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**COMMITTEE ON RULES, PRIVILEGES AND ELECTIONS**

**Hon. Karen Koslowitz, Chairperson**

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**Committee Chambers**

**City Hall**

**Topic :** ***New York City Taxi and Limousine Commission – (Candidate for appointment by the Mayor upon the advice and consent of the Council as Chair*)**

* **Aloysee Heredia Jarmoszuk [M-206]**

The TLC was created pursuant to Local Law 12 of 1971. Chapter 65 of section 2300 of the *Charter* states that there shall be a TLC, which shall have the purpose of further developing and improving the taxi and limousine service in New York City (“the City”). It shall also remain consistent with the promotion and protection of the public comfort and convenience, adopting and establishing an overall public transportation policy, which will govern taxi, coach, limousine, and wheelchair accessible van services, as it relates to the overall public transportation network of the City. The TLC is also responsible for establishing certain rates, standards, and criteria for the licensing of vehicles, drivers, chauffeurs, owners, and operators engaged in such services. Furthermore, the TLC provides authorization to individuals who wish to operate commuter van services within the City.

The TLC consists of nine members appointed by the Mayor, all with the advice and consent of the Council. Five of the said members must be a resident from each of the five boroughs of the City, and are recommended for appointment by a majority vote of the Council Members from the respective borough. The TLC members are appointed for seven year terms, and can serve until the appointment and qualification of a successor. Vacancies, other than those that occur due to an expiration of a term, shall be filled for the unexpired term. Furthermore, the mayor may remove any such member for cause, upon stated charges.

The mayor designates one TLC member to act as the Chairperson and Chief Executive Officer. The Chairperson shall have be in-charge of the organization of his/her office, and possesses the authority to employ, assign, and superintend the duties of such officers and employees, as may be necessary to carry out the provisions of Chapter 65 of the *Charter*. The *Charter* provides that the Chairperson shall devote his/her full time to this position and as such, the Chair will receive compensation that is set by the Mayor. The Chair currently receives an annual salary of $212,044.00. The other TLC members are not entitled to compensation.

Pursuant to the *Charter*, all TLC proceedings and all documents and records in its possession, shall be public records. Furthermore, the TLC is required to make an annual report to the Council, on or before the second Monday of January, of every year, concerning information that consists of the following; complaints received by the commission from the public, including, but is not limited to, complaints of overcharging, as well as enforcement actions undertaken by the commission, whether the enforcement action was dismissed or settled, or if a penalty was imposed by the commission on the subject of the enforcement action. The information regarding enforcement actions shall also include, but is not limited to; enforcement action relating to illegal street hails, unlicensed vehicles, overcharging, and toll lane infractions.

If Ms. Heredia Jarmoszuk, a Manhattan resident, receives the advice and consent of the Council and is subsequently appointed as Chair of the TLC, she will be eligible to complete the remainder of a seven-year term, expiring on January 31, 2024.

Copies of the following are annexed to this briefing paper: the candidate’s résumé as well as the related associated message.

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