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Mayor-Elect DaSilva Selects Municipal Court Judge

EAST PROVIDENCE, RI — East Providence Mayor-Elect Bob DaSilva to appoint Lisette M. Gomes to serve as East Providence Municipal Court judge.

As Municipal Court judge, Gomes will oversee cases involving minimum housing violations, violation of city ordinances and RI traffic code infractions.

“East Providence needs a judge who can handle the city’s busy Municipal Court, which last year processed more than 5,000 cases,” DaSilva said. “An accomplished solicitor, Gomes’ knowledge of the law, years of experience in municipal court litigation and her strong interpersonal skills will be an asset to our community.”

The appointment of Gomes to serve as East Providence Municipal Court judge is subject to approval of the City Council at the Jan. 8, 2019 meeting.

Gomes currently serves as Pawtucket’s assistant solicitor where she prosecutes criminal violations, defends the city against civil claims and assists with labor arbitration. She also currently serves as Central Falls’ housing prosecutor, where she oversees housing code violations.

Prior to joining the City of Pawtucket in 2015 and the City of Central Falls in 2013, Gomes launched her own practice in 2012 to focus on personal injury, landlord-tenant and criminal defense matters.

A resident of East Providence since 2013, Gomes’ family immigrated to the United States from Cabo Verde in the late 1970s. Gomes is fluent in Creole and conversational in Portuguese and Spanish.

Gomes earned her Juris Doctorate in law from the University of Toledo and a Bachelor of Arts in psychology from Salve Regina University.

Current East Providence Municipal Court Judge George Furtado did not seek reappointment to the post and has offered to help Gomes in her transition to the role of Municipal Court Judge.

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