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MAYOR'S OFFICE CHIEF OF STAFF LAURA SANTUCCI TO OVERSEE NEW YORK CITY'S BID FOR THE 2016 DNC CONVENTION

NEW YORK—The Mayor's Office announced today that Chief-of-Staff Laura Santucci will take a leave of absence from her official duties at City Hall to lead New York City's bid to host the 2016 Democratic National Convention.

Santucci will oversee the operational, financial and strategic planning of the City's efforts to secure this milestone event, where the Democratic Party's candidate for president in 2016 will be nominated.

"There's no one who better exemplifies the values that have driven this administration—and will be on display at the 2016 Democratic National Convention—than Laura Santucci. She is a strong leader and effective manager, and I'm thankful that Laura has agreed to lend her experience and expertise to this important effort to bring the 2016 Democratic National Convention to New York City," said **Mayor de Blasio**. "Today's announcement is testament to how serious we are about securing this bid."

"From tackling income inequality to implementing universal pre-K and expanding affordable housing, this administration is leading the nation in implementing bold progressive change. We've shown how local government can and should work, and we are eager to put our accomplishments on display as the host city of the 2016 Democratic National Convention," said **Laura Santucci**. "We've seen a tremendous amount of enthusiasm from everyday New Yorkers, labor leaders, the business community, and elected officials—and I couldn't be prouder to lead our combined efforts to host this historic event right here in New York City."

Santucci will assume her new duties on November 10. Deputy Chief of Staff Amanda Howe will serve as Acting Chief of Staff during Santucci's leave.

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