

**Roxbury Community College
Gateway to the Dream**

1234 Columbus Avenue, Roxbury Crossing, MA 02120, 617.427.0060

Press Release

For Immediate Release—May 6, 2010

**Newton Mayor, Setti Warren, to be Speaker at Roxbury Community College
Commencement Exercise**

**Contact: Dr. Milton L. Samuels, Director of Marketing and Communications,
Roxbury Community College, 617.427.0060 x5886, msamuels@rcc.mass.edu**

Boston—Newton Mayor, Setti Warren, will be the speaker at Roxbury Community College's 35th Commencement Exercise on Friday, May 21, 2010 at 1:00P.M. at the Reggie Lewis Track and Athletic Center, 1350 Tremont Street, Roxbury Crossing, MA.

Mayor Warren was elected to office on November 3, 2009 and became the first popularly elected African American mayor in Massachusetts history.

Born and raised in Newton, Mayor Warren, from an early age, became involved in public service work. While a junior at Newton North High School and serving as class president—a post he would hold for the four years he attended the school—he was asked by then mayor, Ted Mann, to help bring racial and ethnic harmony to the school after groups of students clashed.

Another example of Mayor Warren's commitment to public service was his outstanding work as vice-chair of the City of Newton's Foundation for Ethnic, Racial, and Religious Equality which led to a 1997 Human Rights Award. Former mayor, Thomas Concannon, declared December 17th of the same year as "Setti Warren Day."

Mayor Warren is a 2002 founding member and spokesperson of Newton's Community Preservation Committee. During his tenure, more than \$9 million in

Setti Warren--2

state funding was used to build affordable housing and preserve open spaces, like Christina Street and Angino Community Farm.

During his sophomore year at Boston College, Mayor Warren became only the second African American to be elected student body president in the College's history. After graduating from BC, Mayor Warren expanded his public service work into a career that gained widespread recognition.

He began his career as a Special Assistant in the White House Office of Cabinet Affairs for President Bill Clinton. Mayor Warren was later appointed the New England Director of the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), where he worked closely with local mayors, governors, and members of Congress to administer vital and effective FEMA programs and resources to New England cities and towns.

More recently, Mayor Warren was Deputy State Director for Senator John Kerry. He worked with local businesses to bring federal assistance for economic development to cities and towns across the Commonwealth.

Prior to running for Mayor, he completed a year-long tour of duty in Iraq as a Naval Intelligence Specialist.

Roxbury Community College, a comprehensive, urban, student-centered, open-access community college providing higher learning opportunities to all who may benefit, will award an estimated 120 Associate of Science degrees, 155 Associate of Arts degrees and 27 certificates.

#

