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SHELBY COUNTY MAYOR LEE HARRIS ANNOUNCES APPOINTMENT OF DWAN GILLIOM AS CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

Dwan Gilliom will begin in his new role of Chief Administrative Officer on October 1.

Memphis, TN - Shelby County Mayor Lee Harris is pleased to announce the appointment of Dwan Gilliom as Chief Administrative Officer of Shelby County Government. The CAO serves as the top non-elected officer in Shelby County Government, running the day to day operations of the county.

Mr. Gilliom has more than 30 years experience in public service, including Director of Public Works for the City of Memphis, Executive Director of Facilities Management for Shelby County Schools, and most recently, Administrator of Support Services for Shelby County Government.

“Mr. Gilliom has devoted his adulthood to service, as a military man, law enforcement officer, and longtime government official,” says Mayor Harris. “We are lucky when we find someone who has the skill set to lead and a heart for service. In Dwan Gilliom, we have found both.”

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“As a native Memphian who has served in numerous positions in local government for more than 30 years, I am extremely honored and humbled to be selected by Mayor Harris to continue serving this community as his Chief Administrative Officer,” says Mr. Gilliom. “I look forward to the rewarding opportunities this position will afford me in assisting Mayor Harris and his entire administration create a better Shelby County for all.”

“Mr. Gilliom is a great choice as the next Chief Administrative Officer for many reasons, including, he knows how to formulate and execute a plan,” says Shelby County Commissioner Van Turner. “Mr. Gilliom not only believes in getting the job done, but he also believes in doing so with quality, attention to detail, and promptness.”

“Mr. Gilliom possesses all the leadership qualities that are essential to success like critical thinking and being proactive,” Commissioner Walter Bailey, attorney at The Walter Bailey Law Firm. “He possesses the ultimate alacrity to take on undertakings with positive infectious energy. His engaging style is an enormous asset and will enable him to interact effectively with staff, other elected officials as well as Commission members.”

“Mr. Gilliom has the skills and abilities to excel in this position to help lead Shelby County Government,” says Michael A. Hooks, Jr., CEO of Allworld Project Management. “He is a hard-working public servant who is well respected for his integrity and work ethic among his colleagues up and down the organizational chart.”

“Mr. Gilliom’s ability to get things done while working within the constraints of government makes him the ideal choice to serve as the next CAO for Shelby County,” says Commissioner J.W. Gibson, Chairman and CEO of Gibson Companies. “He has spent decades building relationships across the entire community, including the business community, while earning the respect and trust of those that know him.”

Mr. Gilliom will begin in his new role of Chief Administrative Officer on October 1, 2019. He is the successor to Patrice Thomas, who now works as Chief of Staff for Shelby County Schools.

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