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**STATEMENT FROM DEPARTMENT OF INVESTIGATION COMMISSIONER ROSE GILL HEARN**  
**— Regarding contrast between State and City Ethics Laws —**

New York City Conflicts of Interest rules apply to former City employees and, thus, in contrast to the State's practices, "retiring" is not a way to avoid an ethics referral and that arm of the law. It is DOI's job to protect the City's tax payers; therefore we strongly disapprove of the alleged conduct described in today's New York Times article 'Official taped in Velella case is back at work, as a lobbyist.' DOI would take all possible action against any City employee or anyone doing business with the City who engages in the kind of conduct alleged in the article.

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