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Alan D. Aviles, Esq.

Acting President and Chief Executive Officer, Health and Hospitals Corporation

Mr. Alan D. Aviles is currently the Acting President of the New York City Health and Hospitals Corporation with primary responsibility for management and policy implementation. Before his appointment as Acting President, Mr. Aviles, as Senior Vice President of the Queens Health Network and Executive Director of Elmhurst Hospital Center, was responsible for leading an integrated healthcare network with 5000 employees, 40,000 annual discharges, 1 million outpatient visits, and a total budget in excess of \$650 million. Mr. Aviles also has served as General Counsel of HHC with oversight of all HHC's legal affairs.

Mr. Aviles' health care experience includes Senior Vice President of the Ryan Community Health Network (RCHN) where he was responsible for overseeing major network development initiatives and diverse special projects and senior leadership roles in ambulatory care, strategic planning/business development at the HHC Queens Network. Prior to his entry into the healthcare sector, Mr. Aviles was a public interest litigator with extensive experience in the areas of civil rights, consumer fraud, investor protection, condo/co-op fraud, anti-trust enforcement, and fraud in the management and solicitation of charitable funds. Mr. Aviles is a graduate of Columbia College and the Rutgers School of Law in Newark, New Jersey.

Nicholas Scoppetta

Commissioner, Fire Department

Nicholas Scoppetta, Commissioner for the Administration for Children's Services in the Giuliani administration, was appointed as New York City's 31st Fire Commissioner by Mayor Michael R. Bloomberg on December 30, 2001. Commissioner Scoppetta heads a Department with more than 16,000 Fire, EMS and civilian members. His extensive experience in government and management spans more than four decades.

Commissioner Scoppetta is a former Deputy Mayor and Commissioner of Investigation for the City of New York. He received his Juris Doctorate from Brooklyn Law School in 1962.

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While attending law school at night, he worked by day as an investigator for the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children. Upon graduation from law school, he was appointed an Assistant District Attorney in New York County by District Attorney Frank S. Hogan. He has also served as Associate Counsel to the Knapp Commission, an Assistant United States Attorney for the Southern District of New York, and as the Deputy Independent Counsel in the investigation and prosecution of a former Special Assistant to the President of the United States. After serving two years in the Army, he attended Bradley University on the G.I. Bill and graduated in 1958 with a degree in Engineering.

Shaun Donovan

Commissioner, Housing Preservation and Development

Mr. Donovan was named Commissioner of the New York City Department of Housing Preservation and Development (HPD) on March 4, 2004 by Mayor Michael R. Bloomberg. Commissioner Donovan is responsible for implementing Mayor Bloomberg's \$3 billion housing initiative, "Housing in the New Marketplace: Creating Housing for the Next Generation," which will fund the creation or preservation of 65,000 units of housing over five years. It is the City's most ambitious housing plan in over 20 years.

Commissioner Donovan joins the Administration from Prudential Mortgage Capital Company where he was the Managing Director overseeing \$1.5 billion of debt and equity investments in federal, state and local subsidized affordable housing and President and CEO of one of the nations largest Federal Housing Administration lenders. Before Prudential, Commissioner Donovan was a visiting scholar at New York University where he studied federally-assisted and Mitchell-Lama housing in New York City. He has held a number of positions at the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development including Acting Federal Housing Commissioner and Deputy Assistant Secretary for Multifamily Housing. Commissioner Donovan earned a Master of Public Administration from the Kennedy School of Government at Harvard, a Masters in Architecture from Harvard Graduate School of Design, and a BA from Harvard University.

Iris Weinshall

Commissioner, Department of Transportation

Iris Weinshall was appointed Commissioner of the Department of Transportation on September 8, 2000. Ms. Weinshall came to that position after a career of more than 20 years in city government. Her most recent previous position was First Deputy Commissioner of the Department of Citywide Administrative Services.

Commissioner Weinshall served from 1988 to 1996 as Deputy Commissioner for Management and Budget at the Department of Environmental Protection. Previously, she was President of the New York City Financial Services Corporation, a nonprofit organization which functioned as the financing arm for the City's economic development initiatives. Commissioner Weinshall earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in History from Brooklyn College and a Masters in Public Administration from New York University's Robert F. Wagner School of Public Administration. A lifelong resident of Brooklyn, she has two teenage daughters. She is married to U.S. Senator Charles Schumer

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Diana Fortuna

President, Citizens Budget Commission

Since 1998, Diana Fortuna has been the President of the Citizens Budget Commission, a nonpartisan, nonprofit civic organization devoted to influencing constructive change in the finances and services of New York State and New York City governments. Ms. Fortuna has extensive experience in budget and policy analysis at all levels of government.

Ms. Fortuna served on the White House Domestic Policy Council staff and as Assistant to the Administrator of the U.S. Health Care Financing Administration in Washington, D.C. At New York State's Office of Federal Affairs, she analyzed federal issues for the State. Before that, she was a Deputy Director for the City of New York's Office of Management and Budget.

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