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## **New Rochelle City Manager Charles B. Strome, III Announces Retirement**

After a distinguished career in City service spanning over three decades, New Rochelle City Manager Charles B. Strome, III announced his retirement to City Council at their March 8 meeting. Mr. Strome will remain with the City until December 31. A national search is planned for his replacement.

Mr. Strome began his career with the City of New Rochelle in 1989 as Director of Emergency Services and in 1992 became Assistant City Manager/City Coordinator. He was appointed Deputy City Manager in 1995, Acting City Manager in April 2002 and then City Manager in November 2002. Prior to joining local government, Mr. Strome held positions at Hudson Westchester Radio where he was News Director, Vice President, and Program Director.

“It has been my honor to serve the City of New Rochelle for the past 33 years, including 20 years as City Manager,” said Mr. Strome. “I would like to thank all the hard-working City staff I have worked with and the various elected officials who have served with me. New Rochelle has always been a great place to live, work and raise a family. I am confident that the City government is in great shape and the current staff is more than ready to lead the City into the future.”

City Manager Strome’s achievements during his tenure as the chief administrative officer for the City are many. He presented annual budget estimates to City Council, many of which were prepared in the face of distressing economic challenges including a recurring state tax cap, the financial collapse of 2008 and most recently, the global pandemic. Despite these adverse circumstances, the City was able to maintain secure financial footing and even more, prosperity with a strong fund balance and most recently, an upgraded bond rating. Over the years, Mr. Strome worked to build and maintain City staff by attracting a professional leadership team, advocating for the retention and expansion of essential service personnel, and ensure workforce stabilization by negotiating multi-year contracts with the City’s seven unions. While economic factors prohibited substantive growth in the first decades of 2000, downtown revitalization and development efforts marked Mr. Strome’s latest years, with the passage of a

Downtown Overlay Zone that attracted over \$2.2 billion of new investment. The City's infrastructure also received much-needed improvements, with expanded paving programs, stormwater enhancements, equipment upgrades, master plans for a number of City parks, and new maintenance facilities for Parks and Public Works crews. Mr. Strome worked with officials, staff and community partners to coordinate the City's response to local disasters including Nor'easters, hurricanes and tropical storms; and most recently to the COVID-19 pandemic, delivering critical services to residents and those most needy through programs like Nourishall and NewRoStrong. Throughout the years, he built strong relationships with municipal leaders from neighboring communities and worked collaboratively with elected representatives at all levels of government to address common concerns,

"Across decades of public service, Chuck has shaped and led a City Administration characterized by integrity, civility, and kindness, while also tackling some of the most consequential challenges and intense crises in our City's history," said Mayor Noam Bramson. "He will leave office with an unparalleled record of accomplishment and with a legacy of achievement sure to endure for many years, as well as the respect and affection of countless colleagues, and the bipartisan trust of multiple City Councils. I know I speak for all of us in saying it has been a personal privilege to work at Chuck's side, to observe firsthand his deep commitment to the welfare of our community, and to benefit from his wide-ranging experience, straightforward candor, and calm demeanor. I am proud to call Chuck a friend and wish him success and joy in the next chapter of his life."

Mr. Strome's experience and understanding of community have made him a valuable asset to numerous boards and committees throughout the years. Currently, Mr. Strome serves as Chair of the New Rochelle Industrial Development Agency, the Chair of the New Rochelle Corporation for Local Development, a member of the Executive Committee of the Westchester Municipal Officials Association, and the Co-Chair of the City School District's District Wide Health and Safety Committee and Save Committee. Professionally, Mr. Strome is a member of the [International City Managers' Association](#), and former president of the [New York State City / County Managers Association](#). He is also past President, Vice President, and Secretary of the Municipal Administrators Association of Metropolitan New York.

Mr. Strome's accomplishments have been recognized by a number of organizations, including the Chamber of Commerce, the Calabria Society, Boys' and Girls' Club of New Rochelle, New Rochelle Youth Bureau and New Rochelle Fund for Educational Excellence. He has been a proud resident of New Rochelle for 27 years.

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