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**FIRST LADY CHIRLANE MCCRAY ANNOUNCES EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR TO THE
MAYOR'S FUND TO ADVANCE NEW YORK CITY, COUNSEL TO THE OFFICE OF
STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIPS**

NEW YORK—First Lady Chirlane McCray today announced Darren Bloch as Executive Director to The Mayor's Fund to Advance New York City and Counsel to the Office of Strategic Partnerships.

As Executive Director, Bloch will provide oversight and management of the general business affairs of the Mayor's Fund. He will work with the Fund Board of Directors and the Mayor's Office to develop policy priorities where private donations and institutional support can be leveraged in order to foster innovative and effective programs serving New Yorkers. Bloch will also collaborate with city agencies to develop agency-level programmatic priorities for funding and support.

"New York City has a wealth of resources that, working in conjunction with the city's priorities, can make a significant impact on our city," said **incoming Executive Director Darren Bloch**. "I look forward to collaborating with nonprofit and private sector partners to ensure we are best serving all New Yorkers."

"I'm thrilled to bring Darren on board at the Mayor's Fund," said **First Lady Chirlane McCray, Chair of The Mayor's Fund to Advance New York City**. "He's got the talent, experience, and passion we need to push forward our agenda of building one New York that rises together."

"Darren understands how to navigate this city in order to get things done," said **Director of the Office of Strategic Partnership Gabrielle Fialkoff**. "His experience will be key in the Mayor's Fund's collaboration within city government as well as with nonprofit and private sector partners. "

About Darren Bloch:

Born and raised in New York, Darren Bloch currently lives in Brooklyn with his wife and two daughters. Bloch brings over two decades of experience in government and civic spaces, including positions with the New York City Council, New York City Public Advocate's Office, and the Empire State Economic Development Corporation. As Executive Vice President at Empire State Development Corporation, he oversaw the development and implementation of new economic development programs to address targeted needs in regions and communities around the State.

Bloch attended Middlebury College and received his JD at New York Law School.

About The Mayor's Fund to Advance New York City:

The Mayor's Fund to Advance New York City is a 501(c)(3) not-for-profit organization, which facilitates innovative public-private partnerships throughout New York City's five boroughs. The Fund relies on individuals, foundations, and corporations to support public programs in areas including the environment, youth development, financial empowerment, health, volunteerism and the arts. Most recently, the Mayor's Fund launched a fundraising drive to support those affected by the East Harlem explosion and building collapse. First Lady Chirlane McCray serves as Chair of The Mayor's Fund to Advance New York City.

About the Office of Strategic Partnerships:

The office will oversee and direct public-private partnerships for the administration with oversight of The Mayor's Fund, The Fund for Public Schools and the Fund for Public Health, among other 501c3s associated with city agencies. The office will coordinate the mission and strategy of the funds, leverage assets and administer private funds to the agencies where applicable. The office will coordinate inter-agency efforts as they relate to raising private funds to further the strategic initiatives established by the office to help the people of New York.