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MBPC Announces New Executive Director

The Massachusetts Budget and Policy Center announced today that Noah Berger has been selected as the new executive director, effective February 1. Berger will replace Jim St. George, who is stepping down after nearly seven years with the organization.

The new director is recognized for his in depth knowledge of the state budget and state tax policy. As Counsel and Policy Director for the Senate Ways and Means Committee, and later for Senate President Tom Birmingham, Berger helped to advance progressive tax cuts including the earned income tax credit, the increase of the personal exemption, and property tax relief for senior citizens. At the same time, working with the Senate President, he fought to ensure that tax cuts would not go so far as to endanger funding for important public services, and to shape the state budget to be responsive to the needs of working families. Berger was also deeply involved in efforts to enact and fully fund education reform throughout the 1990s.

"I am thrilled to be joining the Massachusetts Budget and Policy Center." Mr. Berger said in a statement, "I have always found the MBPC to be an invaluable resource for accurate, reliable, and incisive information about budget policy and taxation issues. In the days ahead, Massachusetts faces enormous challenges. As our leaders and our citizens seek to meet these challenges I hope that the MBPC can contribute by providing research, analysis, and policy options to protect vital public services."

Noah Berger is a lifelong resident of Cambridge. He is a graduate of Harvard College (1989) and Harvard Law School (1993).

The Massachusetts Budget and Policy Center provides independent research and analysis of state budget and tax policies, as well as economic issues, that affect low- and moderate-income people in Massachusetts.