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### **Statement on the Elimination of Full-Time President/CEO Position**

As part of a larger strategic plan for 2020/2021 and in an effort to better serve its membership during the COVID-19 pandemic, the Greater Springfield Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors has eliminated its full-time President/CEO position. The Board is in the process of securing a part-time contractor, along with community volunteers, to carry out the many duties previously performed by the full-time President/CEO.

“This was a difficult decision by the board,” said Board Chair Lauma Wingrove. “However, many of our members have been hard-hit by the continuing pandemic. In an effort to maintain our position as the voice and champion of the Greater Springfield business community, the board determined it was the best course of action.”

Scheduled events, such as the Nov. 9 Business & Economic Development Summit, will not be impacted. Tickets to the event — Springfield Today, Tomorrow & Beyond — may be purchased through the Chamber website, [springfieldchamber.org](http://springfieldchamber.org).

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