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Kate Ascher

Executive Vice-President for Infrastructure, Economic Development Corporation

Kate Ascher is currently Executive Vice-President for Infrastructure at the Economic Development Corporation, a non-profit corporation serving New York City. In that capacity, she oversees city policy with respect to a variety of areas including energy and telecommunications policy and transportation. Among her other responsibilities, Kate and her staff oversee activities at the New York Cruise Terminal, work with the Department of Sanitation on the City's Solid Waste Management Plan and oversee aviation issues for the City.

Prior to joining EDC, Kate has held a variety of positions in both private and public sectors. She served as Director of Project Finance for Coopers & Lybrand Corporate Finance in London, prior to its merger with Price Waterhouse. In that capacity she privatized a number of state-run transportation entities in Europe, structured financings for international infrastructure projects, and did extensive advisory work for the World Bank and other international financial institutions.

Earlier, Kate served as Deputy Director of the Port Department at the Port Authority of New York & New Jersey, where she was involved with numerous transportation projects in the maritime and broader freight industries. Kate holds both Masters and Doctorate degrees in Government from the London School of Economics, as well as a Bachelor's degree from Brown University. She has published a number of books and articles on a variety of public policy subjects, and recently completed a PBS documentary about the maritime industry.

Gordon J. Campbell
CEO, Safe Horizon

Gordon J. Campbell is the Chief Executive Officer of Safe Horizon, the nations' leading victim assistance organization. For over a quarter of a century, Safe Horizon has been at the forefront of helping victims of crime and abuse, including domestic violence, rape and sexual assault, homicide, trafficking, stalking, and child physical and sexual abuse. As the leading provider of services to more than 350,000 victims of violence in New York City each year, Safe Horizon is in the courts, in the community, and at the other end of a telephone at any hour of the day or night.

Prior to joining Safe Horizon, Mr. Campbell served as the Commissioner of the New York City Department of Homeless Services. Mr. Campbell also served as the Chief of Staff to New York City's First Deputy Mayor. In over ten years in New York City government, Mr. Campbell was the Deputy Director of the Mayor's Office of Operations, the Director of the Human Resources Administration's Division of AIDS Services, an office that he created, organized, and staffed, the Director of the Medicaid Transportation Division as well as one of three Mayoral appointees to the City's Procurement Policy Board.

Mr. Campbell received his Juris Doctor from the University of Washington Law School, and his Masters in Public Administration from the John F. Kennedy School of Government at Harvard University. He formerly served as an adjunct Assistant Professor of Public Administration at New York University's Robert F. Wagner Graduate School of Public Service for seven years. Mr. Campbell serves on the Boards of Directors of the 9/11 United Services Group, the Human Services Council, the Citizens Advice Bureau, and the Executive Council of the Coordinated Assistance Network (CAN). He is also a member of the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene's Advisory Council and a Mayoral appointee to the New York City Domestic Violence Fatality Review Board.

**Peter Cantillo,
Assistant Deputy General Manager, New York City Housing Authority**

On July 15, 2002 Peter Cantillo came to NYCHA and assumed the position of Assistant Deputy General Manager of Operations for Support Services. He oversees the Housing Applications Department, Operations Services, Technical Services, Emergency Services, and Asset Management Departments consisting of more than 1,100 employees. Prior to NYCHA, Mr. Cantillo served as Vice-President of Development for Westhab, Westchester County's largest provider of affordable housing. In this capacity, he was responsible for the management and supervision of all development activities including financing and construction of new and rehabilitated mixed-income, multi-family, and single-family housing units.

Mr. Cantillo has twenty-six years of government experience in housing development, construction and management. Peter started working for the City of N.Y. in 1973 as a College Intern at the Department of City Planning while studying for his Master's degree in Urban Planning at N.Y.U. at night. He passed his Civil Service Exam and became a Junior Planner in 1974 and an Assistant Planner in 1976. In 1979, soon after Community Planning Boards were established, he became one of the City's 1st District Managers working in the Hunts Point section of the South Bronx. Under his leadership, this neighborhood, which was then infamously known as Fort Apache, experienced a renaissance and is now highly regarded for its "Little Houses on Prairie" referring to the hundreds of two-family houses that now cover the vacant lots that once blighted this community.

