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Mayor Sarno Announces Attorney Tom Moore as New Director of Recovery and Business Continuity

Springfield, MA – Mayor Domenic J. Sarno announced today that Attorney Tom Moore has been appointed as the head of the newly created Department of Recovery and Business Continuity.

Mayor Sarno states, “Tom has been my very versatile – ‘catch all’ dedicated and professional public servant. He’s very diligent and I know he will do a tremendous job.”

The new department is designed to maximize reimbursement from all funding sources, strategically implement the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA), and maintain compliance with all tenets of the law.

“Attorney Moore’s education and background make him uniquely qualified to run this department,” Mayor Sarno added. “Not only does Tom hold a law degree, he has experience in economic development/job creation, and in public procurement with the Springfield Redevelopment Authority (SRA) and the Springfield Parking Authority (SPA). He also has honed his skills in our Law Department drafting ordinances, negotiating contracts, and providing legal advice to the City Council. Tom will directly report to the CAFO, TJ Plante, and will ultimately oversee the spending of \$93.8 million in ARPA funds, as well as, all the other sources of funding that will help Springfield recover from the pandemic.”

“We have another transformative opportunity to continue to shape the future of our City, similar to the numerous neighborhood and economic development projects my administration made post tornado.” Mayor Sarno continued. “As previously announced, I have created these seven (7)

categories; job creation/economic development, capital projects, assistance for businesses, non-profits, seniors, our neighborhoods, and housing, in which my administration will issue RFP's in order to enhance these initiatives for the betterment of all in our City. In addition, I look forward to doing listening sessions with our neighborhoods and business community, some of which we have already begun and received feedback from."

Attorney Moore stated, "I would like to thank Mayor Sarno for his confidence and support, and for his steadfast leadership. I am excited for the opportunity to direct this new Department, and to put the City's ARPA funds to use assisting the people and businesses of Springfield in combating the negative impacts of the COVID-19 global pandemic. I look forward to working closely with the Mayor's office, CAFO T.J. Plante, CDO Tim Sheehan, HHS Commissioner Caulton-Harris, the City Council, and the community towards building an even stronger Springfield."

Attorney Moore will start on Monday, August 9, 2021.

"Also, I will announce a new Springfield Parking Authority Director for our SPA Board's consideration shortly," Mayor Sarno said.

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