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BHA draws former NYC Housing Authority Executive to Bridgeport

Nicholas Calace, who has more than 25 years of Public Housing experience from Niagara Falls to Virginia has accepted the job of running the Bridgeport Housing Authority. The BHA Board of Commissioners voted unanimously for Calace as the Authority's new Executive Director after the completion of a national search by the Rosenberg Housing Group Inc. Board Chairperson Rosa J. Correa said, "We couldn't be happier with the process and its result, bringing someone of such experience to take the helm here in Bridgeport. The Board is very optimistic and happy for our residents who will be the beneficiary of this decision." Mayor John Fabrizi said, "A national search that sought out the best available candidate can only benefit Bridgeport residents."

Calace has worked with seven public housing authorities including New York, Baltimore, Charlottesville, and Newark. At NYCHA Calace stewarded property management operations, served as a line supervisor of nearly 10,000 employees, and managed a 500-million-dollar operating budget and 450 million-dollar capital budget. Calace says, however, he's most proud of the relationships he developed with residents. "My relations with public housing residents are deep rooted. I have associated with public housing virtually my whole life and have always strived to maintain open lines of communication with the active leadership." Calace has also received citations and awards from resident associations, professional organizations and labor unions he's worked along side.

Before taking the Bridgeport opportunity Calace was working in Baltimore as Special Advisor to the Commissioner where he assisted the agency in developing its Capital Plan focusing on housing project master plans and ADA compliance.

Calace has a Masters of Urban Planning from NYU and a Bachelor of Arts, Political Science and Environmental Studies from St. John's University.

BHA officials say Calace will work with social service agencies, non-profits, businesses, and contractors in an effort to improve the quality of life for BHA and Bridgeport residents. Calace says he's excited about making the City of Bridgeport his new home.