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### **New Economic and Community Development Director Named**

ERIE, PA (August 29, 2016) - The City of Erie Department of Community and Economic Development will be transitioning to new leadership on September 6, 2016. This comes after Kim Green, who led that department from January 2006 to November 2011 and then again from September 2014 to the present, announced her resignation. Mrs. Green not only served as the Director of Community and Economic Development for the City for 7 years but also served as the Executive Director of the Redevelopment Authority for three years. During her time with both the city and the authority Mrs. Green helped to develop and coordinate many projects in the City of Erie. These include millions of dollars in neighborhood revitalization work; focused projects such as the center city development and the Little Italy revitalization projects; renovation of Griswold Park; the Union Square development project; the Merchantile Building redevelopment; revitalization of Perry Square; the expansion of the Erie Art Museum; the development of the Downtown Master Plan; the development of the City's Comprehensive Plan; an extensive lead hazard abatement program in homes throughout the community, and the development of a land bank. "Mrs. Green worked very hard for the betterment of our community and accomplished many important and transformational projects during her tenure with the City of Erie and Redevelopment Authority. She will be missed by the administration of the city, the regional economic development professionals and the community as a whole. We owe her a great debt of gratitude and wish her well in her future endeavors. ", Mayor Sinnott said.

The new Director of Community and Economic Development for the City of Erie will be Christopher Mong, the former Northwest Pennsylvania Director of Community and Economic Development for the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania under Governor Edward G. Rendell from April 2003 to May 2008. During his time with the state, he was involved in every major Economic Development project in the thirteen county region of Northwest Pennsylvania.

Locally, he helped to develop and secure the funding for projects such as the Parade Street revitalization streetscape project; secured 4 million dollars in state funding for the Gannon Technology incubator project; helped to secure the Elm Street designation for the Snoops Neighborhood and Little Italy area; secured \$275,000 in state funding for Center City Neighborhood revitalization; secured state Growing Greener funding for the renovation of Griswold Park; helped secure 1 million dollars in state Housing Redevelopment Assistance funding for the redevelopment of the Merchantile Building; helped to secure 3 million dollars in state funding for the Union Square Development project; helped to secure state funding for the site clean-up and remediation of the GAF site; and helped to secure

Redevelopment Capital Assistance Project funding for the Bayfront Convention Center, the Erie Art Museum expansion and the Erie Insurance Arena.

After leaving the State Department of Community and Economic Development, Mr. Mong accepted an appointment to the Board of Erie Redevelopment Authority. In this capacity he helped to secure several Lead Hazard Control Program grants which funded the rehabilitation of hundreds of homes throughout the City of Erie neighborhoods.

Mr. Mong's vast experience coordinating and funding large economic development projects will help to advance the City of Erie's Economic and Community Development department and be an excellent resource for the regional economic development team. Mr. Mong will begin work as the Director of the city's Community and Economic Development Department on September 6, 2016.

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