

TESTIMONY OF LILY SHAPIRO
NOMINEE TO THE LOCAL CONDITIONAL RELEASE COMMISSION
BEFORE THE NEW YORK CITY COUNCIL
COMMITTEE ON RULES, PRIVILEGES, & ELECTIONS
NOVEMBER 14, 2022

Good morning, Chair Powers, Speaker Adams, and members of the Committee. I want to thank you for holding this hearing and for considering my nomination to serve on the Local Conditional Release Commission. I would also like to express my deep gratitude to the Administration for this nomination.

I believe that city service is an honor. I represent the third generation of my family to have been raised in New York City (and I am now raising the fourth generation), after my great-grandparents came here with nothing, at least one as an unaccompanied minor, fleeing antisemitism and poverty in Eastern Europe. I am also the third generation of my family to have served as a city employee.

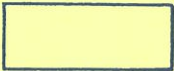
I believe that the Commission can provide a much-needed means of ensuring that people leaving our city jails have access to critical transitional support, as provided by the NYC Department of Probation (DOP). I have worked in the criminal and juvenile justice fields for nearly 25 years in multiple capacities, including providing direct service as well as engaging in policy development and program design. My experiences serving with DOP, representing my fellow New Yorkers as a public defender, and now, engaging in policy work at the Fortune Society (a provider of alternative-to-incarceration and re-entry services) has shown me firsthand what has been proven by research: connecting people to strengths-based supervision and community-based resources, based on their risks and needs, enhances individual well-being and collective public safety.

When people sentenced to serve time in our city jails are ultimately released, they all too often lack connection to the kinds of services and programs that might help them move forward instead of backward, trapped in a revolving cycle. For people who are statutorily eligible for release based on their conviction and sentence, and who meet the criteria for release, this could be an opportunity to break that cycle. That would not only benefit them and their families, but all of us.

For these reasons, I would be honored to serve our great city and my fellow New Yorkers in this new capacity on the Commission. I thank you again for your time and welcome your questions.

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