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MAYOR DE BLASIO APPOINTS MICHAEL PAUL CAREY AS DIRECTOR OF THE OFFICE OF CITYWIDE EVENT COORDINATION AND MANAGEMENT, PRISCA SALAZAR-RODRIGUEZ AS MAYOR'S DIRECTOR OF SCHEDULING

NEW YORK— Mayor de Blasio today appointed Michael Paul Carey as Executive Director of the Office of Citywide Event Coordination and Management, and Prisca Salazar-Rodriguez as Director of Scheduling.

Carey brings years of experience in event management to the role, having worked for both the City of New York and the White House in advance and special event coordination. As Executive Director of the Office of Citywide Event Coordination and Management, Carey will be responsible for ensuring New York City continues to be the premier venue and backdrop for special events and cultural activities, and will work to ensure citywide events represent all New Yorkers.

“New York City does the biggest, best, and most complex public events in the world,” said **Mayor de Blasio**. “I trust Michael Paul Carey to lead this agency with precision and professionalism, and bring the vision of our administration to this critical role.”

“I am honored to represent this administration and provide focus to the Office of Citywide Event Coordination and Management,” said **Director of Citywide Event Coordination and Management Michael Paul Carey**. “I look forward to connecting the five boroughs and amplifying the voices of all New Yorkers through citywide events.”

The incoming Director of Scheduling Prisca Salazar-Rodriguez has spent nearly two decades in New York City government, and as Director of Scheduling, Salazar-Rodriguez will bring her expertise to plan and execute the Mayor's day-to-day schedule and events.

“Prisca is a proven and committed public servant who has worked tirelessly on behalf of New Yorkers for nearly two decades,” said **Mayor de Blasio**. “I am excited to have Prisca join this administration as we work to lift the floor for New Yorkers across the five boroughs.”

“I look forward to joining the team at City Hall as Director Scheduling. Mayor de Blasio has made a commitment to improve the lives of all New Yorkers, and I am proud to work toward this mission alongside him,” said **Scheduling Director Prisca Salazar-Rodriguez**.

About Michael Paul Carey

Michael Paul Carey most recently served as the Mayor's Director of Scheduling and Advance. Prior to that role, Carey was Director of the Mayor's Office of Special Projects and Community events. He previously served at the White House, first in the White House Social Office for First Lady Hillary Rodham Clinton, then as an Aide to Vice President and Tipper Gore, and later as an Advance Associate for President and First Lady Obama. Carey has also worked for Congresswoman Diana DeGette and Congressman Kendrick Meek. Carey is a graduate of The American University.

About Prisca Salazar-Rodriguez

Prisca Salazar-Rodriguez most recently served as Deputy Chief of Staff at the Office of the Bronx Borough President. Prior to that role, she worked as Director of Scheduling and Operation at the Empire State Development Corporation. Salazar-Rodriguez began her career in the office of former Bronx Borough President Fernando Ferrer and went on to work for Bronx Borough President Adolfo Carrión as the Director of Scheduling and later as Director of Intergovernmental and Labor Relations.

About the Mayor's Office of Special Projects and Community Events

New York City is the premier venue and backdrop for special events, cultural activities, marketing opportunities and film shoots. To ensure that the City maximizes its ability to properly accommodate these uses, it's imperative that City agencies coordinate their policies, procedures and permitting operations that pertain to the management of events in public spaces. The Office of Citywide Event Coordination and Management is authorized to provide oversight of all event permitting activity in New York City. CECM advises and assists the Mayor in the coordination of policies, plans, procedures and operations common to the permitting, review, and coordination of street events and other permitted activities.

As part of its mission, CECM will gather and disseminate information about upcoming and ongoing public events, including gatherings in City parks, processions, parades, street fairs, block parties, commercial and promotional events, street events, and displays and filming of motion pictures and television. Our goal is to ensure informed decision-making by the various permitting agencies, as well as compliance by permit applicants. CECM also acts as an internal and external resource to the event community on overall event coordination, permitting, and management. CECM works to enhance communication among various agencies involved in the issuance of permits. This ensures that affected agencies are provided with timely information for proper advance planning to avoid vehicular and pedestrian traffic disruptions, as well as excessive noise in surrounding neighborhoods. In addition, the Office oversees the Mayor's Street Activity Permit Office (SAPO).

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