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## DSNY Promotes Arlana Davis as Assistant Commissioner for Real Estate

Sanitation Commissioner Kathryn Garcia has announced the promotion of Arlana Davis to Assistant Commissioner for Real Estate. In her new role, she will be responsible for the Department's current real estate holdings, which include more than 100 owned and leased facilities, as well as bringing the Department's plans for new facilities into existence.

"Assistant Commissioner Davis has served the Department for more than 30 years with ever-increasing responsibilities, and she is deeply committed to our mission and ensuring we have the facilities we need for cleaning, collections, and snow removal," said Commissioner Garcia. "As our needs grow with our growing City, she will ensure we continue to meet these demands with the highest level of professionalism. I wish her continued success in her new position."

Assistant Commissioner Davis began working with the Department of Sanitation when she accepted a summer position as a Community Coordinator working for a Deputy Commissioner in the Bureau of Support Operations. More than thirty years later, she has held various positions within the Real Estate Office of the Bureau of Operations including



staff analyst, city planner, Deputy Director, Director and most recently, Executive Director. Throughout her career, she has promoted community engagement in the selection of suitable sites for Sanitation garages. Her extensive experience in planning, site selection, acquisition, leasing and environmental review has contributed to the completion of more than 25 new Sanitation district garages.

During her tenure with the Department of Sanitation's Office of Real Estate, she has worked effectively with Community Boards, the Mayor's Office, and many city agencies on the site selection and acquisition via leases, purchases and condemnations of more than 100 properties required to provide Sanitation services to the community. Her ability to recommend and develop effective solutions to complex planning issues has resulted in new policies and procedures that allow the City to acquire properties that meet the operational needs of the Department, and support the public in all 59 community districts. Prior to joining the Department of Sanitation, Assistant Commissioner Davis was an educator with the NYC Board of Education.

Assistant Commissioner Davis holds a Master of Science degree from Fordham University.

<u>About the New York City Department of Sanitation</u>
The Department of Sanitation (DSNY) keeps New York City healthy, safe and clean by collecting, recycling and disposing of waste, cleaning streets and vacant lots, and clearing snow and ice. The Department operates 59 district garages and manages a fleet of more than 2,000 rear-loading collection trucks, 450 mechanical brooms and 689 salt/sand spreaders. The Department clears litter, snow and ice from approximately 6,500 miles of City streets and removes debris from vacant lots as well as abandoned vehicles from City streets.