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Mayor DaSilva Names Chief of Personnel

EAST PROVIDENCE, RI — East Providence Mayor Bob DaSilva has appointed Maureen Gomes-Lopez as the city’s new chief of personnel administration.

Gomes-Lopez will oversee all personnel matters in the city’s Human Resources Department. Lopez is also responsible for the implementation of management training and performance evaluation systems as well as contract negotiations.

“Maureen Lopez’s wisdom in training and development will be invaluable to this administration and to the department managers and employees of our city,” DaSilva said. “Lopez’s more than 20 years in personnel management, executive union leadership and negotiation experience made her the right choice for this role.”

Prior to joining the City of East Providence, Lopez was personnel administrator with Johnson & Johnson’s Field Sales Division where she developed and implemented numerous policies and guidelines, developed an onboarding program for 900-plus employees and provided additional training for tenured employees.

She also served as higher education coordinator and chief negotiator for AFSCME Council 93 Public Employee Union, where she led council-level union representation for 28 Massachusetts universities as well as state and community college employees.

Lopez, an East Providence resident and entrepreneur, is not shy when it comes to giving back to the community. She cofounded Our Sister’s Place, a safe house for women and children who are

trying to escape domestic violence. Under her leadership, the nonprofit worked with municipal housing authorities to secure a safe place for domestic abuse victims who are escaping violence to reside.

Lopez, who is fluent in Creole, attended Stonehill College and the University of Massachusetts, Dartmouth.

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