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**Massachusetts Black and Latino Legislative Caucus Celebrates Appointment  
of William Gross as Boston's New Police Commissioner**

BOSTON— The Massachusetts Black and Latino Legislative Caucus (MBLLC) extends its sincerest congratulations to Chief William Gross as he ascends to the role of Commissioner for the Boston Police Department (BPD). On July 23, 2018 Boston Mayor Martin J. Walsh announced the appointment which will make Gross the first African-American to hold the post in the city. This comes after previously becoming BPD's first African-American Superintendent in Chief. Chief Gross has steadily risen through the ranks after first joining the police department as a cadet and launching his career as a patrol officer in 1985.

“Chief Gross is a model police officer of whom I have heard nothing but praise,” said MBLLC Chair, Representative Frank Moran (D-Lawrence). He continued, “He has shown residents throughout the Commonwealth what can come from hard work, passion, and unyielding love for community.”

Exiting Commissioner William B. Evans spoke highly of Gross stressing his leadership and respect among the community. Widely revered, Chief Gross will continue to serve BPD proudly as he continues building bridges and partnerships throughout the city.

During his time serving the people of Boston, Chief Gross has remained a staunch advocate for community policing and diversity within the police force. Chief Gross reiterated his commitment to both as he addressed a crowd and spoke of the promotion's significance. As the Boston Police Department's top law enforcement officer Chief Gross will serve as a beacon for youth throughout the city. His appointment will show young men and women what opportunities lay ahead for them and the value of public service.

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