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## FIRST LADY CHIRLANE MCCRAY ANNOUNCES CHANGES TO HER TEAM

**NEW YORK**—First Lady Chirlane McCray today announced that Roxanne John, the Executive Director of Gracie Mansion, will now assume the role of Chief of Staff in addition to her current position. She will serve from Gracie Mansion. A new hire, Jackie Bray, will be the First Lady's Deputy Chief of Staff. She will serve from City Hall.

"Roxanne's leadership and expanded portfolio, along with Jackie Bray's breadth of experience, will bring additional support to implementing the Mayor's agenda," said **First Lady Chirlane McCray**. "In 2015, we will deepen our focus on issues like mental health, domestic violence and expanding educational opportunities for all our children."

John, the daughter of Trinidadian immigrants, joined the administration in September. Before that, she served as the Vice President of Marketing at the Institute for International Research, and brings 25 years of experience in the media and event industry to her new position.

Jackie Bray most recently served as the Deputy Chief of Staff of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration. In her role at NOAA, Bray managed headquarter staff offices, liaised between NOAA and other agencies, and directed the day-to-day management of agency headquarters.

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