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Honorable City Councilors:

I respectfully submit this docket item to this Honorable Council requesting the appointment of Greg Gentile as the Fire Chief for the City of Newton.

Greg Gentile is an effective and adaptive leader who is committed to building on the traditions of excellence in the department and to a positive, inclusive and respectful culture. He brings deep experience to the role not just in fire suppression, fire prevention, code enforcement and training, but also with emergency medical response and emergency preparation and operations. He is filled with a love of Newton and the profession and also has a deep commitment to the health and wellbeing of the members of this critically important department. His emotional and intellectual intelligence, curiosity and integrity, work ethic and interpersonal skills will serve him and all of us well.

Chief Gentile is a lifelong Newton resident and a third generation Newton firefighter, with NFD serving as a second home since he was a boy. He is following in the footsteps of his father, Donald "Donnie" Gentile, and grandfather, Nicholas "Nick" Gentile. Together, Donnie and Nick served the City of Newton for 85 years and Greg brings another 18 of his own to the role. My decision to promote Chief Gentile, in part, came after having seen firsthand his effectiveness and leadership during the past two years during the pandemic. In addition, the City's multistage selection process, which included an assessment of competencies by a skilled panel of independent experts and extensive interviews by a cross section of our residents and department heads, reinforced our collective belief in his leadership abilities, competence, trustworthiness, and warmth.

Greg Gentile was hired as a firefighter in April 2004 and was promoted to the rank of Lieutenant in 2010. As Lieutenant, he served in both the Fire Prevention Division and as a company officer in the Suppression force. He was promoted to Captain in 2015, serving in the Training and Safety Division for four years. In 2019, he was promoted to Deputy Chief, serving as a shift commander, responsible for one of the four groups in the suppression force. He started serving as Assistant Chief/Chief of Operations during the early, challenging days of the COVID-19 pandemic in April 2020. With his leadership at the side of Chief Lucchetti, the Department reinvented how to do its essential work with the health and safety of both department members and the public they serve as paramount.

Chief Gentile holds a Bachelor of Science Degree in Business Information Systems from the University of Massachusetts and a Bachelor of Science Degree in Fire Science Administration from Waldorf College. He is also a certified emergency medical technician.

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Chief Gentile started serving as Acting Fire Chief effective Monday, May 9 upon the retirement of Chief Lucchetti. I very much look forward to having Chief Gentile officially join the City's leadership team.

Thank you for your consideration of this matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Ruthanne Fuller". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "R" and a long horizontal stroke under the "n" in "Ruthanne".

Mayor Ruthanne Fuller