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ANNOUNCEMENT

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Westbrook, ME – The City is excited to announce the creation of a new full-time position to support Diversity, Equity, & Inclusion initiatives in the community. This new position will also be a critical advisor to the City's leadership team on a regular basis and report to the Mayor's Office.

I am pleased to announce the hiring of Prosper Lohomboli as the City's new Diversity, Equity, & Inclusion Administrator and officially started with us on July 1st.

The DEI Administrator will work with all departments to ensure diversity, equity, and inclusion are values embraced in their customer service ethic. This position will partner with the Human Resources Department to assist with the development and implementation of programs, policies, and processes that foster DEI and supports targeted recruitment and retention efforts.

Further, this position will play a critical role in partnering with the General Assistance Department to coordinate placement services and available resources to homeless families and immigrants while building relationships with providers and service delivery staff to establish resources for residents. The DEI Administrator will assist in locating affordable housing, assisting in the application for work visas and job search, accessing health care, childcare, education and job training, acclimation to a new culture, language, social environment, and the any other challenges facing these new residents.

Originally from the Democratic Republic of the Congo, Prosper has a comprehensive background in social services. He came to the City of Westbrook through a partnership with The Opportunity Alliance (TOA) where he served as the Community Builder working collaboratively with families and other agencies to provide basic needs and social services to individuals and families in the Westbrook Frenchtown neighborhood. His previous position with TOA lost critical grant funding and we worked with them to help identify a way where we could continue to meet those needs while also working to address the new needs of the City.

Prior to arriving in Maine, Prosper worked at the American Agency for International Development (USAID) as a Research & Development Technician, Shillomputu Foundation as a Site Manager, Boeke Services Import-Export as a Public Relations & Marketing Agent, and Ministry of Culture and Arts as a Social Service Assistant. Prosper also has a background in healthcare and is a Certified Nursing Assistant.

He holds a bachelors degrees from the National Institute of Arts in Arts and Development and Africa Network Ministries in Theology as well as an associate degree in Medical Studies from the University of Kisangani. Prosper is fluent in English, French, Swahili, and Lingala.

We are excited for this new position and please join us in welcoming Prosper!