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City Councilor Matt O'Malley names new staff liaison for Jamaica Plain

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By Matt Rocheleau, Town Correspondent

Jamaica Plain resident Ture Richard Turnbull has been named liaison for Jamaica Plain by Boston District 6 City Councilor Matt O'Malley.

Turnbull will handle constituent services for the neighborhood and replaces O'Malley's former Jamaica Plain liaison Valerie Frias, who recently moved on to a job with the Allston Brighton CDC as the organization's director of strategic partnerships.

"I am thrilled to have Ture on my team," said a statement from O'Malley, whose district includes Jamaica Plain, West Roxbury and parts of Roslindale and Mission Hill. "Ture is smart, energetic and talented. He brings valuable experience to my office and will be a great resource for me and for the residents of Jamaica Plain."

In his new role, Turnbull will be tasked with monitoring development, zoning and licensing issues affecting Jamaica Plain and is expected to work closely with the neighborhood's community groups and organizations as well as city

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departments and elected officials.

He will represent O'Malley at community meetings and public hearings and will accompany the councilor to his neighborhood district office hours held on Fridays each month.

Turnbull, who has lived in JP for nearly a decade, currently serves on the Massachusetts Commission on GLBT Youth and is a member of the Ward 11 Democratic Committee.

He is the former legislative director for Democratic State Representative Denise Garlick, of Needham. He also worked as a legislative aide to State Senator Stephen M. Brewer, of Barre, who served as chair of the state Senate Ways and Means Committee.

Prior to that, he was the research director for the state legislature's Joint Committee on Tourism and Cultural Development.

Turnbull holds a bachelor's degree in public administration and recently received a master's degree in urban and regional policy; both of his degrees are from Northeastern University.

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