



# CITY OF NEW HAVEN

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Hon. Tyisha Walker-Myers, President  
New Haven Board of Alders  
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President Walker-Myers:

I am writing to formally request consideration from the Board of Alders regarding the City's application for an exception to the City Charter requirement concerning resident elector status for the City Controller, Mr. Michael Gormany.

As you are aware, the City Charter mandates that all appointed officials must hold resident elector status unless a case-specific exception is granted pursuant to the criteria outlined in Sec. 2-221 of the New Haven Code of Ordinances. Based on the recommendation from the Mayor and the certification of the City's Personnel Director as outlined by Ordinance, an exception is being sought for Mr. Gormany in his role as the City Controller.

Mr. Gormany previously worked for the City of New Haven from 2004 to 2024 before returning to the City in 2026. Throughout his time in the city, Mr. Gormany has demonstrated excellent knowledge and understanding of public accounting, auditing, budget analysis, internal auditing, and other complex and diverse financial issues relevant to City operations. He served in the roles of City Controller and Budget Director, two positions essential to the financial operations of the City. In the two years prior to returning to the City, he assisted in successfully getting the City of West Haven out of Tier IV oversight by the State of Connecticut Municipal Accountability Review Board.

It is relevant to note that following his departure in 2024, the City of New Haven undertook an extensive recruitment effort for the role of Controller spanning 18 months. This procured limited applications especially from individuals qualified and currently living in New Haven, which put a significant strain on city staff. Another relevant factor to Mr. Gormany's request includes the fact that he has lived in Branford since 2005, where he maintains a financial and personal interest. Maintaining an additional residence in New Haven solely to fulfill the resident elector requirement would lead to economic hardship for Mr. Gormany in the additional costs it would impose.

In light of these circumstances, we believe that granting an exception to the resident elector status requirement for the current City Controller is not only justified but also crucial for the continued progress and prosperity of our City.

Therefore, I urge the Board of Alders to carefully consider this application and to grant the necessary exception to allow Mr. Gormany to continue serving our City in his capacity as the City Controller. Doing so will not only acknowledge his exceptional contributions but also ensure the continued success and advancement of New Haven.

Thank you for your attention to this matter. I am confident that your careful consideration will lead to a decision that is in the best interest of our community.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Sean Matteson", is written over the typed name and title.

Sean Matteson  
Chief of Staff