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Giles Appointed New Rochelle City Clerk

The New Rochelle City Council has appointed Bennie F. Giles, III to serve as City Clerk.

Mr. Giles, a thirteen-year resident of New Rochelle and a small business owner with professional experience in marketing, media relations, and promotional product development, brings to the City Clerk's office an exceptional record of volunteer community service.

Mr. Giles has served as President of the New Rochelle YMCA Board of Directors, Executive Vice President of the New Rochelle Chamber of Commerce, President of the Wykagyl Estates Homeowners Association, President of the African American Art & Cultural Appreciation Council, and Member of the Zoning Board of Appeals. He has been active in the Ward and Albert Leonard PTAs, New Rochelle Little League, and New Rochelle Youth Baseball.

"Bennie's remarkable depth and breadth of community involvement prepare him well for his new responsibilities," said Mayor Noam Bramson. "He knows our city inside and out, believes deeply in public service, and treats all people with respect and courtesy."

In his professional endeavors, Mr. Giles has been a leader and trailblazer. He has received multiple awards, including the Distinguished Service Award from the Promotional Products Association and Entrepreneur of the Year from ASI's *Counselor* magazine. In addition, Mr. Giles was the first African-American to serve on the Board of Directors of the Promotional Products Association and its College Education Foundation.

A veteran of the Vietnam War, Mr. Giles served in the United States Army from 1964 to 1966.

"After many years of involvement in not-for-profits and volunteer organizations, I am excited about this opportunity to serve the people of New Rochelle even more fully," said Mr. Giles. "I will do my best to uphold the highest standards of professionalism and customer service as City Clerk."

The City Clerk attends all meetings of the City Council and maintains Council records. The Clerk directs a professional office and staff of five that serves as a general information bureau and maintains records related to vital statistics, licenses, boards, committees, commissions, intergovernmental contracts, leases, bonds, deeds, publications, and codes. The Clerk's office interacts on a daily basis with the public and is often regarded as a point of entry for citizens with questions or service needs.

Mr. Giles' appointment will become effective on January 1, 2010. He replaces the late Dorothy Allen who served for eleven years prior to her passing on June 3, 2009.

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