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### **Don Wiest Elected As New Chairman of Boston Public Market Association**

**The Boston Public Market Association (BPMA)** has elected **Donald W. Wiest** as its new **Chairman**. Wiest, who has been chairing the Association's Site Selection Committee, succeeds **Gregory Bialecki**, who was appointed by **Governor Deval Patrick** to be the development permitting chief of his Administration earlier this year. In the interim, **Chris Kurth**, owner of **Siena Farms**, had served as the head of BPMA.

"I am excited to have the opportunity to lead the BPMA in its efforts to create a year-round public market for the City of Boston," Wiest said. "In other cities, we've seen the impact public markets can have, connecting consumers directly with regional farmers and other food producers, and creating a vital downtown attraction in the process. Now it's time for Boston to create a great twelve-month location for fresh local foods."

Mr. Wiest is a founding member of **Brennan, Dain, Le Ray & Wiest, P.C.** He focuses his practices on complex zoning matters and related permitting work. He served from 2001 to 2006 as the Land use Counsel to the **Boston Redevelopment Authority ("BRA")**. In that capacity, he advised the BRA on a wide range of zoning and land use matters, including neighborhood rezonings and the permitting of nearly all large-scale projects involving complex zoning (such as PDAs, Urban Renewal Areas, and Institutional Master Plans) in recent years. A resident of Jamaica Plain, Don is a 1995 graduate of the University of Michigan Law School, and a 1991 graduate of the University of Pennsylvania.

BPMA was founded in 2001 and runs the seasonal **Boston Public Market at Dewey Square**, the first activation of the Rose Kennedy Greenway. The Market is open three days a week, on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays. In addition to hosting local farmers and producers, the Market also includes artisans such as the Fort Point Arts Collaborative. Through the "**Dewey Live**" program, the market has hosted visiting musicians and authors as well as health screening and book donation drives. On Tuesday, September 25, BPMA will hold its **Fourth Annual Chefs Harvest Dinner** fundraiser in collaboration with thirty of Boston's leading restaurants.