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Office of the Nassau County Comptroller Announces Launch of MWBE Steering Committee

MINEOLA, NY – Nassau County Comptroller Jack Schnirman today announced his office has officially launched its Minority and Women-owned Business Enterprise (MWBE) Steering Committee, tasked with reviewing County contractors' compliance with MWBE requirements and supporting the enforcement of current MWBE requirements and regulations.

“The MWBE Steering Committee is a valuable, much-needed layer of oversight for minority and women-owned businesses across the County,” Schnirman said. “Part of fixing our contracting system involves bringing a wider range of vendors. This committee will be a resource for the hundreds of MWBE companies on Long Island that are willing and qualified to bid on Nassau County contracts.”

The MWBE Steering Committee is currently comprised of eight unpaid, qualified members of the public who have no dealings with the County that could affect their ability to act independently. The committee will hold quarterly meetings and assist in executing MWBE outreach events, provide input on the effectiveness of the county's contracting system, and monitor the County's MWBE contracting requirements.

In addition to a representative from the Comptroller's Office, designees from other County department's including the Office of Minority Affairs will also be invited to join the committee.

The members of the MWBE Steering Committee include Phil Andrews, President of the Long Island African American Chamber of Commerce; Terri Arnold-McKenzie, President/CEO of TAM Business Consulting, LLC; Margi Cargill, CEO of Titanium Linx Consulting; Pat Edwards, Vice President of Citi Community Development; Marsha Guerrier, President of Women on the Rise; Deidre Helberg, President/CEO of Helberg Electrical Supply; Jane Ryan, President of J.E. Ryan & Associates; and Jillian Weston, Owner/Founder of Jillian's Circus.

“I'm excited to bring a group of highly qualified individuals together for this committee,” Schnirman said. “There is a real need to enforce the MWBE requirements on the books that have gone ignored in previous years, and this committee will be an independent watchdog.”

The Office of the Nassau County Comptroller will be announcing other citizen-involved committees in the coming months that will be established to provide feedback on areas central to the work of the Comptroller's Office and moving Nassau County forward.