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SANTIAGO TO BE ACTING COMMISSIONER OF PURCHASING

Toledo, Ohio -- Lourdes Santiago, former At-Large Toledo City Councilwoman and Senior Attorney in the Department of Law, will rejoin Toledo city government as Acting Commissioner of Purchasing. The appointment will take effect Tuesday, September 4.

Santiago served in the City of Toledo Law Department from 1983 to 2006. While there, she served as a prosecutor in the criminal division and as Senior Attorney in the civil division where she assisted with the development of policy and legislation. Some of her major projects in the civil division included the implementation of the Family Medical Leave Act, methane gas recoupment, recycling initiatives, and operational mergers. Santiago has also held a number of interim positions within Toledo city government including Commissioner of Community Development, Manager of Code Enforcement, Commissioner of Environmental and Consumer Health, Commissioner of Building Inspection, Director of Development and Director of Neighborhoods.

She was appointed to City Council as an at-large member to fill the unexpired term of Bob McLoskey.

Lourdes Santiago earned a B.A. from the University of Puerto Rico in 1975 and is a 1979 graduate of the University of Toledo College of Law. She is a member of the Toledo Bar Association, University of Toledo Alumni Association, Toledo Sister Cities International, and the NAACP. She earned the Diamante Award in 2000 in the field of Public Service.

Prior to her return to city government, Santiago was employed by the law firm of Gallon, Takacs, Boissoneault, & Schaffer.

"Lourdes brings a wealth of experience to the job," said Mayor Carty Finkbeiner. "We're pleased to welcome her back to the City of Toledo and are confident she'll provide excellent service to the Department of Finance as Commissioner of Purchasing."

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