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Commissioner Gilbert Taylor Department of Homeless Services 33 Beaver Street, 17th Floor New York, NY 10004

Re: Resolution #2014/071-18C: Determination of Agency Compliance

Dear Commissioner Taylor:

On behalf of the members of the Equal Employment Practices Commission (EEPC or Commission), I want to formally inform you that the Commission has issued the attached Determination of Compliance to the Department of Homeless Services. This Commission has determined that the Department of Homeless Services has implemented the required corrective actions deemed necessary by this Commission for ensuring a fair and effective affirmative employment program of equal opportunity as required by the equal employment opportunity standards of this Commission and Chapters 35 and 36 of the New York City Charter.

On behalf of this Commission, I want to thank you and Assistant Commissioner for Diversity & Employee Relations, Mark L. Neal, Esq., for the cooperation extended to the EEPC during the compliancemonitoring period.

Sincerely. Cesar A. Perez, Esq.

Chair

c: Mark L. Neal, Esq., Assistant Comm., Diversity & Employee Relations Judith García Quiñonez, Esq., Deputy Director/Agency Counsel

EQUAL EMPLOYMENT PRACTICES COMMISSION CITY OF NEW YORK

RESOLUTION #2014/071C-18: Determination of **Compliance** (Monitoring Period Required) by the Department of Homeless Services with the Equal Employment Practices Commission's required corrective actions pursuant to the audit and analysis of its Equal Employment Opportunity Program from January 1, 2011 through June 30, 2013.

Whereas, pursuant to Chapter 36, Section 831(d)(2) and (5) of the New York City Charter, the Equal Employment Practices Commission is authorized to audit and evaluate the employment practices, programs, policies, and procedures of city agencies and their efforts to ensure fair and effective equal employment opportunity for minority group members and women, and to make recommendations to city agencies to insure equal employment opportunity for minority group members and women; and

Whereas, pursuant to Chapter 36, Section 831(d)(2), this Commission has adopted Uniform Standards for EEPC Audits and Minimum Equal Employment Opportunity Standards for Community Boards to assess agencies' EEO programs and policies for compliance with federal, state and local laws, regulations, policies and procedures which are designed to increase equality of opportunity for women, minorities, and other employees and job applicants identified for protection from discrimination in employment within municipal government; and

Whereas, pursuant to its audit and analysis of the Department of Homeless Services' (DHS) EEO Program, the Equal Employment Practices Commission (EEPC) issued a preliminary determination letter, dated November 26, 2013, setting forth findings and the following required corrective actions:

- 1. At a minimum, indicate the agency is an equal opportunity employer in recruitment literature.
- 2. Develop and implement a plan to demonstrate accessibility for facilities where accessibility is undetermined: identify the number of locations that are accessible/non-accessible; the distribution of the agency's accessible facilities throughout the City; the distribution of job titles among accessible/non-accessible facilities; barriers in non-accessible facilities and the efforts the agency has taken to determine whether removal of barriers is readily achievable, and if so, to remove them; the agency has applied to Department of Buildings for a waiver of the requirements for the alteration of existing facilities are exempt.

Whereas, the DHS submitted its response to the EEPC's preliminary determination letter, on December 18, 2013; and

Whereas, in accordance with Chapter 36, Section 832(c) of the New York City Charter, the EEPC considered the agency's response and issued a Final Determination on

December 19, 2013; and

Whereas, the DHS submitted its response to the EEPC's final determination letter, on January 17, 2014; and

Whereas, in accordance with Chapter 36, Section 832(c) of the New York City Charter, the EEPC monitored the agency's implementation of the corrective actions from January to June 2014 with no extension of the monitoring period;

Whereas, at the EEPC's request pursuant to Section 815.a.(15) of the New York City Charter, the DHS submitted a copy of the agency head's memorandum to staff dated —, which outlined the corrective actions implemented in response to the EEPC's audit and reiterated his commitment to the agency's EEO Program; and

Whereas, all of the EEPC's corrective actions are required by, or are consistent with, federal, state and local laws, regulations, policies and procedures which are designed to increase equality of opportunity for women, minorities, and other employees and job applicants identified for protection from discrimination in employment within municipal government; Now Therefore,

Be It Resolved,

that the Department of Homeless Services has implemented the required corrective actions deemed necessary to ensure compliance with the equal employment opportunity standards of this Commission and requirements of Chapters 35 and 36 of the City Charter.

Be It Finally Resolved,

that the Commission authorizes Chair Cesar A. Perez, Esq., to forward this Determination to Gilbert Taylor, Commissioner of the Department of Homeless Services.

Approved unanimously on August 14, 2014.

Angela Cabrera Commissioner Malini Cadambi Daniel Commissioner

Arva R. Rice Commissioner

Cesar A. Perez, Esq. Chair Elaine S. Reiss, Esq. Commissioner