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**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

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**Mayor Miro Weinberger Announces Appointments for FY13**

Burlington, VT – Mayor Miro Weinberger today announced mayoral appointments for FY13.

*Please see the attached document, "Mayoral Appointments for FY13," for a detailed list.*

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**MEMORANDUM**

TO: Burlington City Council  
FROM: Mayor Miro Weinberger  
DATE: June 11, 2012  
RE: Mayoral Appointments for FY13

This is a time of considerable change in city government. In addition to an entirely new Mayor's Office, FY13 will see a new CAO and City Attorney, as well as new directors at CEDO, Parks and Recreation, the Airport, and the Library. These leadership changes will be balanced by continuity and stability in our other city departments.

Pursuant to Section 122 of the City Charter, I submit for your consideration and confirmation at your June 18, 2012 meeting my FY13 mayoral appointments and reappointments.

**Appointments**

The following team of individuals recommended here for reappointment have performed their duties responsibly, served the City well, and each warrants reappointment. I am confident that the following city officials will continue to ably serve our City and, therefore, recommend them for reappointment for a term of one year:

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| • Ron Redmond          | Church Street Marketplace Executive Director                                      |
| • Doreen Kraft         | City Arts Director  |
| • Barbara L. Grimes    | Burlington Electric Department General Manager                                    |
| • Seth Lasker          | Burlington Fire Department Chief &<br>Emergency Management/Civil Defense Director |
| • Michael E. Schirling | Burlington Police Department Chief  |
| • Steven Goodkind      | Department of Public Works Director &<br>City Engineer and Surveyor               |
| • Gordon H. Gilbert    | Second Constable  |

The retirement of Deputy Chief Walt Decker from the BPD has created a vacancy in the position of Pound Keeper. I recommend the following individual for appointment for a term of one year:

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| • Andi L. Higbee | Pound Keeper (new appointment) |
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In my March 31, 2012 memorandum to you in which I sought the interim CAO appointment of Paul R. Sisson, I promised that "I will return to you before June 30<sup>th</sup> to seek either an extension of this interim appointment or a permanent CAO appointment." As you know, we are in the midst of a national search for a permanent CAO and, therefore, for the sake of continuity, I respectfully request that you extend Paul's interim CAO appointment until September 30, 2012 or earlier if a permanent CAO is in place before that date. In the event we have not yet appointed a permanent CAO by September 30, 2012, I again will return to you to seek an extension of this interim appointment.

- The following information regarding the status of other mayoral appointees does not require action by the City Council at the present time and is being provided for your convenience.*

- John Vickery City Assessor
- Susan Leonard Human Resources Director

- Kenneth A. Schatz  
City Attorney
- Larry Kupferman  
Community & Economic Development Director
- Robert McEwing  
Interim Burlington International Airport Aviation Director
- Robert Coleburn  
Fletcher Free Library Co-Director
- Robert Resnik  
Fletcher Free Library Co-Director
- Mari Steinbach  
Burlington Parks and Recreation Director,  
Cemetery Department Superintendent, &  
Harbor Master

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**Assistant City Attorneys**

In an effort to allow a new City Attorney latitude to evaluate and shape the City Attorney's Office and advise me, there will be no reappointments of the assistant city attorneys at this time. Pursuant to the City Charter, they will continue to serve in their current positions until future appointment/reappointment action is taken.

- Eugene Bergman                      Senior Assistant City Attorney,  
City Grand Juror, & City Constable
- Nikki Fuller                            Assistant City Attorney & Assistant Grand Juror
- Richard Haesler, Jr.                Assistant City Attorney & Assistant Grand Juror
- Gregg Meyer                           Assistant City Attorney & Assistant Grand Juror
- Kimberlee J. Sturtevant           Assistant City Attorney & Assistant Grand Juror