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### **Northampton Begins Search for New Police Chief; Mayor Sciarra Assembles Committee, Engages Search Firm**

NORTHAMPTON - Mayor Gina-Louise Sciarra has posted the job opening for Northampton's next police chief on relevant professional networks.

Last month, Mayor Sciarra hired search consultant Public Safety Consultants, LLC (PSC) of Boxford to assist with the search. In 2015, PSC conducted a successful search that resulted in hiring former police Chief Jody Kasper. A job posting for the position with minimum qualifications was developed and disseminated locally and nationally, with a deadline for interested candidates to submit a resume and cover letter to Mayor Sciarra no later than May 10, 2024.

In addition, Mayor Sciarra has appointed a seven-person screening committee comprised of the city's Human Resources Director Chad Dunham, Health and Human Services Commissioner Merridith O'Leary, City Council President Alex Jarrett, At-Large City Councilor Garrick Perry, Assistant Chancellor and Chief of Police Tyrone Parham of the University of Massachusetts Amherst, and Northampton residents Allison Pash and Felicia Lundquist.

Chief Tyrone A. Parham has been the Assistant Vice Chancellor/Chief of Police at the University of Massachusetts Amherst since January 2016. A native of Philadelphia, Parham received his bachelor's degree in crime, law, and justice and his master's degree in workforce education and development from Pennsylvania State University. His master's degree focused on training and supervision. He is a graduate of the FBI National Academy.

Allison Pash, a staff attorney for the Public Defender Division (PDD) of the Northampton Trial Office and the Committee for Public Counsel Service (CPCS), represents clients in Franklin and Hampshire Counties. Formerly an Assistant District Attorney in Berkshire and president-elect of the Hampshire County Bar Association, she moved to Northampton in 2021.

Felicia Lundquist is the Training Manager at Think Again Training And Consulting. Previously, she directed Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion efforts at Springfield College, where she also taught. Lundquist, who earned a Bachelor of Arts in Sociology and Spanish and a Master of Education from the University of Massachusetts Amherst, co-chairs the Community Engagement Committee of the Greater Northampton Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors.

In collaboration with Russ Stevens and Wayne Sampson of Public Safety Consultants, the screening committee will evaluate the candidates' qualifications, experience, and fit for the role through preliminary interviews. The goal is to identify three to four outstanding candidates for further consideration. The process will include opportunities for community input and interactions with the finalists.

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