



Eddie A. Perez
Mayor

**MAYOR APPOINTS VETERAN CONNECTICUT AUDITOR
AS HARTFORD FINANCE DIRECTOR**

---NEWS RELEASE---

(January 5, 2009)--- Hartford Mayor Eddie A. Perez today announced that he will appoint Christopher J. Wolf, CPA as the next Finance Director of the City of Hartford. Wolf is the co-founding partner of the former accounting firm of Scully & Wolf LLP. He has thirty-five years of experience of auditing the finances of Connecticut municipalities, has been a respected leader in the accounting field, and has come out of retirement to accept the appointment.

Wolf and his former firm have served as the outside auditors for more than forty Connecticut municipalities--- including Hartford--- and he played an important role in assisting the State's Finance Control Board that put the City of Waterbury's finances in order. Wolf will start work on January 15th. His appointment is subject to City Council confirmation.

“Chris Wolf brings unrivaled experience in Connecticut municipal finance and a record of working with communities to develop solutions to difficult financial challenges. I am excited that a private sector executive as accomplished as Chris is willing to take this important position in Hartford city government,” Mayor Perez stated.

Wolf has a B.A. in Accounting from CCSU. He is a member of the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants, the Connecticut Society of Certified Public Accountants and the Government Finance Officers of America. Wolf will continue to remain as President of POTE (Providing Opportunity Through Education), an educational non-profit foundation, which he founded in 2007.

Mayor Perez also thanked Acting Finance Director Christian Johnson for his hard work and dedication during the interim period.

“Chris Johnson has been a valued, capable and hardworking finance professional and on behalf of the City, I want to thank him for his leadership of the Finance Department during this crucial and challenging time,” said the Mayor.

Johnson will continue working for the City in his capacity as Deputy Finance Director.