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Biographies

Lilliam Barrios-Paoli Commissioner, Department for the Aging

Lilliam Barrios-Paoli was appointed Commissioner of the New York City Department for the Aging (DFTA) in December 2008, following a long career in both City government and the nonprofit sector. Most recently, she was President and CEO of Safe Space NYC, Inc. a non-profit organization serving over 25,000 children and families in New York City. Before joining Safe Space, she served as Senior Vice President and Chief Executive for Agency Services at United Way of New York City. Barrios-Paoli's prior government service includes appointments as Commissioner at four agencies during the Koch and Giuliani administrations - the Department of Employment, the Department of Personnel (now DCAS), the Department of Housing Preservation and Development and the Human Resources Administration. Additionally, she was the Executive Director of Lincoln Hospital in the South Bronx. A graduate of the School of Anthropology of Universidad Iberoamericana in Mexico City, Ms. Barrios-Paoli also holds a Masters degree and a PhD from the New School for Social Research. She is a former Trustee of the New School.

Florence A. Davis Director and President, Starr Foundation

Florence Davis is President and a member of the Board of Directors of The Starr Foundation. Ms. Davis is a graduate of Wellesley College (highest honors, Phi Beta Kappa) and New York University School of Law (Root-Tilden Scholar). She began her legal career in private practice with Sullivan & Cromwell in 1979. From 1986-1995, Ms. Davis served in a number of positions at Morgan Stanley & Co., Incorporated, where

she was a Principal and Director of Worldwide Regulatory Affairs. From 1995-1999, Ms. Davis was Vice President and General Counsel of American International Group, Inc. ("AIG"). She is retired from the practice of law.

Ms. Davis is a trustee of New York University and New York University School of Law and a director of The International Rescue Committee, and the Eisenhower Fellowships. She is a member of the Council on Foreign Relations. Ms. Davis was a member of Mayor Bloomberg's Committee on Economic Opportunity and co-chaired the subcommittees on health and housing.

Robert Doar
Commissioner, Human Resources Administration

On January 8, 2007, Mayor Michael Bloomberg appointed Robert Doar as the Administrator and Commissioner of the Human Resources Administration and Department of Social Services (HRA/DSS). Commissioner Doar is the former Commissioner of the New York State Office of Temporary and Disability Assistance (OTDA), the agency which has leadership responsibility for local welfare, food stamp, child support and disability determination programs across the state.

Commissioner Doar has received awards and commendations for his work in the field of human services, including the 2006 State Leader of the Year Award of the National Child Support Enforcement Association, the 2005 Government Partner Award from the Supportive Housing Network of New York and the 2004 Group Commissioner's Award conferred by the Administration of Children & Families of the Department of Health and Human Services.

Commissioner Doar holds a Bachelor of Arts Degree from Princeton University. He is the son of John Doar, a former Assistant Attorney General for Civil Rights in the United States Department of Justice under President John Kennedy. Mr. Doar and his wife, Sara, have four children and live in Brooklyn.

Linda I. Gibbs
Deputy Mayor, Health and Human Services, Office of the Mayor

Linda I. Gibbs is the Deputy Mayor for Health and Human Services. As Deputy Mayor for Health and Human Services, Gibbs oversees the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene, Human Resources Administration, Administration for Children's Services, Department of Homeless Services, Department for the Aging, Health and Hospitals Corporation, Department of Correction, Department of Probation, Department of Juvenile Justice, Office of Health Insurance Access, and the HIV Health and Human Services Planning Council. Prior to her appointment as Deputy Mayor, Gibbs was the Commissioner of the Department of Homeless Services. During the Giuliani Administration, Gibbs served as the Deputy Commissioner for Management and Planning for the Administration for Children's Services. Since her graduation from SUNY Buffalo School of Law in 1985, Gibbs has served in various positions in New York City's government. She has also served in the New York City Council as Special Advisor to the Director of the Finance Division and at the Mayor's Office of Management and Budget as Deputy Director for Social Services.

Kate. D. Levin
Commissioner, Department of Cultural Affairs

Kate D. Levin is the Commissioner of the New York City Department of Cultural Affairs (DCA). In this role, she directs cultural policy for New York City, supporting and strengthening the City's cultural life through public funding for nonprofit cultural organizations throughout the five boroughs. Prior to her appointment, she was an Assistant Professor of English and Theater at the City College of New York/CUNY and Associate Director of the Simon H. Rifkind Center for Humanities and the Arts at CCNY.

She has served as Director of Corporate Relations and Director of Special Projects at the Brooklyn Academy of Music (BAM), and has worked as a consultant for several cultural organizations, including BAM, the Jim Henson Foundation, and Socrates Sculpture Park. Commissioner Levin was executive assistant to the Mayor's Chief of Staff, and Special Assistant to the Commissioner of Cultural Affairs, during the Koch administration.

Marla Simpson
Director and Chief Procurement Office, Mayor's Office of Contract Services

Marla Simpson is the Director of the Mayor's Office of Contract Services (MOCS) and New York City's Chief Procurement Officer. Appointed by Mayor Michael R. Bloomberg in 2003, she is also designated as the Director of Environmental Purchasing.

MOCS seeks to improve the City's services to the public by ensuring that its agencies obtain quality services, construction and supplies from responsible contractors at fair prices. In addition, MOCS provides technical assistance to agencies and vendors to make procurements more competitive, fair and efficient. MOCS' policy initiatives and programs include environmentally-sustainable purchasing, strengthened enforcement of labor law and wage rate protections, expanded opportunities for minority- and women-owned businesses, promulgation of a public disclosure database to curb "Pay-to-Play" influence in City campaigns, and development of a fully electronic procurement workflow tracking system. In the human services sector, MOCS is working to track and ensure timely processing of client services contracts, increase transparency, encourage provider involvement in procurement planning and develop capacity-building programs to assist not-for-profits in meeting their contractual goals.

Marla holds a University of Michigan law degree and a Michigan State undergraduate degree. Before joining the City, Marla served as Charities Bureau investigations section chief in the New York State Attorney General's Office, as an administrator at Brooklyn College, and as Counsel and Director of Land Use Planning for the Manhattan Borough President. She also practiced securities and intellectual property law in the private sector, and environmental and community development law with New York Lawyers for the Public Interest.