



ANTHONY R. FANUCCI
MAYOR

August 21, 2023

Memo: Position of Associate Solicitor
Stephen Barse, Esq.

Dear Council President Dr. Arthur and Members of City Council.

As everyone is aware, Michael Benson, Esq. has retired as an Associate Solicitor for the City of Vineland, leaving a vacancy in the Department of Law. The Director has recommended the City employ Mr. Stephen Barse, Esq. to fill the position left vacant by Mr. Benson at the same salary as that of Mr. Benson at the time of his retirement. I am happy to make this recommendation to Council.

Mr. Barse has represented the City as a member of the firm of Gruccio, Pepper for many years and has experience representing municipalities and government agencies including Borough of Avalon and Ocean City Library Board of Directors. As such, he is able to begin immediately.

Kindly accept this letter as my appointment of Stephen Barse, Esq. as Associate Solicitor for the City of Vineland effective August 28, 2023 subject to Council's ratification and confirmation of the same. His salary will be the same as that of Michael Benson.

Respectfully,

Anthony R. Fanucci,
Mayor City of Vineland

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K. Petrosky, CMC