deliberation.

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