



de Blasio appointments Peñ̃a-Mora, Jiha, Camilo And Ehrenberg to administration

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Mayor Bill de Blasio named four key appointments to his administration, building on his commitment to a progressive, diverse and effective administration. The mayor appointed Dr. Feniosky Peñ̃a-Mora as commissioner of the Department of Design and Construction, Jacques Jiha as commissioner of the Department of Finance, Lisette Camilo as the director of the Mayor's Office of Contract Services, with David Ehrenberg reappointed as the president and chief executive officer of the Brooklyn Navy Yard Development Corp.

"These are leaders who understand the communities they work for. They have the skills to keep the machinery of these agencies running and take them in a progressive direction that delivers for the people of this city," said de Blasio. "This is a group of leaders committed to lifting up and investing in New Yorkers in every community.

Jacques Jiha, a leader with 25 years of experience in public finance, brings deep expertise in budget and debt management, economic analysis and forecasting, as well as years spent working in the New York City and state pension systems. Jiha will be tasked with ensuring the city's treasury, property tax assessments, audits and collections run efficiently, while simultaneously delivering fair, transparent and accountable processes for New Yorkers when they engage with the department to pay or contest a fine.

"This agency is really part of the bedrock of city government. When it works well, when it's done responsibly, all other things become possible. That's an obligation I take very seriously," said incoming Department of Finance Commissioner Jacques Jiha. "We are going to put in place practices that give people confidence in their city. New Yorkers probably hope they don't have many interactions with our agency, but I promise them when they do, they'll be treated fairly."

Dr. Feniosky Peñ̃a-Mora, an accomplished engineer with more than two decades of cutting-edge research and industry work experience, has combined engineering excellence, managerial efficiency, and design quality throughout his career. As commissioner of the Department of Design and Construction, Dr. Peñ̃a-Mora will be charged with building public works big and small, ranging from making streets safer as part of the Vision Zero initiative, to renovating and constructing municipal facilities.

"Our standards will continue to be high. We will strengthen resiliency, efficiency and safety in every project we oversee. We hope to build a new generation of streets, public works and buildings that weave our diverse communities closer together and enrich the fabric of this city," said incoming Department of Design and Construction Commissioner Dr. Peñ̃a-Mora.

Lisette Camilo, an experienced New York City government attorney who brings deep legal skills and procurement expertise, has demonstrated a commitment to using the city's purchasing power to create local jobs and deliver opportunity for Minority and Women-Owned Enterprises in every

borough. As director at the Mayor's Office of Contract Services, she will be tasked with protecting taxpayers and simultaneously increasing the local impact of city procurement.

"Our procurement is vital to keeping this government functioning well, but it is also a tremendous opportunity to simultaneously invest in our own people. I am committed to keeping this system performing to the highest standards and opening the doors of opportunity to more New Yorkers, especially our minority and women-owned businesses," said incoming Mayor's Office of Contract Services Director Lisette Camilo.

David Ehrenberg, currently the president and chief executive officer of the Brooklyn Navy Yard Development Corporation with deep experience managing the city's economic development projects, will continue to overseeing the Yard's diverse tenant base and 1.8 million square-foot expansion. Ehrenberg will work closely with the Deputy Mayor for Housing and Economic Development and the Economic Development Corporation to spur on workforce development and training that directly links the Navy Yard's employers with local education and career pipelines.

"The Navy Yard is one of the great New York success stories. I'm honored to serve this mayor and his administration, and build on the foundation we've laid in recent years," said David Ehrenberg, president and CEO of the Brooklyn Navy Yard Development Corporation. "We are going to deepen our connections with employers, schools and workforce programs to help more New Yorkers be a part of this success story and get the skills they need to secure good-paying jobs in our fastest growing sectors."

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