

CITY OF VINELAND, NJ

RESOLUTION NO. 2025- 78

RESOLUTION RATIFYING AND CONFIRMING THE APPOINTMENT OF RICHARD P. TONETTA, ESQ., SOLICITOR AND DIRECTOR OF LAW FOR THE CITY OF VINELAND, TO THE POSITION OF ALTERNATE MUNICIPAL PROSECUTOR FOR THE VINELAND MUNICIPAL COURT.

WHEREAS, from time to time, the chief prosecutor and prosecutor for the City duly appointed in accordance with ordinance 2005-16, as amended, Chapter 110 Article V of the Code of the City of Vineland are unable to serve due to illness or conflict which requires the need for the Alternate Municipal Prosecutor, authorized in accordance with Chapter 110 Article V Section 110-21, to serve so the municipal court may continue to operate without impacting the rights of the defendants and victims scheduled to be in court; and

WHEREAS, a Directive from the Assignment Judge from Vicinage XV, Cumberland, Gloucester and Salem Counties requires a municipality to appoint a named person to the position of Alternate Prosecutor and therefore the Director of Law, Richard P. Tonetta, an experienced municipal prosecutor, has indicated his willingness to serve in the capacity of Alternate Municipal Prosecutor in the absence of the appointed Chief Prosecutor and Prosecutor so court sessions are not cancelled.

WHEREAS, the Mayor has appointed Richard P. Tonetta, Esq. to the position of Alternate Municipal Prosecutor for the Vineland Municipal Court subject to the ratification and confirmation by City Council at no cost to the City; and

WHEREAS, the City Council finds that Richard P. Tonetta, Esq. meets all of the qualifications required to serve in the capacity of Alternate Municipal Prosecutor and that the appointment will be in the best interest of the City.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Vineland that the appointment of Richard P. Tonetta, Esq., to the position of Alternate Municipal Prosecutor for the Vineland Municipal Court at no salary is hereby ratified and confirmed.

Adopted: February 11, 2025

President of Council pfs

ATTEST:

City Clerk kp



ANTHONY R. FANUCCI
MAYOR

February 3, 2025

To: Council President Spinelli and Members of City Council
Re: Appointment of Alternate Municipal Prosecutor, Vineland Municipal Court

Dear Council President Spinelli and Members of Council,

Please take note that I have appointed Richard P. Tonetta, Esq. Director of Law and City Solicitor, to serve in the capacity of Alternate Municipal Prosecutor in the Vineland Municipal Court. This appointment will allow the municipal court to continue to function in the extraordinary event that both of the appointed prosecutors are unable to serve for a particular day due to illness or conflict. Mr. Tonetta will not receive any remuneration for this service. Naturally, this appointment is subject to your approval per Chapter 110 Article V of the code of the City of Vineland.

Respectfully,

Anthony R. Fanucci, Mayor
City of Vineland

Cc Municipal Clerk

Richard P. Tonetta

717 Elmer Street
Vineland, New Jersey 08360
(856) 794-1400

EMPLOYMENT

Law Offices of Richard P. Tonetta SOLE PRACTITIONER OF LAW FIRM VINELAND, NEW JERSEY 08360	1994 to Present
Director of Law & Solicitor CITY OF VINELAND	7/1996 to 6/2000 7/2004 to 6/30/2008 1/2013 TO PRESENT
Prosecutor, Borough of Buena BOROUGH OF BUENA MINOTOLA, NEW JERSEY 08341	4/2004 to 12/2011
Solicitor, Borough of Buena BOROUGH OF BUENA MINOTOLA, NEW JERSEY 08341	1/2012 to 5/2018
Assistant Solicitor, Borough of Buena BOROUGH OF BUENA MINOTOLA, NEW JERSEY 08341	4/2004 to 12/2011
Redevelopment Counsel, Borough of Buena BOROUGH OF BUENA MINOTOLA, NEW JERSEY 08341	4/2004 to 5/2018
First Assistant, City Solicitor, City of Vineland CITY OF VINELAND VINELAND, NEW JERSEY 08360	7/2000 to 6/2004
Solicitor, Willow Grove Board of Fire Commissioners, District II PITTSBORO, NEW JERSEY	1/1984 to Present
Solicitor, South Jersey Cooperative Association, Inc. Vineland, New Jersey 08360	1/1996 to Present
Solicitor, Borough of Woodbine BOROUGH OF WOODBINE WOODBINE, NEW JERSEY	1/2010 to Present
Counsel, County of Cumberland Worker's Compensation Counsel and Preparation of Deeds	4/2012 to 6/2013
Law Office of Adamo, LaBoy & Tonetta PARTNER IN LAW FIRM	1984 to 1994

VINELAND, NEW JERSEY 08360

Law Offices of Adamo, Pagliughi, LaBoy & Tonetta **1982 to 1984**
PARTNER IN LAW FIRM
VINELAND, NEW JERSEY 08360

LAW OFFICES OF ADAMO & PAGLIUGHI **1980 to 1982**
ASSOCIATE IN LAW FIRM
VINELAND, NEW JERSEY 08360

EDUCATION

Juris Doctorate **1980**
GEORGE MASON UNIVERSITY
ARLINGTON, VIRGINIA

Bachelor of Arts **1977**
LASALLE UNIVERSITY
PHILADELPHIA, PENNSYLVANIA

High School Diploma **1973**
VINELAND HIGH SCHOOL
VINELAND, NEW JERSEY

ADMISSIONS

Licensed to Practice in the Following Courts:

- United States Supreme Court - 1984 to Present
- United States Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit - 1981 to Present
- United States District Court for the District of New Jersey - 1980 to Present
- Superior Court of New Jersey - 1980 to Present

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

- Member Cumberland County Bar Association - 1980 to Present
- Member Delta Theta Phi Law Fraternity - 1977 to Present
- Member & Chairperson Community Dispute Resolution Committee, Vineland, New Jersey - 1984 to 2000
- Member New Jersey Institute of Municipal Attorneys - 2001 to Present
- Member New Jersey Municipal Prosecutor's Association - 2006 to 2015
- Member State of New Jersey Bar Association - 2008 to Present

CIVIC AFFILIATIONS

- Charter Member Vineland Downtown Improvement District
- Charter Member Cumberland Empowerment Zone
- Member Vineland Chamber of Commerce
- Charter Member Cumberland Empowerment Zone

PERSONAL

Married to Nancy Tonetta - 1980

Children: Amanda Tonetta - age 38; Graduate Philadelphia University Bachelor of Architecture,
Graduate Jefferson University, BSN, NP

Richard Tonetta - age 35, Graduate - Hofstra University Masters Seton Hall

Robert Tonetta - age 32; University of Hawaii 2010-2011-Graduate Rowan University

REFERENCES

Mayor William Pikolycky, Borough of Woodbine
501 Washington Avenue
Woodbine, New Jersey 08270

Mayor Joseph Baruffi, Borough of Buena
616 Central Avenue
Minotola, New Jersey 08341

Mayor Anthony Fanucci, City of Vineland
640 East Wood Street
Vineland, New Jersey 08360

Keith Petrosky, Municipal Clerk
629 Wood Street
Vineland, New Jersey 08360