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By email (hammer@coib.nyc.gov)

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Re: COIB Rules §1-13(e)(1): Designation for Chanel J. Lopez to the Bronx Trans Collective.

Dear Mr. Hammer –

This letter serves to notify the Conflicts of Interest Board (“COIB”) that, in accordance with COIB Rules §1-13(e)(1), Chair/Commissioner Carmelyn P. Malalis designates Chanel J. Lopez, in her official capacity as Transgender Communities Liaison at the New York City Commission on Human Rights (CCHR), to join Destination Tomorrow’s (The Bronx LGBTQ Center) Bronx Trans Collective.

Ms. Lopez will not be compensated for her participation in Destination Tomorrow’s (The Bronx LGBTQ Center) Bronx Trans Collective, but she will use reasonable and incidental City time and resources for this activity. Consistent with the Rules of the New York City Conflicts of Interest Board, “there is a demonstrated nexus” between Ms. Lopez’s City position and the anticipated work on the Bronx Trans Collective, and “such work furthers the... mission [of CCHR] and is not undertaken primarily for the benefit or interest of the non-profit.”

Destination Tomorrow, in collaboration with Princess Janae Place, CK Life, The Islan Nettles Center and the Bronx LGBTQ Center, formally came together in 2017 to address trans-health and economic disparities in the Bronx. The purpose of the Collective is to bring Bronx Black and brown transgender and gender non-conforming leaders together to work collectively to provide support and services to members of their community of the Bronx.

CCHR is charged with the enforcement of the New York City Human Rights Law (NYC HRL) and with educating the public and encouraging positive community relations. CCHR’s Community Relations Bureau (CRB), among other things, builds relationships with the transgender, gender non-conforming and non-binary communities through its Transgender Communities Liaison. In her role as Transgender Communities Liaison, Ms. Lopez represents CCHR at events, rallies, and convenings across the five boroughs, sharing lived experience, showing others that the City is committed to uplifting the voices of transgender and gender non-conforming and non-binary New Yorkers, and building necessary connections to City resources, programs, and employment. Additionally, Ms. Lopez is responsible for, among other duties, strategic outreach to the community, education on the NYC HRL and bias-based response for the CRB.

Ms. Lopez’s City position includes partnering with non-profit organizations to achieve CCHR’s goals. Serving on the Bronx Trans Collective will allow Ms. Lopez to deepen CCHR’s networks and reinforce relationships with Bronx Black and brown transgender and gender non-conforming leaders, helping to educate the public and encouraging positive community relations.

Ms. Lopez is bound by all the restrictions imposed by Chapter 68 of the New York City Charter. She has been informed of applicable prohibitions, including but not limited to: (a.) not to participate in any business dealings between the City and the Collective, including funding requests and lobbying of City elective officials; and (b.) not advocate or appear before any City agency, entity, or elected official in favor of the Collective. The Commission does not anticipate any conflicts between Ms. Lopez's day-to-day responsibilities at CCHR and involvement with the Bronx Trans Collective. Chair and Commissioner Carmelyn P. Malalis is supportive of Ms. Lopez serving in this role, subject to any required stipulations and/or recusals on her part.

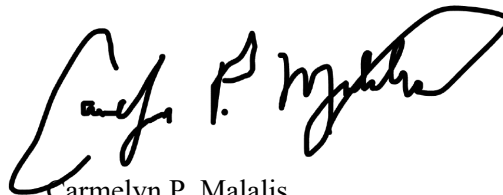
If you have any further questions or need additional information, please contact me at (212) 416-0135 or by email at drozen@cchr.nyc.gov.

Respectfully submitted,



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Endorsed:



Carmelyn P. Malalis
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