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RI DEMOCRATIC PARTY APPOINTS COMMUNICATIONS DIRECTOR

Warwick native and long-time political activist, Ann S. Gooding, named to new post

PROVIDENCE, R.I. – The Rhode Island Democratic Party announced today that it has named Ann S. Gooding, of Warwick, a 30-plus year veteran of local and state Democratic politics, as its Director of Communications.

“I am delighted to welcome Ann Gooding to the offices of the State Democratic Party, and know her experience in government and political communications will be invaluable to us as we approach the 2016 elections, in the days and months ahead,” said State Chairman and Representative Joseph M. McNamara. “I’ve known Ann for many years and look forward to working with her to broaden our reach among voters statewide. “

Gooding, who owns a small public relations firm in Warwick, has worked for four mayors (Providence and Warwick,) recently serving as Acting Deputy Director of Communications for Mayor Angel Taveras and Director of Communications for Economic Development. She served in the latter capacity for former Mayor David N. Cicilline and as his special assistant for press and policy. Her political experience includes communications work with former mayors Francis X. Flaherty, Joseph W. Walsh, David N. Cicilline, Angel Taveras and Joseph R. Paolino, Jr. Gooding was a frequent contributing writer to the Providence Journal, Warwick Beacon, and the U.S. Figure Skating Association’s “Skating” magazine. She has worked with amateur sports, business and non-profit organizations over the years, and most recently with the firm of D-K Communications.

She holds a Master of Public Administration degree, a Certificate in Secondary Education/ English and a Bachelor of Science in English and Political Science. Gooding joins Anne C. Pease, Field Director for the Party, in the State Democratic Party’s office.

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