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### **Mayor Cantor nominates Dallas Dodge as new Corporation Counsel; Succeeding Patrick Alair upon his retirement on December 16, 2019**

WEST HARTFORD, CONN. (December 16, 2019) – West Hartford Mayor Shari Cantor announced today that she will nominate former Town Councilor Dallas Dodge to serve as Corporation Counsel. Pat Alair, who currently serves as Corporation Counsel, will retire at the end of his current term.

“Dallas is an excellent attorney who is respected by his former council colleagues. He has a deep history as a government lawyer and advisor, and I’m very pleased that he has agreed to continue serving West Hartford in this new capacity,” said Mayor Shari Cantor.

Under the Town Charter, the Corporation Counsel is appointed by the Council for a two-year term. Mayor Cantor said she will nominate Dodge at the December 16, 2019 regular meeting of the Council, and she believes there will be bipartisan support for his appointment. Corporation Counsel is a part-time role, and Dodge will supervise a department of full-time staff attorneys.

Dodge received his law degree from the University of Connecticut, where he graduated with honors. Following law school, he clerked for Connecticut Appellate Court Judge Lubbie Harper Jr. and then Senior United States District Judge Ellen Bree Burns, the first female federal judge in Connecticut.

Dodge was previously an associate attorney at the law firm of Shipman & Goodwin, where he practiced in the municipal law and public finance departments. Following his work at Shipman, Dallas served as a senior attorney for the Office of the Connecticut Speaker of the House. He then joined the Insurance Association of Connecticut as Vice President and General Counsel.

Dodge is a partner at Roy & Leroy, a government relations consulting firm. He will provide legal services to the town separately through his law firm, The Law Office of Dallas Dodge PLLC.

“I am honored to have been asked by Mayor Cantor to step into this important role,” Dodge said. “I look forward to leading a legal department that is recognized as one of the best in the state and maintains the highest professional standards.”

Dodge grew up in West Hartford and is a graduate of Conard High School. He lives in town with his wife, Jessica, and his two children.

Mayor Cantor also thanked outgoing Corporation Counsel Pat Alair, who has practiced in West Hartford’s legal department for more than 33 years.

“Pat is considered by his peers to be the best town attorney in Connecticut,” Mayor Cantor said. “We have been incredibly fortunate to benefit from his years of experience and wisdom, and I wish him a long and happy retirement.”



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