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Suffolk hires Brophy as senior director of external affairs

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Patrick Brophy

Boston, MA Suffolk, one of the most innovative and successful builders and real estate enterprises in the country, has hired Patrick Brophy as the senior director of external affairs in the Northeast. Brophy will be responsible for building and expanding key relationships in the local government and business communities to strengthen Suffolk's role as a policy leader on issues critical to construction, real estate and development.

"After a long-standing, successful career in the public sector, we are fortunate Pat has decided to begin a new chapter of his career by joining our Suffolk family at such a pivotal moment in our company history," said Nick Dhimitri, senior vice president of external affairs for Suffolk. "His experience in external affairs, strong leadership and operation skills, and long-term relationships with local government and community leaders will strengthen Suffolk's position as a policy leader and allow us to play a key role in addressing the challenges facing our region and industry."

Prior to his role at Suffolk, Brophy was a 26-year veteran of city government and served in administrations for mayors Thomas Menino, Martin Walsh and Kim Janey. In 2015, mayor Walsh appointed Brophy to serve the city as his chief of operations where he oversaw hundreds of unionized employees for the Property Management Department responsible for the management of the city's municipal building inventory; Inspectional Services Department responsible for enforcing building, housing, health, sanitation and safety regulations to protect the quality of life for residents and businesses; and Public Facilities Department responsible for the city's construction management department and all major municipal building programming, design and construction.

During his tenure as chief of operations for the city, Brophy authored and implemented Boston's COVID-19 Control Plan which was instrumental in maintaining safe municipal facilities and consistent operations throughout the pandemic. He also wrote the city's COVID-19 Safety guidelines and Return-to-Work protocols and oversaw a responsible and phased city-wide construction restart.

During his tenure in public service, Brophy oversaw the community engagement, design, permitting and construction of multiple police stations, fire stations, community centers and schools throughout the city's neighborhoods including the Bruce C. Bolling Municipal Building, Boston Police Department Roxbury Police Station, Harleston Parker Award winner Dearborn STEM Academy and Roxbury Branch Library.

Other notable construction projects completed under his guidance include the Boston Marathon bombing memorial on Boylston Street, Johnson Building renovation, Leventhal Map Room and the Rare Books Depository at the Main Branch in Copley, and the \$80 million renovation of Boston's iconic City Hall Plaza.