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**MINER ANNOUNCES LAZARUS SIMS AS
THE NEW COMMISSIONER OF PARKS**

*New Commissioner Has a Background of Working in the City School
District, Coaching*

*Miner: Sims Has the Vision Needed to Help Improve the Lives of Young
People in the City of Syracuse*

SYRACUSE, N.Y. – Mayor Stephanie A. Miner announced today she will appoint Lazarus U. Sims as the new Commissioner of the Department of Parks, Recreation, and Youth Programs. Sims replaces Baye Muhammad who is leaving to take a position with the City of Rochester. Sims will officially begin work on Monday, March 30.

“I am pleased to welcome Lazarus Sims my administration. He has had a long career of making a difference in the lives of young people and I am glad he is able to continue his service with the City of Syracuse,” said **Syracuse Mayor Stephanie A. Miner**. “Through coaching and working with students in the Syracuse City School District, Lazarus has the vision needed to help improve the lives of young people in the City of Syracuse and I am excited to watch him turn that vision into a reality in our Parks Department.”

“I am so excited to be a part of Mayor Miner's vision of improving and maintaining our beloved City of Syracuse,” said **Lazarus Sims**. “I am a product of our Syracuse City School and the Parks and Recreation system and there is no greater honor to be able to help and improve lives in Syracuse, as it has helped and molded me. I'm thankful to Mayor Miner and my city to become its next commissioner of Parks & Rec.”

Currently, Lazarus Sims serves as a support specialist for the Promise Zone program at the McKinley-Brighton Elementary School. Previously, he has served as an assistant men's basketball coach at Binghamton University. He served as Director of Player Development for the Syracuse University men's basketball team from 2007 through 2011. Sims is a 1996 graduate of

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Syracuse University where he was the starting point guard on the 1996 national championship runner up team. He is also an alumnus of Henninger High School.

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