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Eric Nakajima is the Director of Planning and Economic Development for the City of Holyoke with over 25 years of experience in state and local economic development, research and public policy. He served in the Executive Office of Housing and Economic Development under Secretaries Dan O'Connell and Greg Bialecki, including as Assistant Secretary for Innovation Policy.

Eric's work focused on Gateway Cities policy and programs (including the enabling legislation and HDIP), establishing the Advanced Manufacturing Collaborative, and multiple programs and initiatives designed to support entrepreneurship and connections between the state's innovation economy and regions throughout the state. Eric has also served as Director of the Massachusetts Broadband Institute, and worked at the UMass Donahue Institute and Bay Area Economics.

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