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**MAYOR GANIM SWEARS IN NEW BRIDGEPORT  
HEALTH DIRECTOR MARITZA BOND**

**BOND HAS MORE THAN 15 YEARS EXPERIENCE IN PUBLIC HEALTH ADMINISTRATION  
IN BRIDGEPORT AREA, EASTERN CONNECTICUT AND NAUGATUCK VALLEY**

**BRIDGEPORT, CT** – Mayor Joe Ganim today swore in Maritza Bond as the new Director of Health for the city of Bridgeport. Bond brings extensive experience in health administration including nearly a decade with the Eastern Area Health Education Center covering Eastern Connecticut from a base in New London, serving as the organization’s executive director for the last four years. Bond also has experience managing immunization, medical interpretation and other programs for diverse populations in the Bridgeport area and the Naugatuck Valley. She is a graduate of Southern Connecticut State University and holds a Master of Public Health Degree from the University of Connecticut Medical School in Farmington. Bond was nominated for the position by Mayor Ganim after a thorough search and was overwhelmingly approved by the Bridgeport city council on October 17, 2016.



“I am very happy to have Maritza Bond as part of our administration, I am sure she will serve the residents of Bridgeport extremely well,” said Mayor Ganim. “Maritza brings more than 15 years experience in public health administration, dealing with the challenges that face communities such as Bridgeport. Maritza has also spent years working with diverse populations on everything from oral and dental health to immunizations, prevention of communicable diseases, fighting asthma, improving nutrition and many other issues. She clearly has passion and energy for this work and we look forward to years of accomplishments in improving public health in our city that Maritza will lead.”

“I am truly delighted to begin this new journey in Bridgeport,” said Bond. “I am committed to public health excellence in this city, in partnership with community organizations and the

citizens of Bridgeport. We will seek public input and feedback, we are looking for the best ideas for how to promote public health and have the strongest positive impact in our community. I thank both Mayor Ganim and the Bridgeport city council for this honor and opportunity, and I can't wait to get started.”

Maritza Bond's first official day as Bridgeport Director of Health will be Tuesday November 1, 2016 and according to Connecticut state law, she is now sworn in for a term of four years, to conclude on October 31, 2020.