EQUAL EMPLOYMENT PRACTICES COMMISSION CITY OF NEW YORK

RESOLUTION #12/36-868: Preliminary Determination Pursuant to the Audit of the Department of Citywide Administrative Services' (DCAS) Equal Employment Opportunity Program from January 1, 2009 through December 31, 2011.

Whereas, pursuant to Chapter 36, Section 831(d)(2) of the New York City Charter, the Equal Employment Practices Commission (EEPC) is authorized to audit and evaluate the employment practices, programs, policies and procedures of city agencies and their efforts to insure fair and effective equal employment opportunity for minority group members and women, and to make recommendations to city agencies to insure equal employment opportunity for minority group members and women; and

Whereas, pursuant to Chapter 35, Section 814(a) (12) of the New York City Charter, the City established the Citywide Equal Employment Opportunity Policy (EEOP), a set of uniform standards and procedures designed to ensure the equality of opportunity for municipal government employees and job applicants, and, consistent with federal, state and local laws, identified other groups for protection from discrimination in employment; and

Whereas, the Equal Employment Practices Commission audited the Department of Citywide Administrative Services' Equal Employment Opportunity Program; and

Whereas, in accordance with Chapter 36, Section 832(c) of the City Charter, the EEPC may make a preliminary determination pursuant to Section 831(d) that any plan, program, procedure, approach, measure or standard adopted or utilized by any city agency does not provide equal employment opportunity. Now, therefore,

Be It Resolved,

that pursuant to the audit of the Department of Citywide Administrative Services' compliance with the City's Equal Employment Opportunity Policy (EEOP), as well as Commission policies and EEO standards expressed in the City guidelines, the Equal Employment Practices Commission hereby affirms and adopts the following preliminary findings:

- 1. Although the agency has appointed a Disability Rights Coordinator and posted the contact information for this individual on the agency's EEO webpage, 72% of the respondents to the EEPC's *Employee Survey* indicated they did not know who the agency's Disability Rights Coordinator was.
- 2. Although the agency appointed a Career Counselor and posted the name and contact information of this individual on the agency's EEO webpage and in the agency's EEO Policy Statement, 77% of respondents to the EEPC's *Employee Survey* indicated they did not know who the agency's Career Counselor was.

Be It Finally Resolved,

that the Commission authorizes the Chair, Cesar A. Perez, Esq., to forward a letter to Commissioner Edna Wells Handy, formally informing her of the findings with appropriate explanations and recommendations and requesting, pursuant to Chapter 36 of the City Charter, her response to these findings within thirty days of receipts of the letter indicating what

corrective actions the Department of Citywide Administrative Services will take to bring it into compliance with the aforementioned policies and standards on equal employment opportunity.

Approved unanimously on October 18, 2012.

Malini Cadambi Daniel Commissioner Arva R. Rice Commissioner

Elaine S. Reiss, Esq. Commissioner