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Topic: *New York City Taxi and Limousine Commission – (Mayoral Candidates for re-appointment by the Council)*

- LaShann DeArcy [Preconsidered-M]
- Edward Gonzales [Preconsidered-M]

The New York City Taxi and Limousine Commission (“TLC”) was created pursuant to Local Law 12 of 1971. Section 2300 of Chapter 65 of the *New York City Charter* (“Charter”) states that there shall be a TLC, the purposes of which shall be, *inter alia*, the “continuance, further development and improvement of taxi and limousine service in the City. It shall be the further purpose of the [TLC], consonant with the promotion and protection of the public comfort and convenience, to adopt and establish an overall public transportation policy governing taxi, coach, limousine and wheelchair accessible van services as it relates to the overall public transportation network of the City.” The TLC is also responsible for establishing certain rates, standards and criteria for the licensing of vehicles, drivers and chauffeurs, owners and operators engaged in such services, and for providing “authorization” to persons to operate commuter van services within the City [*Rules of the City of New York*, Title 35, § 9-02].

The TLC consists of nine members appointed by the Mayor, all with the advice and consent of the New York City Council. Five of said members, one resident from each of the five boroughs of the City, are recommended for appointment by a majority vote of the Council Members of the respective borough [*New York City Charter* § 2301 (a)]. TLC members are appointed for terms of seven years, and can serve until the appointment and qualification of a successor. Vacancies, other than those that occur at the expiration of a term, shall be filled for the unexpired term. The Mayor may remove any such member for cause, upon stated charges [*New York City Charter* § 2301 (b)].

The Mayor designates one member of the TLC to act as the Chairperson and Chief Executive Officer. The Chairperson shall have charge of the organization of his/her office and have authority to employ, assign and superintend the duties of such officers and employees as may be necessary to carry out the provisions of Chapter 65 of the *Charter*. The *Charter* provides that the Chairperson shall devote his/her full time to this position and, as such, receive compensation as set by the Mayor [*New York City Charter* § 2301 (c)]. The Chair currently receives \$192,198.00 annually. Other members of the TLC are not entitled to compensation [*New York City Charter* § 2301 (d)].

Pursuant to the *Charter*, all proceedings of the TLC and all documents and records in its possession shall be public records and the TLC shall make an annual report to the City Council on or before the second Monday of January in each year [*New York City Charter* § 2302].

If re-appointed, Ms. DeArcy, a resident of Manhattan, will be eligible to serve the remainder of a seven-year term that expires on January 31, 2019. Copies of Ms. DeArcy's résumé and report/resolution are annexed to this briefing paper.

If re-appointed, Mr. Gonzales, a resident of Queens, will be eligible to serve the remainder of a seven-year term that expires on January 31, 2019. Copies of Mr. Gonzales' résumé and report/resolution are annexed to this briefing paper.

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