



150 Concord Street
Framingham, MA 01702
Ph: 508-532-5437
www.framinghamma.gov

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE 3/6/2018

For further information, contact:

Nichol Figueiredo, Public Information Officer & Webmaster
Memorial Building
150 Concord Street
Framingham, MA 01702
Tel: (508) 532-5437

**Mayor Yvonne M. Spicer is Pleased to Announce the Appointment of
Thatcher W. Kezer III as Chief Operating Officer for the City of Framingham**

Framingham, MA –Mayor Yvonne M. Spicer is pleased to announce that Thatcher W. Kezer III has been appointed Chief Operating Officer for the City of Framingham.

Mr. Kezer has over 25 years of experience working with and for government at the state, regional and local level, and recently served as a Senior Vice President for MassDevelopment overseeing the redevelopment of Devens. Mr. Kezer held previous positions with the Edward J. Collins, Jr. Center for Public Management, was the Mayor for the City of Amesbury from 2006 through 2013, and Director of Purchasing and Contract Administration for the City of Beverly. He recently retired as a Lieutenant Colonel in the Massachusetts Air National Guard, previously serving in the United States Air Force.

"I am pleased that Mr. Kezer has accepted the position of Chief Operating Officer for the City of Framingham and look forward to his start on April 2. Mr. Kezer brings an extensive history in the public, private and non-profit sectors that will contribute to Framingham's success moving forward through the transition into the city form of governance. Mr. Kezer will fulfill a key role in the City of Framingham's administration, providing oversight and leadership in our day to day operations," said Mayor Yvonne M. Spicer.

"I am excited to take on the role of Chief Operating Officer for the City of Framingham and to work collaboratively with all stakeholders to add Framingham to the list of great cities to live, work and visit. I am grateful for the opportunity Mayor Spicer is providing me." said Thatcher Kezer.

In accordance with the Home Rule Charter Article III: Executive Branch, Section 3d, *"The mayor shall appoint a chief operating officer to assist in the coordination and direction of the operations of the various departments and functions of government. The chief operating officer shall serve at the pleasure of the mayor and be appointed on the basis of having strong administrative and executive qualifications or other qualifications and shall be especially fitted by education, training and municipal experience to perform the duties of the office."*

###