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URBAN LEAGUE OF GREATER HARTFORD NAMES DAVID HOPKINS AS PRESIDENT & CEO

The Urban League of Greater Hartford (ULGH) is pleased to announce that it has named David J. Hopkins as its new President and CEO, effective January 15, 2019.

Hopkins was identified through a nationwide search and selected by the League's Board of Directors, with input and assistance from a search committee that included Greater Hartford community members. The League is grateful to the Hartford Foundation for Public Giving for providing an Executive Transition Grant to support the process and to Third Sector New England for its invaluable assistance with the search process.

According to League Board chair, Paul Dworkin, M.D., "We are so fortunate to have recruited [David] from a large and extremely talented pool of national and local candidates. All who met with him were impressed by his leadership qualities and experience, his knowledge and educational background, his personal qualities and interpersonal skills, and his passion and vision. We look forward to introducing David to our community."

In a statement from David, he expressed being "humbled and honored to have been selected," adding, "For more than 100 years, the Urban League has been esteemed for promoting economic, political and social equity, while boldly advocating for the empowerment, inclusion and interests of African Americans. I am excited to be a part of this work and look forward to joining the staff, partners and stakeholders in fulfilling our mission to reduce economic disparities in Greater Hartford."

David will replace Adrienne W. Cochrane, J.D. who served the League from 2010-2018.

David is the former Chief Executive Officer of Primary Care Health Services, Inc. (PCHS) headquartered in Pittsburgh, PA, where he managed a \$12 million operating budget and staff of 150 employees to provide quality, affordable comprehensive care for everyone regardless of income level. Prior to joining PCHS, David applied his vast experience, collaborative leadership style, and passion for aligning culture, systems and resources, as an independent consultant. Before venturing into entrepreneurship, David was a Senior Vice President at PNC Bank where he financed projects for public entities, led the community development bank, and managed projects for the C-suite executives.

David earned a BA in Economics from Guilford College and an MBA from the Wharton School of Business. David is currently a candidate for a Ph.D. in community engagement, advocacy and policy from Point Park University.

He is a member of the Board of Trustees at Guilford and president of the Josh Gibson Foundation Board of Directors. He is also a youth teacher at his church, coaches little league baseball, and is a proud member of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc. David and his wife DeVona have four children.

ABOUT URBAN LEAGUE OF GREATER HARTFORD

Urban League of Greater Hartford, Inc. (ULGH) is a community based, not-for-profit, 501 (c)(3) affiliate of the National Urban League founded in 1964. Urban League of Greater Hartford provides programs and services for individuals and families in the areas of: Adult Education; Youth and Workforce Development; and Economic Enrichment. Urban League of Greater Hartford's Mission is to reduce economic disparities in communities through programs, services and educational opportunities. Urban League of Greater Hartford is located at 140 Woodland Street, Hartford, CT 06105. Telephone (860)-527-0147.

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