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Mayor DaSilva Announces Senior Staff

EAST PROVIDENCE, RI — East Providence Mayor Bob DaSilva has named two new members of his senior staff.

DaSilva, who took oath as the first ever elected mayor of East Providence, announced today that Patricia Resende has joined his administration as Project Manager/Executive Mayoral Aide and Marc Furtado has joined as Policy Director/Mayoral Aide.

Resende will assist the administration with various municipal projects, media relations and community affairs.

“With a number of projects in process including a \$190 million state-of-the art high school and the development of the city’s waterfront, Resende’s experience in project management and her knowledge in marketing will make her an exceptional asset to this administration,” DaSilva said.

Resende, bilingual in Portuguese, has been managing communications projects for more than 20 years. Prior to joining DaSilva’s administration, Resende was a digital reporter with WJAR/NBC 10, where she earned the Edward R. Murrow award in investigative journalism.

Before joining NBC 10, Resende was a managing editor with the Boston Business Journal.

A Rhode Island native, Resende was also a research and community education and outreach specialist with the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) during the 2010 Rhode Island Severe Storms and Flooding Disaster (DR-1894).

When she's not spending time with family, Resende volunteers with a number of organizations including the Rhode Island Walk to End Alzheimer's, Bristol/Warren Education Foundation, Best Buddies and the Woonasquatucket River Watershed Council.

Resende earned her Project Management certificate from Bryant University, attended Northeastern University's School of Journalism and is a graduate of the Community College of Rhode Island.

Marc Furtado, an East Providence resident, will assist DaSilva with policy research and aiding the chief of staff with the executive branch of city government handling the various day-to-day operations of city departments.

"I'm thrilled to have Furtado join my senior staff," DaSilva said. "Marc is an phenomenal researcher, knows policy and is well versed in my vision for this city."

Prior to joining DaSilva's administration, Furtado was a public policy advocate with the Epilepsy Foundation New England where he was lead policy researcher for state legislation in New England. Furtado was also an active lobbyist on behalf of the Foundation.

Furtado was the recipient of the Rhode Island Secretary of State Civic Leadership Award.

Furtado earned his Bachelor of Arts with a dual major in political science and global studies from Hofstra University graduating Magna Cum Laude. While at Hofstra, Furtado studied trade policy and economic benefits between the European Union and the United States, traveling to various EU institutions to meet with officials and stakeholders.

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