



**Eddie A. Perez**  
**Mayor**

## **STAFF CHANGE ANNOUNCED AT MAYOR'S OFFICE**

### **---NEWS AND COMMUNITY ADVISORY---**

(August 14, 2009)--- The Office of Hartford Mayor Eddie A. Perez announced today that the Mayor's Chief of Staff Matthew Hennessy will be leaving the office in September to take a position in the private sector. Hennessy, who has served as Chief of Staff to Mayor Perez since 2001, is one of the Mayor's top public policy and political advisors and played leadership roles in the Mayor's three successful elections and the historic reform of the City Charter. Matt also played a key role in city development projects including the rehabilitation of the Hartford Hilton Hotel and led the city's federal and state legislative efforts that generated millions of dollars in new aid for city priorities.

"Since our work together in developing the Learning Corridor, Matt has been a trusted aide and effective advisor who has helped me navigate difficult public policy and political issues. His passion for public service and mastery of the intricacies of government has helped my administration make the City better for all our residents. He will be greatly missed in City Hall," Mayor Perez stated.

"It has been an honor to work for Mayor Perez and the people of Hartford. Over these past eight years under the Mayor's leadership, every neighborhood has benefited from new schools, new housing and new economic development. Crime continues to go down and student scores in our schools are going up. I am happy to have played a small role in these successes. Even though I am leaving government, I will continue to do what I can to support the Mayor's agenda to keep Hartford's progress going," Hennessy said.

Hennessy will be leaving his position with the City on September 14<sup>th</sup>. Deputy COO Susan McMullen will temporarily assume his duties while a search is conducted for a successor.