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Honorable Members of the Common Council
City of Danbury, Connecticut

Dear Common Council Members:

I am pleased to submit for your confirmation the appointment of Geoffrey R. Herald, 18 Foster Street, Danbury, for the position of Fire Chief of the Danbury Fire Department. I selected Chief Herald following a comprehensive search process employing two interview panels. The first step of interviews included a panel of fire chiefs from around Connecticut. I also received input from a community interview panel including Chief Phillip Curran, Chief of Staff Michael McLachlan, Councilman Frederick Visconti, Charles Coakley, President of the Danbury Volunteer Fireman's Council (DVFC), Bernard Gallo, past president of the DVFC and Virginia Alosco-Werner, Personnel Director.

Geoffrey Herald began his firefighting career in Danbury with the Germantown Volunteer Fire Department in 1974. He was appointed to the Danbury Fire Department in 1979, promoted to Lieutenant in 1990, achieved the rank of Captain in 1998 and assumed his current position of Assistant Chief following his appointment in February 2006. Geoff is a dedicated professional firefighter with a 28-year career in the Danbury Fire Department.

Geoff earned an Associates Degree in Fire Science from Waterbury State Technical College and a Bachelors Degree in Social Science from Western Connecticut State University. Chief Herald holds numerous certifications from the National Fire School and the Connecticut Commission of Fire Prevention and Control. Geoff lives in Danbury with his wife, Mimi.

Thank you for your consideration of this appointment.

Sincerely,

Mark D. Boughton
Mayor

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