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MAYOR DE BLASIO APPOINTS THREE MEMBERS TO RENT GUIDELINES BOARD

NEW YORK — Today, Mayor de Blasio announced three appointments to the Rent Guidelines Board. The Mayor appointed Leah Goodridge as a tenant representative, Angela Sung Pinsky as an owner representative, and Rodrigo Camarena as a public member representative.

The Rent Guidelines Board determines annual rent adjustments for approximately one million apartments across the city subject to the Rent Stabilization Law.

Leah Goodridge, a tenant representative, is the Supervising Attorney of the Housing Project at Mobilization for Justice where she litigates housing cases in New York City, state, and federal courts. Previously, she was a Staff Attorney at the Safety Net Project of the Urban Justice Center where she litigated housing matters and organized legal clinics and community workshops for residents. Goodridge's legal scholarship has been published in the Duke Forum for Law and Social Change journal. After law school, Goodridge launched the Community Economic Development Project at Medgar Evers College (City University of New York) to teach nonprofit law to entrepreneurs seeking to start nonprofits and small businesses in communities of color. For her work in grassroots community development, she was awarded the Fulbright Specialist grant to teach at the University of Malta. Goodridge earned her J.D. from UCLA School of Law and a B.A. from Vassar College.

Angela Sung Pinsky, an owner representative, is the Executive Director of the Association for a Better New York. Prior to joining ABNY, Pinsky served as Senior Vice President for Management Services and Government Affairs at the Real Estate Board of New York where she was responsible for REBNY's commercial and residential Management Divisions and led advocacy efforts on building code, sustainability, and federal issues that impact New York City real estate. Pinsky is the former Deputy Chief of Staff to the Deputy Mayors for Economic Development Robert C. Lieber and Daniel L. Doctoroff. In that role, she worked on economic development initiatives including long-term planning and sustainability, urban development, and government technology. Pinsky earned a Masters in Urban Planning and Economic Development from New York University and a B.A. from Johns Hopkins University.

Rodrigo Camarena, a public member representative, currently serves as an independent consultant for non-profit organizations and social enterprises. Previously he served as the Executive Director of Business Growth Programs for the New York City Department of Small Business Services where he led the development and launch of new initiatives designed to combat economic inequality and support entrepreneurship in New York City. Camarena currently serves as the Board Chairperson for Mixteca Organization Inc., a community-based organization offering preventative health, educational, and legal services to New York's recently-arrived Mexican and Latin American immigrant community. He earned an MSc from the London School of Economics and a B.A. from New York University.

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