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Office of State Ethics Recognizes Retiring Board Members Mary Bigelow and Dena Castricone for Distinguished Service

Hartford, CT – The Office of State Ethics today announced with deep appreciation the retirement of two long-serving members of the Citizen’s Ethics Advisory Board: **Mary Bigelow of Northford** and **Dena Castricone of North Haven**.

Mary Bigelow has served with distinction for **15 years**, bringing an unwavering commitment to **transparency in government and the advancement of ethical standards at every level of public service**. Throughout her tenure, she has been a steadfast voice for ensuring that the work of the Board is conducted openly and in the public interest, serving as a model for Connecticut municipalities to follow.

Dena Castricone has served on the Board for **10 years**, including a term as **Board Chair**. Under her leadership, the Board upheld its obligations to advise on and enforce the Codes of Ethics during the unprecedented challenges of the COVID-19 pandemic, doing so with integrity and resilience. Ms. Castricone’s dedication to the **lawful and consistent interpretation of the Codes of Ethics** has been instrumental in strengthening public trust in government.

“Mary Bigelow and Dena Castricone have each exemplified the very best of public service,” said **Peter Lewandowski, Executive Director of the Office of State Ethics**. “Their collective wisdom, professionalism, and commitment to the principles of transparency and accountability have left an enduring mark on the Board and the State of Connecticut. On behalf of the Office, I extend my profound appreciation and admiration for their years of service.”

N. Beth Cook, Chair of the Citizen’s Ethics Advisory Board, also expressed her gratitude: “It has been a pleasure and a privilege to serve alongside Mary and Dena. Their thoughtful contributions and steadfast dedication to the mission of this Board have strengthened our collective work and advanced the important charge we are entrusted with on behalf of the people of Connecticut.”

Both Ms. Bigelow and Ms. Castricone will conclude their service this month. Their contributions have been central to advancing the mission of the Office of State Ethics and ensuring the highest ethical standards in state government.

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