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| **Meeting of Plan for Progress Coordinating Council**  |
| **Wednesday, March 16, 2016** |
| **8:15 a.m. – 10:15 a.m.** |
| **at the** |
| **Pioneer Valley Planning Commission (PVPC)** |
| **Large Conference Room – 2nd Floor** |
| 60 Congress Street, Springfield, Massachusetts 01104-3419 |

 **A G E N D A**

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|  | **Action** | **Information** |
| 1. Call to Order, Welcome and Minutes of the January 20, 2016 Meeting of the *Plan for* *Progress* Coordinating Council (these minutes are attached) – 8:15 a.m. | 🗹 |  |
| 2. Brief Staff Announcements and Updates – 8:20 a.m.  |  | 🗹 |
| 3. Connecting to the Baker-Polito Administration’s Economic Strategy and Plan for Making Massachusetts Great Everywhere – A Presentation by and Conversation With Secretary Jay Ash – 8:30 a.m. |  | 🗹 |
| ***Special Guest ● Jay Ash, Secretary*** ***Executive Office of Housing and Economic Development***\* |  |   |
| 4. Implementation of the *Plan for Progress*: Small Business and Entrepreneurship - A Discussion and Feedback Session with the Pioneer Valley's Lead Implementers and Stakeholders Focusing on *Plan for Progress* Goal #2, Strategy #1: *Retain, Attract and Grow Businesses and Priority Clusters* With Discussion Moderated by Lori Tanner – 9:30 a.m. ***Special Guests***

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| ● | *Samalid Hogan, NC&S Consulting and Project Manager, Holyoke Innovation District* | ● | *Lori Divine-Hudson and Vitek Kruta, Founders and Directors, Gateway City Arts*   |
| ● | *Farid Kheloco, Executive Director, SPARK Holyoke* | ● | *Jay Leonard, Board of Directors, Valley Venture Mentors* |
| ● | *Amy Shapiro, Business Development Director, Franklin County CDC* | ● | *Jill Monson, Chief Inspirational Officer, Inspired Marketing* |
| ● | *John David Perez, President, Hispanic Mark, Inc.* | ● | *Frankie Mozell, CEO & Visionary Strategist, LTLife*  |

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| 5. Other Business – 10:15 a.m. |  | 🗹 |
|  \*. Note: A copy of the Commonwealth’s new statewide economic plan entitled, “Opportunitiesfor All” and related press release dated 1/28/16 are attached for your information and reference. **Adjourn – 10:15 a.m.** **Note: Next Coordinating Council Meeting is Currently Scheduled for Wednesday,** **May 18, 2016 at 8:15 A.M.**

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| cc: | J. Ash, EOH&ED | J. Leonard, VVM |
|  | L. Divine-Hudson, Gateway City Arts | J. Monson, Inspired Marketing |
|  | S. Hogan, NC&S Consulting | F. Mozell, LTLife |
|  | B. Horowitz, Common Capital |  J. Perez, Hispanic Mark, Inc |
|  | F. Kheloco, SPARK | J. Rubero, Latino Chamber |
|  | V. Kruta, Gateway City Arts | A. Shapiro, FCCDC |