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Incoming City Manager Releases Statement

SPRINGFIELD, OH (Feb. 1, 2019) — Incoming City Manager Bryan Heck released the following statement Friday, his first day in office:

“Sometimes it takes a trip far away to find your way home. For me, it was an internship in Washington, D.C. when I learned that my career path was right here in Springfield.

Though I attended Tecumseh schools, my roots are in Springfield, and it’s always been the place I’ve called home. And, public service was my calling.

So, why city management, and why Springfield?

My passion for public service led me to the internship in Washington, D.C., and it wasn’t long before I discovered that I was meant to have a more direct involvement in impacting a community. When someone suggested city management, I did my research and decided that I was far better suited for that type of work, and shifted my focus to public administration and city management.

Public service has rewards like no other career. There is nothing so fulfilling as working hand-in-hand with other people and organizations toward a common goal and public good. In the 12 years I’ve worked for the City of Springfield, it’s been a blessing to watch the fruit of that hard work and those partnerships, helping to improve the lives of fellow residents and making a positive difference in our community.

It is also a tremendous responsibility. It requires a level of commitment that few other professions demand, and sometimes one has to make tough choices and difficult decisions.

But, it’s worth it. When I’m out in the community and seeing families enjoying our parks, it’s worth it. When I welcome a new business or local upstart to the community, it’s worth it. When I see neighborhoods improve and flourish, it’s worth it. When I work within those community partnerships and witness the dedication and passion of fellow residents, it’s worth it.

That’s why I chose Springfield, and that’s what brought me home. This is the worthwhile career I was meant for, and I want my children to grow up and make their careers in Springfield, too. I want the same for all of Springfield’s children, for all of Springfield’s families.

Now, I’m ready to get to work. Here at City Hall, we’re excited about the future and continuing the upward momentum in development and jobs. We’re excited about lifting up our public employees and

tapping into the passion that led them to their careers in public service. And, we're excited to work for you, to keep doing our best to make Springfield an even better place to work, play and raise a family.

Together, we can build a better tomorrow. I am honored to have been selected as your City Manager, and proud to give back to the community that's given so much to me.

Let's make Springfield strong!"