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## **The Honorable Donald E. Gregory Sworn In as Deputy Alderman**

**Newark, DE** (February 5, 2014) – Donald E. Gregory, Esq. was sworn in as Newark’s Deputy Alderman by Newark Mayor Polly Sierer this evening. Gregory was recommended by City Council through a resolution at the December 9, 2013, City Council meeting for appointment by Governor Markell with the consent of the State Senate. Gregory was one of three candidates interviewed by City Council.

He is a member of the bar of the State of Delaware since 1980 and has served as an attorney for the UAW Legal Services Plan, the State of Delaware Department of Justice, and three private law firms. Gregory’s strong legal background with many years of experience as an attorney and an arbitrator made him an ideal candidate for Deputy Alderman. “His experience and passion for our community are evident. He will be a great addition to Alderman’s Court,” says Mayor Polly Sierer. Deputy Mayor Jerry Clifton adds, “He has the temperament it takes to work with our diverse population.”

The Deputy Alderman acts as a judge in Alderman’s Court working with Judge Lisa Hatfield, the current Alderman. The Alderman’s Court has jurisdiction over all traffic, criminal misdemeanors, building and animal code violations, and parking violations within Newark city limits. There were 12,164 cases filed in the court in 2013.

***(Photos Attached: 1) Donald Gregory pictured taking the oath with his wife, Danita, standing by; 2) Mayor Polly Sierer delivering the oath to Donald Gregory with his wife, Danita, standing by; 3) Pictured left to right – Council Member Marge Hadden, Council Member Stu Markham, Deputy Alderman Donald Gregory, Danita Gregory, Mayor Polly Sierer, Council Member Jerry Clifton, and Council Member Douglas Tuttle.)***

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