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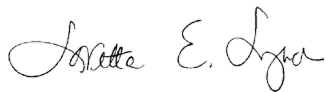
To the Members of the City Council:

We are writing to support the confirmation of Nadia Shihata to serve as the Commissioner of the Department of Investigation (DOI). We each served as the United States Attorney for the Eastern District of New York (EDNY) during major periods of Ms. Shihata's eleven years there. Ms. Shihata's experience at one of the preeminent U.S. Attorney's Offices in the country and unwavering integrity uniquely qualify her to serve New Yorkers once again at DOI.

At the EDNY, Ms. Shihata was steadfast in her commitment to upholding and enforcing the rule of law fairly, without fear, favor, or bias. In her roles as Chief of the Organized Crime and Gangs Section, as well as Deputy Chief of the Office's Public Integrity Section, Ms. Shihata led with courage and distinction. Whether she was leading investigations into a well-known R&B musician or the federal correction system, Ms. Shihata approached each case with the utmost seriousness and objectivity. She was an exemplary prosecutor, who focused on doing the right thing, holding wrongdoers accountable and keeping the public safe. Law enforcement relied upon her. Witnesses trusted her. And the community was safer because she was there.

DOI plays a critical role in ensuring municipal transparency and accountability. Having worked closely with the DOI during our tenures as U.S. Attorney, we understand how important it is to have strong leadership at DOI. Over the course of her service to the public, Ms. Shihata has demonstrated that she has the experience, judgment and commitment to capably fill that role. At a time when public confidence in government institutions has been shaken, it is critical that highly qualified people with integrity fill key roles so that meaningful results are delivered for the people they serve. Ms. Shihata is imminently qualified with a proven record of effective service in the EDNY, and we have the utmost faith in her ability and character. We urge you to confirm Ms. Shihata to lead the DOI.

Sincerely,



Loretta E. Lynch
U.S. Attorney, 1999 – 2001 and 2010 – 2015
U.S. Attorney General, 2015 – 2017



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U.S. Attorney, 2021 – 2025

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Dear Esteemed Council Members,

Please find attached a letter in support of Nadia Shihata's confirmation to the position of Commissioner of the Department of Investigation.

The letter is submitted on behalf of 60 former prosecutors from the United States Attorney's Office for the Eastern District of New York, where Nadia served for many years with distinction.

Thank you in advance for your consideration.

Respectfully submitted,

Tiana Demas
Nathan Reilly

April 15, 2026

Dear Esteemed Members of the New York City Council,

We write in support of Nadia Shihata's nomination to serve as the Commissioner of the Department of Investigation (DOI). We encourage you to confirm her in that role.

We have each had the privilege of serving the New York community as members of the U.S. Attorney's Office for the Eastern District of New York (EDNY). In that capacity, we have come to know Nadia and many of us had the good fortune to work with her during her time as a federal prosecutor.

At EDNY, Nadia developed a well-deserved reputation for working tirelessly on behalf of New Yorkers. She approached her investigations with professionalism, integrity and diligence and placed the needs of victims and survivors at the forefront of her work. We know she will bring this same sense of focus, mission and dedication to DOI.

Nadia is extremely qualified and ready to start making a difference as DOI's Commissioner on Day One. Among her many leadership positions at EDNY, she served as Deputy Chief of the Public Integrity Section, where she led investigations and prosecutions of federal crimes affecting government integrity, including those involving New York City agencies. Nadia conducted her work without fear or favor — following the evidence wherever it led — and was guided solely by the rule of law.

We thank you for your consideration and urge you to promptly confirm Nadia so she can serve New Yorkers once again as DOI's Commissioner.