In 1987, Peter was hired by the Department of Housing Preservation and Development to direct its Homeless Housing Construction Program and was quickly promoted to Assistant Commissioner. In this position, Peter was responsible for overseeing residential and commercial relocation activities resulting from fires, unsafe building conditions, and urban renewal projects. He then served as Assistant Commissioner of the Division of Code Enforcement. In this capacity, Peter was responsible for overseeing a staff of 700 employees who inspect and correct health and safety violations within private residential buildings.

Peter is also the President of the Boatyard Condominiums on City Island in the Bronx, where he and his wife (1st Mate) Carmen have a home and are avid sailors.

John J. Doherty
Commissioner, Department of Sanitation

John J. Doherty, a long-time veteran of the Department of Sanitation, returned as the 42nd Commissioner on February 1, 2002. Commissioner Doherty, born and raised in Staten Island, is only the fifth person in the Department of Sanitation's history to rise through the ranks to become Commissioner.

He began his career with the Department as a Sanitation Worker in 1960. He quickly advanced himself within the Department to hold key positions such as Assistant Chief of Snow Operations, Chief of Bureau Operations, Director of the Bureau of Cleaning and Collection (the Department's largest division), Deputy Commissioner for Operations, and First Deputy Commissioner. Prior to his three-year sabbatical, he served as the Department's 40th Commissioner from 1994 through 1998.

Commissioner Doherty is a graduate of the Senior Executive Program at Harvard University's John F. Kennedy School of Government. He also completed New York City's Top 40, a program that recognized and developed the future leaders of New York City.

Susan Kath
Environmental Law, Chief, New York City Law Department

Susan Kath has served as Chief of the Environmental Law Division at the New York City Law Department since 1997 and has worked on solid waste management issues for the City for over fifteen years. The Division represents and assists the City and its agencies in an extensive range of environmental matters, including land-use review of City projects and private development, SEQRA/CEQR litigation, solid and hazardous waste management, Brownfields redevelopment, litigation to protect New York City from global climate change impacts, Clean Air Act compliance, wastewater treatment and compliance, energy development issues, parks and natural resources protection, and Safe Drinking Water Act compliance. The Division works closely with the City's Department of Environmental Protection on numerous matters concerning the City's water supply system, including affirmative litigation to protect water quality and enforcement and implementation of the historic City Watershed Memorandum of Agreement. Ms. Kath is a graduate of Northwestern University (B.S.S. 1979) and Fordham Law School (J.D. 1985).

Haeda Mihaltses
Director, Office of Intergovernmental Affairs for Mayor Michael R. Bloomberg

Haeda is currently the Director of the Office of Intergovernmental Affairs for Mayor Michael R. Bloomberg. She coordinates the City's interaction with the City, State and Federal Legislative Affairs Offices, as well as, the Offices of the City Comptroller, Public Advocate and Borough Presidents. Her office keeps the Mayor and Deputy Mayors informed about intergovernmental issues and is the liaison between the city and other governments.

Haeda previously served as the Director of the City Council Finance Division under Former Speaker Peter F. Vallone. There she successfully led negotiations for adopting the budget for the City of New York. Prior to becoming Director she served as Deputy Director of the Council's Finance office.

Haeda holds a Masters of Arts and Liberal Science in Public Administration as well as a Bachelors of Arts in Economics from Fordham University. In 1991 she was a recipient of the Mayor's Graduate Scholarship.

