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Economic Progress Institute Announces Two New Board Members

Individuals bring a wealth of expertise to Institute's Board of Directors

Providence, RI – The Economic Progress Institute is pleased to announce that Carolyn Mark, Chair of the East Greenwich school committee, and Dr. Eric Hirsch, Professor of Sociology at Providence College, have joined the Institute's Board of Directors.

"I am excited to welcome both Carolyn and Eric to our Board of Directors. Their commitment to improve the lives of Rhode Islanders is exemplary and both will serve to strengthen our board as we work to improve economic security for all Rhode Islanders" said Rachel Flum, executive director of the Institute.

As the former President of RI NOW (National Organization for Women), Carolyn Mark has long championed issues that help promote economic equity for women and girls. As chairwoman of the East Greenwich School Committee she led the expansion of the committee's charge from one that solely focused on nutrition and physical activity to one that focused on the whole child. Carolyn holds a Bachelor of Arts degree from Pennsylvania State University and a Master of City Planning from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology. She is a resident of East Greenwich.



As a professor of sociology at Providence College, Eric Hirsch's research has focused on homelessness and urban sociology. Eric has been a long-time advocate for the homeless and is the former Government Relations Chair and board member of the Rhode Island Coalition to Reduce Homelessness. Eric is also a member of the Continuum of Care Board of Rhode Island which focuses on the well-being of homeless and formerly homeless people. Eric holds a Bachelor of Arts degree in Sociology from Bucknell University and a Masters and Doctorate in Sociology from the University of Chicago. He is a resident of Scituate.

About The Economic Progress Institute

The Economic Progress Institute is a nonpartisan research and policy organization dedicated to improving the economic well-being of low- and modest-income Rhode Islanders. For more information visit

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