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NEW YORK CITY BOARD OF CORRECTION NAMES JASMINE GEORGES-YILLA AS EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

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New York, NY – The **New York City Board of Correction** (“Board”) has named Jasmine Georges-Yilla as its Executive Director. The Board approved Ms. Georges-Yilla’s appointment during an executive session meeting held on September 8, 2023. Ms. Georges-Yilla has served as the Board’s Interim Executive Director since March 9, 2023, leading the Board’s efforts to monitor and promote compliance with the Board’s Minimum Standards regulating conditions of confinement, correctional health and mental health care, as well as its other oversight mandates.

Ms. Georges-Yilla brings 16 years of legal and managerial experience in New York City public service, beginning her career at the New York City Law Department’s Administrative Law Division, where she became one of the division’s Criminal Court Supervisors. Ms. Georges-Yilla also served as Deputy General Counsel at the New York City Employees’ Retirement System and Acting General Counsel at the New York City Mayor’s Office for International Affairs, after which she returned to the Law Department as Senior Counsel in the Legal Counsel Division, where she advised City agencies, the Mayor’s Office and other elected officials on policy initiatives, local regulations, and pending state and local legislation. Ms. Georges-Yilla joined the Board in May 2022 as its General Counsel, ensuring that the Board maintains the highest standards of ethical conduct and conformity with government statutes and regulations. In March 2023, Board Chair Dwayne Sampson selected her as Interim Executive Director. The Board formally appointed Ms. Georges-Yilla as Interim Executive Director on June 5, 2023.

For the last six months, Ms. Georges-Yilla has led the agency through many challenges, including unprecedented restrictions on Board access to Department of Correction video footage. Ms. Georges-Yilla has excelled in the performance of her duties, has worked diligently with Board members and Board staff alike, and has modeled professional excellence through her empathetic and collaborative leadership. Ms. Georges-Yilla has also demonstrated her commitment to the work of the Board as the independent oversight agency for the New York City jail system and the goal of smaller, safer, and more humane jails.

The Board of Correction consists of nine members, three of whom are appointed directly by the Mayor, three by the Mayor jointly with the presiding justices of the Appellate Division of the Supreme Court for the first and second judicial departments, and three by the City Council. The Executive Director of the Board of Correction is appointed by the Board's members.

Board members and public officials expressed their support of Ms. Georges-Yilla's appointment:

"Jasmine Georges-Yilla has demonstrated exceptional leadership and thoughtfulness as interim executive director for the Board of Correction during tumultuous times," said Board Member **Rachael Bedard**. "She has ably managed multiple crises while keeping board members informed and board staff focused on the hard work of overseeing the jail system. I couldn't be more thrilled that she's willing to stay on in the role and become our permanent ED. We are incredibly lucky to have her."

"I greatly welcome the appointment of Jasmine Georges-Yilla as the new Executive Director of the Board of Correction," said Board Member **Robert Cohen**. "She brings excellent honed policy and leadership skills to this important position in NYC's criminal legal system. Her deep knowledge of City government and the respect she engenders in colleagues and staff have been earned through her years of service. As a long-term member of the Board, I am particularly impressed by her commitment to serve the people locked up in NYC's jails and those who work there. She is ascending to a position of great difficulty and great importance in our City. Jasmine Georges-Yilla is well up to the task."

"Jasmine Georges-Yilla's leadership, ability to inspire others, exceptional track record as Interim Executive Director, and commitment to the Board's core mission make her the ideal person to lead this agency to new heights of success," said Board Member **Jacqueline Sherman**. "I have every confidence that Jasmine will bring a fresh and innovative perspective to fulfill the Board's crucial oversight role and navigate present and future challenges with grace, compassion, and dedication. I extend my warmest congratulations and full support to Jasmine in this new chapter of the Board's storied history."

"Independent and robust oversight of New York City's correctional facilities is critical to public safety," said Speaker **Adrienne Adams**. "The Board of Correction is necessary to ensure that baseline standards are met in all our facilities and that the Department of Correction is held accountable for maintaining humane conditions inside jails. The appointment of Jasmine Georges-Yilla as Executive Director is a significant step for the BOC in fulfilling its mandated responsibilities, and I look forward to her facilitating the success of the Board's work."

"The Board of Correction has an essential role in oversight, and must be empowered to carry out that work efficiently and effectively," said Public Advocate **Jumaane Williams**. "Jasmine Georges-Yilla is well-prepared and well-equipped with the expertise needed to meet this mandate and moment, and with city jails in crisis, there is no more important time for the Board to have this strong leadership holding the Department of Correction accountable and pushing for change."

Incoming Board Executive Director **Jasmine Georges-Yilla** said on her appointment, "I am incredibly excited to assume the role of Executive Director of the NYC Board of Correction during such a pivotal and historic period. I appreciate the Board's confidence in my leadership and am deeply committed to the Board's mission of creating safer, fairer, smaller, and more humane jails. I look forward to working with Board Members, Board staff, the Department of Correction,

Correctional Health Services, and BOC's community of stakeholders to make meaningful changes that will positively impact the people who live and work in the City's jails."

The New York City Board of Correction is a nine-person oversight board that regulates, monitors, and inspects the correctional facilities of the city. The Board of Correction has carried out critical independent oversight for the City of New York since 1957. Our staff are the Board's "eyes and ears" inside the jails, working to evaluate complaints, review incidents, and make recommendations for compliance with the minimum standards for confinement. The Board sets a baseline for what New York City must provide to people in custody in order to maintain humane jails.

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