She currently serves as Mayor Bloomberg's representative to the Queens Borough Public Library. Haeda is the Board Chairperson of the William Spyropoulos Greek American Day School in Flushing, and has served on the Executive Board of the St. Nicholas Greek Orthodox Church in Flushing, Queens as Assistant Treasurer and as Secretary. In addition, she currently serves as an advisory Board Member for the Center of Byzantine and Modern Greek Studies at Queens College and has been a lecturer at the Urban Studies Department at the college. She has recently been appointed to the National Board of the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese Ladies Philoptochos Society.

Haeda was born and raised in the Pelham Bay section of the Bronx and is the oldest of four children. Her parents, Stergios and Stella Bizekis, emigrated to the United States from the town of Naoussa in Macedonia, Greece in 1962. She and her husband George presently reside in Bayside, Queens.

Maryanne Schretzman
Deputy Commissioner of Policy and Planning, New York City Department of Homeless Services

Maryanne Schretzman is responsible for policy analysis, research, program planning and evaluation, advocacy, and information technology for the agency. Prior to coming to DHS in 2002, she served as Deputy of Management Analysis, Development and Research for the NYC Administration for Children's Services.

Dr. Schretzman is an Adjunct Professor at the Hunter School of Social Work. She earned a Doctor of Social Welfare from The Graduate School and University Center of the City of New York and has an MSW from the Hunter College School of Social Work.

Harold Shultz
Special Counsel, New York City Department of Housing Preservation and Development

Harold Shultz is Special Counsel for the New York City Department of Housing Preservation and Development, the Agency charged with responsibility for privately owned and city owned housing in the City of New York.

As Special Counsel he is involved in a wide variety of legal and programmatic issues involving housing in New York City, including lead paint, lofts, homeless housing, the City's new methods of tax foreclosure and third party transfer of tax foreclosed properties He has represented HPD in working with HUD on foreclosed HUD housing projects.

He is also responsible for analysis of housing policy in New York City, including overseeing the production of the triennial Housing and Vacancy Report.

In two years with the Mayor's Office of Contracts, Harold was responsible for integrity reviews for New York City's contractors.

In his 28 years with HPD he has performed a variety of jobs in the Department, including Deputy Commissioner for the Office of Housing Preservation, in which he was responsible for enforcing the Housing Maintenance Code in all of New York City's 3,000,000 housing units, and Deputy Commissioner for Housing Policy and Supervision in which he supervised City assisted Mitchell-Lama housing and directed intergovernmental relations at the City, State and Federal level. As Deputy General Counsel to HPD's Office of Property Management and Assistant Commissioner for Legal Affairs he provided legal counsel to HPD's divisions that managed and developed over 100,000 units of tax foreclosed housing. He started his career

at HPD as an attorney representing the agency in code enforcement litigation in New York City's Housing Court.

Patricia M. Smith

First Deputy Commissioner, New York City Human Resources Administration

Patricia M. Smith is the First Deputy Commissioner of the Human Resources Administration/Department of Social Services (HRA/DSS). It is the second highest position in HRA/DSS. HRA/DSS Administrator/Commissioner Verna Eggleston appointed her to her current position in February 2002.

Ms. Smith brings her extensive knowledge and experience to the position she now holds. In over thirty years at HRA/DSS she has risen steadily through the ranks beginning first in what is now called the Family Independence Administration (FIA) where she was an Income Maintenance Specialist interviewing clients seeking assistance, to the position of Executive Deputy Commissioner of FIA before her appointment as First Deputy Commissioner. Throughout her career she has worked on direct services in diverse divisions and has managed many support areas. She manages all the direct services provided by HRA to millions of New Yorkers.

Ms. Smith was instrumental at HRA/DSS in transforming Income Support Centers into what are now Job Centers and continues the Welfare Reform effort in New York City through designing, implementing, and managing the many services and programs HRA/DSS has to move people to their highest degree of self-sufficiency.

Ms. Smith holds a Master of Business Administration Degree in Management from Pace University. Her skills and experience with the agency make her invaluable to the HRA/DSS in their mission.