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PORTUGUESE AMERICAN CITIZENSHIP PROJECT

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PORTUGUESE AMERICAN CITIZENSHIP PROJECT HIRES NEW EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

TURLOCK, CA – Today the [Portuguese American Citizenship Project](http://www.portugueseamerican.org) (PACP) announced the hiring of Steven Nascimento as the PACP's new executive director.

Founded in 1999, the PACP is a non-profit organization that encourages Portuguese-Americans to participate in civic activities in their communities, become U.S. citizens, register to vote, and vote. The PACP has worked with 52 cultural, fraternal and religious organizations in 21 communities located in California, Connecticut, Massachusetts, New Jersey and Rhode Island.

"I am very excited to be joining the Project," Nascimento said. "I believe their work has elevated the profile of Portuguese-Americans in the electoral process, and provides a great resource for those seeking to encourage citizenship in their communities."

Nascimento most recently served as the district director for California State Senator Anthony Cannella (R-Ceres), and previously as the district director for U.S. Congressman Dennis Cardoza (D-Merced). Nascimento was also recently elected to the City Council in his hometown of Turlock, Calif.

"We believe that Steven's experience working with elected officials and diverse communities makes him well suited to lead the PACP," said Dr. Elmano M. Costa, a professor at California State University, Stanislaus and president of the PACP board. "His knowledge of the political and electoral process, as well as his ties to the Portuguese community, will suit him well going forward."

Nascimento replaces former coordinator Antonio Borba.

"Antonio Borba has been an invaluable asset to the Project," Costa said. "We are very grateful for his commitment to the Portuguese-American community and dedication to the PACP over the past two years."

Anyone interested in finding out more about the Portuguese American Citizenship Project is encouraged to visit the PACP's website at <http://www.portugueseamerican.org> or email Nascimento at coordinator@portugueseamerican.org.

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ABOUT PACP

The Portuguese American Citizenship Project is a non-profit organization that encourages Portuguese Americans to become U.S. citizens, to register to vote, and to exercise their right to vote. PACP has worked with 52 cultural, fraternal and religious organizations in 21 communities located in California, Connecticut,

Massachusetts, New Jersey and Rhode Island. For more information, visit www.portugueseamerican.org or share your ideas at www.facebook.com/PortugueseAmericanCitizenshipProject and www.twitter.com/PA_CP.