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# JCCEO Press Release

**Birmingham, AL, April 20, 2017 – JCCEO Has Named DePriest Waddy Executive Director**

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Effective Monday, May 1, 2017, DePriest Waddy will assume the position of JCCEO (Jefferson County Committee for Economic Opportunity) Executive Director.

A native of Birmingham and John Carroll High School graduate, DePriest Waddy has 20 years of executive leadership experience in strategic fundraising, operations, and marketing with various national corporate and non-profit organizations. He most recently served as Regional Director with United Way of Greater Atlanta, where he led community engagement, program management, fundraising, and working relationships with the board of directors, staff, and volunteers.

Prior to joining United Way, Waddy served as Director of Corporate and Workforce Development with Year Up; CEO with Prevent Child Abuse Georgia; Chief Operating Officer and Executive Vice President at Big Brothers Big Sisters, and Chief Operating Officer and Director of Finance for Atlanta Public Schools' Project GRAD Atlanta.

Waddy's longstanding commitment to serving the community and his proven success with United Way and other organizations make him an excellent choice for the role of Executive Director for JCCEO. Additionally, his experience in leading transformative growth across a diverse portfolio of businesses well-positions him to accelerate JCCEO's mission and efforts to fight poverty and move lives towards self-sufficiency.

With a Bachelor of Science in Marketing from The University of Alabama and an MBA from Kennesaw State University, Waddy is passionate about mentoring and making sure underserved populations are represented and integrated into positive societal outcomes. He is an active mentor and has established a legacy in youth and workforce development programs around the Atlanta area.

JCCEO is *The* Community Action Agency for Jefferson County, providing diverse programs and services for the low-income, including, but not limited to Head Start and Early Head Start, senior nutrition, adult day health care, home weatherization, energy assistance, emergency assistance, financial literacy, and employment.

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