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**DOI STATEMENT ON SENTENCING OF FORMER STAFFER TO NEW YORK CITY COUNCILMEMBER
FOR EMBEZZLING CITY COUNCIL DISCRETIONARY FUNDS**

ROSE GILL HEARN, Commissioner of the New York City Department of Investigation ("DOI"), issued the following statement on today's sentencing of JOYCINTH ANDERSON, 71, a former staff member of a New York City Council member, to four months home confinement, two years probation and restitution of between \$10,000 and \$30,000 for embezzling City Council discretionary funds. ANDERSON pleaded guilty in June 2009 to one count of mail fraud conspiracy and was sentenced today by U.S. District Judge Victor Marrero in Manhattan. Her co-defendant Asquith Reid pleaded guilty in June 2009 to one count of mail fraud conspiracy and one count of witness tampering and is scheduled to be sentenced October 30, 2009. The office of Preet Bharara, United States Attorney for the Southern District of New York, prosecuted the case.

DOI Commissioner Rose Gill Hearn said, "The case exposed a devious scam by two former City Council staffers to siphon tens of thousands of public dollars for their personal use. DOI and the U.S. Attorney's Office for the Southern District of New York will continue to work together to stop the theft of taxpayer funds."

Commissioner Gill Hearn thanked Preet Bharara, United States Attorney for the Southern District of New York, and his staff for their efforts on this successful joint investigation.

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