Signed,

1. **Kenneth Abell**, 2008–2018, Chief, Civil Health Care Fraud
2. **Temidayo Aganga–Williams**, 2017–2021, Assistant U.S. Attorney
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4. **Nicole Argentieri**, 2007–2018, Chief, Public Integrity
5. **Peter Baldwin**, 2009–2018, Assistant U.S. Attorney
6. **Mark Bini**, 2015–2021, Deputy Chief, Int'l Narcotics & Money Laundering
7. **Nicole Boeckmann**, 2004–2024, First Assistant U.S. Attorney
8. **Roger Burlingame**, 2004–2013, Chief, Public Integrity
9. **Christopher Caffarone**, 2008–2024, Deputy Chief, Long Island Criminal Division
10. **Anthony Capozzolo**, 2009–2016, Assistant U.S. Attorney
11. **Celia Cohen**, 2009–2015, Assistant U.S. Attorney
12. **Alicyn Cooley**, 2012–2019, Deputy Chief, Business & Securities Fraud
13. **Maria Cruz Melendez**, 2012–2022, Deputy Chief, Public Integrity
14. **Kelly T. Currie**, 1999–2010, 2014–2016, Acting United States Attorney
15. **Soumya Dayananda**, 2009–2020, Deputy Chief, Int'l Narcotics & Money Laundering
16. **Una Dean**, 2010–2017, Assistant U.S. Attorney
17. **Tiana Demas**, 2008–2018, Deputy Chief, General Crimes
18. **Lauren Howard Elbert**, 2013–2024, Chief, Civil Rights
19. **Tali Farhadian**, 2011–2017, Assistant U.S. Attorney
20. **Richard Faughnan**, 1994–2009, Chief, Public Integrity
21. **Margaret Gandy**, 2013–2020, Deputy Chief, Organized Crimes & Gangs
22. **James Gatta**, 2007–2018, Chief, Criminal Division
23. **Elizabeth Geddes**, 2006–2022, Deputy Chief, Criminal Division
24. **Lindsay Gerdes**, 2014–2021, Assistant U.S. Attorney

25. **John Gleeson**, 1985–1994, Chief, Criminal Division
26. **Matthew Haggans**, 2015–2024, Deputy Chief, General Crimes
27. **Amanda Hector**, 2009–2017, Assistant U.S. Attorney
28. **Craig Heeren**, 2014–2024, Deputy Chief, National Security & Cybercrime
29. **Ilene Jaroslaw**, 1991–2013, Chief, General Crimes
30. **Margaret Lee**, 2013–2022, Deputy Chief, Civil Rights
31. **Justin Lerer**, 2008–2015, Deputy Chief, Int’l Narcotics & Money Laundering
32. **Mark Lesko**, Acting United States Attorney (2021)
33. **Kristin Mace**, 2011–2024. Chief, Criminal Division
34. **Hiral Mehta**, 2014–2025, Chief, Business & Securities Fraud
35. **Toni Mele**, 2003–2023, Assistant U.S. Attorney
36. **Marshall Miller**, 1999–2003, 2006–2014, Chief, Criminal Division
37. **Nadia Moore**, 2013–2026, Chief of Intake
38. **Brian Morris**, 2010–2014, Senior Litigation Counsel
39. **Christopher Nasson**, 2010–2016, Assistant U.S. Attorney
40. **Genny Ngai**, 2019–2025, Assistant U.S. Attorney
41. **Samuel Nitze**, 2012–2023, Chief, Public Integrity
42. **Walter Norkin**, 2005–2022, Chief, Int’l Narcotics & Money Laundering
43. **Lan Nguyen**, 2009–2017, Assistant U.S. Attorney
44. **Winston Paes**, 2008–2017, Chief, Business & Securities Fraud
45. **Gina Parlovecchio**, 2009–2020, Chief, Int’l Narcotics & Money Laundering
46. **Moira Penza**, 2015–2019, Assistant U.S. Attorney
47. **Carolyn Pokorny**, 1999–2014, 2022–2025, First Assistant U.S. Attorney
48. **Doug Pravda**, 2011–2025, Chief, National Security & Cybercrime
49. **Robert Polemeni**, 2011–2025, Deputy Chief, Public Integrity
50. **Nathan Reilly**, 2011–2021, Chief, Public Integrity
51. **Michael Robotti**, 2013–2021, Deputy Chief, Int’l Narcotics & Money Laundering
52. **Drew Rolle**, 2016–2026, Acting Chief, Organized Crimes & Gangs
53. **Kevin Trowel**, 2012–2023, Deputy Chief, Appeals
54. **Paul Tuchmann**, 2007–2018, Acting Chief, Public Integrity
55. **David Sarratt**, 2010–2014, Assistant U.S. Attorney

56. **Jennifer Schubert**, 2014–2023, Acting Chief, Organized Crimes & Gangs
57. **Daniel Silver**, 2008–2016, Deputy Chief, Criminal Division
58. **Tyler Smith**, 2010–2019, Assistant U.S. Attorney
59. **Andrey Spektor**, 2014–2021, Assistant U.S. Attorney
60. **Michael Yaeger**, 2008–2014, Assistant U.S. Attorney