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## NEW YORK CITY RAISES \$15 MILLION FOR 2016 DNC BID, HAS \$5 MILLION CASH ON HAND

Goldman Sachs, 1199SEIU, Condé Nast, Blackstone, Tishman Speyer and Citi among early donors

**NEW YORK**—The de Blasio Administration today announced that it has secured an additional \$5 million from host committee members in support of New York City's bid to host the 2016 Democratic National Convention, bringing the City's fundraising total to \$15 million. Today's announcement showcases New York City's unparalleled ability to commit substantial resources to hosting the 2016 convention in the five boroughs.

Of the \$15 million, \$5 million has been received, and the City has an additional \$10 million in commitments from host committee members. Goldman Sachs, 1199SEIU, Condé Nast, Blackstone, Tishman Speyer and Citi are among the organizations that have contributed to the City's convention bid. Once selected as the city to host the convention, the Host Committee will immediately convert all commitments into money in the bank to begin to organize the event.

"We are proud to have the backing of a diverse group of community, business, labor and faith leaders that have helped us to get the necessary framework in place to host a fully-funded convention that will help to propel the Democratic nominee into the White House. This outpouring of support is the latest sign that New York City is ready to host the 2016 Convention in the five boroughs," said **Mayor de Blasio**.

"As a company based in New York City for 145 years, we believe it is important to support the City's efforts to host the DNC Convention. More personally, having grown up in Brooklyn, I'm excited to showcase all the progress that will make it such a terrific venue," said **Lloyd Blankfein, Chairman and Chief Executive Officer, Goldman Sachs.** 

"New York is the ideal host for the Democratic Convention, because we are showing national leadership by addressing income inequality through progressive policies such as universal pre-K and paid sick days. The middle-class is struggling in America, and we must send a powerful message that we need to prioritize good jobs and a real voice for working people in national politics. This is an incredible opportunity to showcase our city and boost our economy—now is

the time for us all to make a united effort to bring the Democratic Convention to New York," said George Gresham, President of 1199SEIU United Healthcare Workers East.

"New York City is home to world class attractions, venues, neighborhoods, and the city has a spirit and energy like no other in the nation. Holding the convention here in America's foremost city is totally appropriate, and it would be great for all New Yorkers. I'm gratified to see the business community standing ready to support efforts to bring the convention to NYC," said **Tony James, President and Chief Operating Officer, Blackstone.** 

"As a long-time member of New York's business community, I am proud to support the city's bid to host the 2016 convention. As a lifelong New Yorker, I am even more excited by the prospect of showcasing all that our five boroughs have to offer," said **Rob Speyer**, **President and Co-CEO**, **Tishman Speyer**.

The Administration also today increased the host committee membership to 112 business, civic and labor leaders, all of whom have pledged their support.

## **New York City Host Committee 2016 Members:**

Vincent Alvarez, NYC Central Labor Council

Stuart Appelbaum, Retail, Wholesale and Department Store Union

Gina Argento, Broadway Stages

Ajay Banga, MasterCard

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Barry H. Berke, Kramer Levin Naftalis & Frankel LLP

Peter Beshar, Marsh and McLennan

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Richard Born, BD Hotels

Jacques Brand, Deutsche Bank North America

Jill Bright, Condé Nast

Tonio Burgos, Tonio Burgos and Associates

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Ric Clark, Brookfield Office Properties

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Jay S. Fishman, The Travelers Companies, Inc

Gregory Floyd, Teamsters Local 237

Marian Fontana, 9-11 Families Association

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Faith Gay, Quinn Emanuel

MaryAnne Gilmartin, Forest City Ratner Companies

Steve Goldman, Kramer Levin

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Jonathan Gray, Blackstone

George Gresham, 1199 SEIU United Healthcare Workers East

Robert Greifeld, Nasdaq OMX

Jeffrey R. Gural, Newmark Grubb Knight Frank

Gerald L. Hassell, The Bank of New York Mellon

Marc Holliday, SL Green Realty Group

Jay S. Jacobs, Nassau County Democratic Committee

Hamilton E. James, The Blackstone Group

Steven A. Kandarian, MetLife

Pat Kane, RN, New York State Nurses Association (NYSNA)

Brad Karp, Paul, Weiss, Rifkind, Wharton & Garrison LLP

Rob Kaplan, Harvard Business School

Michael W. Kempner, The MWW Group

Julie Kushner, United Automobile Workers

Pam Kwatra, Kripari Marketing

Gary LaBarbera, Building and Construction Trades Council of Greater New York

Jonathan Lavine, Sankaty Advisors

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Leonard Litwin, Glenwood Management

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John McAvoy, Consolidated Edison, Inc.

Raymond J. McGuire, Citigroup, Inc.

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Michael Mulgrew, UFT

Mike Muse, Muse Recordings

Charles A. Myers, Evercore Partners Inc.

Drew Nieporent, Myriad Restaurant Group

Cynthia Nixon

Michael E. Novogratz, Fortress Investment Group

Sean Parker, Sean N. Parker Foundation

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Ronald O. Perelman, MacAndrews & Forbes Holdings Inc.

Douglas L. Peterson, McGraw Hill Financial, Inc.

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Richard R. Plepler, Home Box Office, Inc.

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Bruce C. Ratner, Forest City Ratner Companies

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Harendra Singh, Singh Hospitality Group

Jay Snyder, HBJ Investments

Rob Speyer, Tishman Speyer Properties

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Peter Ward, The New York Hotel and Motel Trades Council

David Weinreb, The Howard Hughes Corporation

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Steve Witkoff, The Witkoff Group

Robert Wolf, 32 Advisors

Kathy Wylde, Partnership for New York City

Donald Zucker, Donald Zucker Co.