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MAYORAL NOMINEE TO HEAD TLC **UNANIMOUSLY CONFIRMED BY NYC COUNCIL**

Vote of confidence for new Commissioner/Chairwoman Meera Joshi

Mayor Bill de Blasio's nominee to head the New York City Taxi and Limousine Commission (TLC) was unanimously confirmed by a 46/0 vote of the New York City Council today, paving the way for Meera Joshi to serve as the agency's Chairwoman and Chief Executive Officer. Joshi's nomination was announced by the mayor on March 8.

"I was incredibly honored to have been nominated by Mayor de Blasio to lead the TLC at this historic time," said Ms. Joshi, "and doubly so to know that the City Council shares his confidence in my abilities. I pledge to them, and to the public to whom we all answer, that I will serve in this capacity to the very best of my ability, and that I will put inclusion, consensus and common sense at the forefront of all that we do to protect the public, and support our regulated industries so that they can continue to provide the world's finest for-hire ground transportation."

Ms. Joshi previously served as the Deputy Commissioner of Legal Affairs and General Counsel for the TLC, where she led dozens of multiparty negotiations of contracts and settlement agreements which have improved customer service, and worked to reveal financial abuse of drivers, supervising significant reimbursements to drivers and their families, and overseeing the prosecution of those responsible. Prior to that, Ms. Joshi served as First Deputy Executive Director of the New York City Civilian Complaint Review Board (CCRB), where she implemented an innovative pilot program with the NYPD that culminated in the creation of an independent prosecution unit that expanded the agency's jurisdiction and sphere of influence; and Inspector General at the Correctional Services Unit at the New York City Department of Investigation, where she oversaw investigations of alleged criminality and corruption in the Departments of Correction, Probation, Juvenile Justice and the TLC.

Joshi received her B.A. and J.D. from the University of Pennsylvania.

The New York City Taxi and Limousine Commission was created as a charter-mandated agency in 1971, and is acknowledged as the most active regulator of for-hire ground transportation service in the nation. For more information about the TLC's rules, regulations and functions, visit www.NYC.GOV/taxi.