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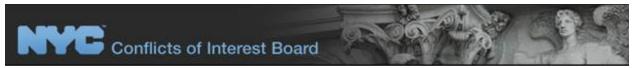
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The New York City Conflicts of Interest Board (the "Board") announces four settlements.

Misuse of City Resources. Two New York City Department of Sanitation ("DSNY") Sanitation Workers drove their sanitation truck to a vacant lot adjacent to one of their homes to meet contractors who were making a delivery there. They remained at the lot for over one-half hour. In three-way settlements with the Board and DSNY that resolved both their conflicts of interest law violations and unrelated disciplinary charges, the Sanitation Worker to whose home they traveled accepted a ten-workday suspension, valued at approximately \$2,971, and his partner accepted a seven-workday suspension, valued at approximately \$2,079. The partner's lower penalty takes into account that he received no personal benefit from his unauthorized use of the sanitation truck. The City's conflicts of interest law prohibits using City vehicles for any non-City purpose. The dispositions are attached as "COIB Disposition (DSNY-1)" and "COIB Disposition (DSNY-2)."

Misuse of City Resources. A Community Coordinator, who served as a New York City Housing Authority ("NYCHA") Fleet Coordinator, took a NYCHA car that was not assigned to him to transport his mother to buy a chair at a Pier 1 Imports store in Freeport, New York, and to transport the chair and his mother back to her home. In a three-way settlement with the Board and NYCHA, the Community Coordinator accepted a tenworkday suspension valued at approximately \$2,222. The Board determined that the agency-imposed penalty was sufficient and imposed no additional penalty. The disposition is attached as "COIB Disposition (NYCHA)."

Misuse of City Time & Resources. Over a four-month period and during her City work hours, a Department of Youth and Community Development ("DYCD") Contract Specialist used her DYCD computer to visit numerous websites and used her DYCD email account eight times to send or receive emails related to her online retail business. In a joint settlement with the Board and DYCD, the Contract Specialist agreed to pay a \$1,000 fine to the Board and accepted a four-workday suspension, valued at approximately \$1,112, for her violations. The disposition is attached as "COIB Disposition (DYCD)."

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