

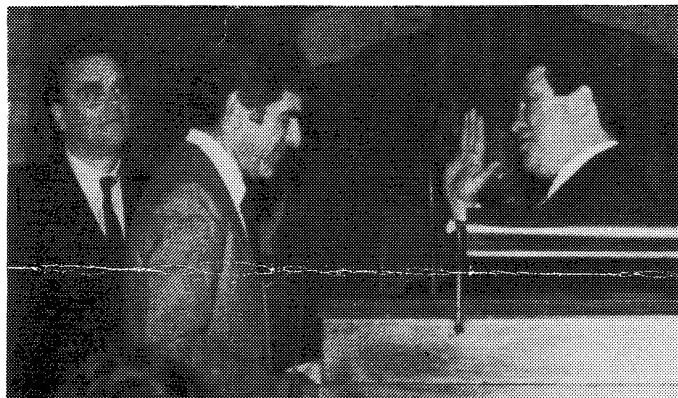
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Governor Dukakis administers the oath of office to Auditor DeNucci in the House chamber. Looking on is Rep. Kevin Fitzgerald (D-Mission Hill).

"MY DOOR IS OPEN"

Auditor A. Joseph DeNucci

This past year has been one of challenge and learning. Crisscrossing Massachusetts in a statewide election campaign is an experience I wish all public officials could have. It's given me a better appreciation of the variety offered by this great state, and I hope to use this knowledge as I represent your interests and concerns through the Division of Local Mandates.

The problems that you confront are not new to me, however. I served in the legislature during the battle over Proposition 2 1/2. I then spent six years as chairman of the Joint Committee on Human Services doing my best to assure that the needs of the less fortunate were met despite a climate of fiscal austerity. In many ways, I believe that these experiences have been similar to yours, for you too have had to struggle to provide services to your constituents during difficult times. As State Auditor, I pledge to do all I can to help you as you continue that struggle.

One of my first initiatives as Auditor is to fulfill my campaign promise to local officials that I would strengthen the Division of Local Mandates. To that end, I have appointed a deputy state auditor, Kenneth A. Marchurs, to lead the operations of the Division of Local Mandates.

This will be the first time that a deputy state auditor has managed DLM. Ken, who holds undergraduate and graduate degrees in business and is a C.P.A., has extensive experience in municipal financial affairs, most recently as Director of the Bureau of Accounts in the Massachusetts Department of Revenue. The Saugus resident has also



KENNETH A. MARCHURS
Deputy Auditor

served on his town finance committee and possesses an M.B.A. I am confident that his experience and his commitment to the needs of cities and towns will assist me in my efforts to further strengthen DLM. Ken will be a great help in dealing with Proposition 2 1/2, the state tax cap and other issues of concern to you.

Ken will be assisted in his new post by Thomas F. Collins, who has been promoted to Director of DLM. Tom is an original member of the DLM staff, having represented Region I for three years. Most recently, Tom has been the manager of DLM operations, and we will be depending on his experience and know-how to continue the past good efforts of the division.

One of Ken Marchurs' first tasks will be to coordinate DLM's legislative agenda with my newly created Office for Intergovernmental Affairs. In the past, DLM has usually been forced to react to the actions of the legislature. As a former legislator, I believe that the best way to work with the legislature is to be proactive - to get your message across during the process, not after. My philosophy is that you get more done by working together than you do by working apart.

I see the new Office of Intergovernmental Affairs as greatly improving our access and influence with the legislature. The office will be staffed by Director Myrna Malec and Joe Newman. In addition, DLM will be developing a legislative liaison function to facilitate specific local issues.

I invite you to get to know these people. They will be your advocates. Bring your concerns to them early, before the concerns become crises. This way, we can make DLM a creative force in Massachusetts government - a force that goes beyond being merely a defender of municipal interests to one that motivates change on behalf of local communities.

Our goals for DLM are ambitious. My predecessor, Auditor John Finnegan, took a simple paragraph of legislation and turned it into a vital part of state government. Our goal is to take that strong foundation and to build upon it. To do this, we'll need your help, your counsel and probably some of your patience, but I assure you that we're determined to do the job.

My door at the State House is always open. I look forward to seeing you come through it.

Sincerely,

Auditor A. Joseph DeNucci

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In City Council,

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