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February 28, 2022

Ethan Carrier
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Dear Mr. Carrier:

This letter serves to notify the Conflicts of Interest Board (“COIB”) that in accordance with COIB Rule 1-07(d), the Department for the Aging (“DFTA”) is retaining former employee Sarah Sanchala as a consultant. Ms. Sanchala’s employment with DFTA will be terminating on March 4, 2022, and she is being retained as a consultant for the purpose of completing work left unfinished at the time Ms. Sanchala will separate from DFTA.

Ms. Sanchala is being retained through the end of this fiscal year, with the possibility of a new consultant contract beginning in the new fiscal year, which is no longer than reasonably necessary given the City’s current hiring processes. Retaining Ms. Sanchala is necessary because she possesses professional skills and subject-matter expertise that other DFTA employees currently do not. Specifically, Ms. Sanchala is currently DFTA’s subject-matter expert on New York City and State legislative and budgetary matters, by virtue of her many years working for the New York State Senate. Ms. Sanchala’s experience, professional skills and expertise in advocacy will also continue to be instrumental in helping to advance DFTA’s key state legislative priorities. Her expertise is especially critical at this juncture as DFTA works to cultivate a strong collaborative relationship with the new Mayoral Administration. In addition, as a part of her consulting agreement, Ms. Sanchala will assist with on-boarding her replacement, and training the new Director of Government Affairs to manage a number of projects rolling out, including interdepartmental collaborations between Government Affairs and the Division of Programs, and the implementation of DFTA’s Sustainability Plan and Community Care Plan.

Under the consulting agreement, Ms. Sanchala will be compensated at a rate of \$60.20 per hour, which is comparably equal to her annual salaried rate when she was employed at DFTA.

If you have any questions, please contact General Counsel, Penney Vachirapapun, at pvachirapapun@aging.nyc.gov.

Sincerely,

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October 26, 2022

Ethan Carrier
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Dear Mr. Carrier:

This letter serves to notify the New York City Conflicts of Interest Board (COIB) that in accordance with COIB Rule 1-07(d), the New York City Department for the Aging (DFTA or the Department) is retaining former employee Ryan Gardner-Cook as a consultant. Dr. Gardner-Cook's employment with DFTA terminated on September 30, 2022, and DFTA will retain him as a consultant for the purpose of completing work left unfinished at the time Dr. Gardner-Cook separated from DFTA.

Dr. Gardner-Cook will be retained through the end of this fiscal year, with the possibility of a new consultant contract in the new fiscal year, which is no longer than reasonably necessary given the City's current hiring processes. DFTA anticipates approximately four months for the hiring process, and an additional three months to on-board/train Dr. Gardner-Cook's replacement. Retaining Dr. Gardner-Cook is necessary because he possesses professional skills and subject-matter expertise that other DFTA employees do not, and that are essential to the work of the Research Unit of the Planning, Research, Evaluation and Training (PRET) Division. Specifically, Dr. Gardner-Cook has extensive subject-matter expertise in demographic and spatial analysis that support critical Department functions, including the development of several Requests for Proposals under development by the Department. The census analytics and geographic spatial analysis work that Dr. Gardner-Cook performs are crucial to PRET's deliverables. Furthermore, as a part of his consulting agreement, Dr. Gardner-Cook will assist with completing outstanding mapping requests and updating the census, which is due to be released next month, as well as fulfilling specific data and analysis requests from Executive Cabinet-level staff. Additionally, Dr. Gardner-Cook will assist with on-boarding his replacement and training PRET staff to update census data in his absence, among other projects critical to ensuring that PRET can



continue seamlessly providing deliverables that are crucial to the business operations of the Department.

Under the consulting agreement, Dr. Gardner-Cook will be compensated at a rate of \$47.71 per hour, which is comparably equal to his annual salaried rate of \$86,830 when he was employed at DFTA.

If you have any questions, please contact DFTA's General Counsel, Penney Vachirapapun, at pvachirapapun@aging.nyc.gov.

Sincerely,

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August 30, 2022

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Dear Mr. Carrier:

This letter serves to notify the New York City Conflicts of Interest Board (“COIB”) that in accordance with COIB Rule 1-07(d), the New York City Department for the Aging (“DFTA”) is retaining former employee Sapir Ashkenazi as a consultant. Ms. Ashkenazi’s employment with DFTA will be terminating on September 9, 2022, and she is being retained as a consultant for the purpose of completing work left unfinished at the time Ms. Ashkenazi will separate from DFTA.

Ms. Ashkenazi is being retained through the end of this fiscal year, which is no longer than reasonably necessary given the City’s current hiring processes. Retaining Ms. Ashkenazi is necessary because she possesses professional skills and subject-matter expertise that other DFTA employees do not, and that are essential to the work of the Foster Grandparent Program. Specifically, Ms. Ashkenazi has extensive subject-matter expertise in developing programming and trainings for Foster Grandparent volunteers, and has cultivated new program partnerships with organizations such as the Cornell University Cooperative Extension-New York City and the New York City Department of Youth and Community Development. Her expertise is especially critical at this juncture for continuity of business operations as the Foster Grandparent Program seeks to transition from virtual back to in-person program delivery. Furthermore, as a part of her consulting agreement, Ms. Ashkenazi will assist with on-boarding her replacement, and training the new Director of the Foster Grandparent Program to oversee and continue the transition of the Foster Grandparent volunteer corps to in-person placements and recruitment of new volunteers and volunteer stations, among other projects.

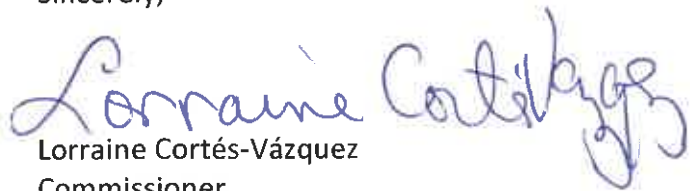
Under the consulting agreement, Ms. Ashkenazi will be compensated at a rate of \$52.19 per hour, which is comparably equal to her annual salaried rate when she was employed at DFTA.



**Department for
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If you have any questions, please contact DFTA's General Counsel, Penney Vachirapapun, at pvachirapapun@aging.nyc.gov.

Sincerely,

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