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**East Providence Names Planning & Economic Development Director**

*Editor's Note: Please see attached photo of Keith A. Brynes*

**EAST PROVIDENCE, RI** –East Providence Mayor Bob DaSilva has appointed Keith A. Brynes as the city's new planning and economic development director.

Brynes will be responsible for development opportunities and business growth in the city and to identify opportunities to expand development for arts and culture within the city.

“We have so much great work going on in our city,” Mayor Bob DaSilva said. “Mr. Brynes brings decades of experience in local planning and development and we are fortunate to have him bring his experience in waterfront revitalization, conservation and zoning to East Providence to manage the wonderful projects underway throughout the city and take them through to fruition.”

Prior to joining the City of East Providence, Brynes served the Town of Stonington as the town planner from 2005 until 2023, where he was responsible for the management and facilitation of the land use application process, land use applications reviews, preparation and adoption of Stonington's Plan of Conservation and Development. In addition, Brynes was responsible for the

management of several planning projects including the Stonington Coastal Resilience Plan and Affordable Housing Plan.

Before serving as the Town of Stonington's planner, Brynes served seven years as planner for the City of Woonsocket, where he oversaw the management of the Downtown Riverfront Revitalization Plan, the City Brownfields Program and was responsible for the solidifying grant awards totaling more than \$500,000 in municipal funding.

"I am honored to serve the residents of East Providence and looking forward to being part of a very talented team," Brynes said. "It is a very exciting time for the city with many of its long standing plans coming to fruition and its potential being realized more every day."

His dedication as a planner and work with zoning amendments in the village of Mystic, has earned Brynes the "Above and Beyond" award by the Connecticut Chapter of American Planning Association.

When Brynes is not spending time with family, you can find him making music.

Brynes earned his Master of Community Planning at the University of Rhode Island and Bachelor of Arts in psychology at Rhode Island College. He is also an American Institute Certified Planner and member of the Rhode Island and Connecticut Chapters of the American Planning Association.

