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## **Nassau Comptroller Jack Schnirman Appoints Former KPMG Managing Partner as new Deputy Comptroller**

*Anthony Dalessio, CPA, brings nearly four decades of accounting experience to the Comptroller's Office*

**MINEOLA, NY** – Nassau County Comptroller Jack Schnirman today announced he will be appointing Anthony Dalessio, CPA, as the new Deputy Comptroller in charge of Accounting in 2019. Dalessio is a former managing partner with Big 4 accounting firm KPMG, where he oversaw operations at its Long Island office in Melville. Dalessio will replace current Chief Deputy Comptroller Shari James, who is leaving at the end of 2018 to pursue entrepreneurial opportunities after serving many years in both the public and private sectors.

Throughout his career with KPMG, Dalessio has worked with numerous government agencies and Fortune 500 companies.

“Tony’s experience working with some of the biggest municipalities and companies in the country is unparalleled here on Long Island. He is a uniquely qualified proven professional who can continue to build upon the tremendous progress our office has made in making the County’s finances more transparent,” Schnirman said. “He knows what it will take to help us continue reimagining how government does business, bring a new level of innovation to the County’s outdated financial operations, and provide valuable insight into our accounting and financial analysis processes.”

Dalessio is expected to officially start in the beginning of January 2019.

“This is a tremendous opportunity, and I am honored to be given a chance to work directly for the people of Nassau County,” Dalessio said. “It is no secret the County has a long list of financial challenges, and I look forward to using the experiences I have gained working with both the public and private sectors to help improve operations in Nassau.”

Dalessio most recently served as Executive Director of Graduate Business Career Relations at Hofstra’s Frank G. Zarb School of Business. After his appointment as Deputy Comptroller, he will continue volunteering with Hofstra’s School of Business as an Executive in Residence for career relations.

“Hofstra University will always hold a special place in my heart, and I am thankful they have given me the opportunity to remain involved with the school and continue helping students and alumni,” Dalessio said.

“We are pleased that Tony will continue to be associated with Hofstra University as a volunteer, and we very much welcome his participation in our Executives in Residence program,” said Dr. Herman A. Berliner, Dean of the Frank G. Zarb School of Business at Hofstra University.

In the Comptroller’s Office, Dalessio will be tasked with building upon the progress James has spearheaded during her time with the Comptroller’s Office.

“Shari James has done a tremendous job for the residents of Nassau County. She hit the ground running from day one and immediately elevated the County’s ability to track and analyze its finances and effectively communicate to the public,” Schnirman said. “We have worked together many years, and she will be greatly missed around the office. We know she will continue to make a positive impact in our community.”

“It has been a tremendous opportunity to serve the residents of Nassau County and work alongside the committed staff in the Comptroller’s Office,” James said. “There is still a lot of work to be done, and I look forward to remaining very involved in the community.”

Dalessio started working for KPMG after graduating from Hofstra in 1980. He left KPMG in 1985 to serve as the deputy director general of the International Federation of Accountants and American Institute of Certified Public Accountants. He returned to KPMG in 1995, was named partner in 1999, and was named managing partner of the Long Island office in 2011. He retired from KPMG in September 2018.

Dalessio was a *Long Island Business News* Hall of Fame inductee in November 2015 and Outstanding CEO awardee in May 2013. His civic involvement includes roles with the Long Island Association, the Tilles Center Council of Overseers, the Metropolitan Club’s Membership Committee in New York City, and the Northwell Health Department of Medicine Leadership Circle. He was named a David Rockefeller Fellow for the Partnership for New York City and was a member of The Energeia Partnership at Molloy College Class of 2012.

“We cast a wide net searching for subject-matter professionals with private and public-sector experiences who could make an impact for our office and the County,” Schnirman said. “Tony fits that bill perfectly, and he is ready to get to work.”