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NYC WASTE SERVICES ASSOCIATION HIRES FORMER BIC CHAIRMAN

Jose Maldonado will advise association on compliance and diversity matters

(October 4, 2017 – Jamaica, NY) – New Yorkers for Responsible Waste

Management(NYRWM), whose member companies are engaged in all aspects of collecting, processing and managing solid waste, recyclables, organics and other materials generated by New York City’s commercial, institutional and industrial sectors, announced today that they have appointed **Jose Maldonado** as senior counsel for compliance and diversity. Maldonado served as the first chairman of the city’s Business Integrity Commission (BIC) from 2002-2004.

“Jose’s broad and deep experience in public service makes him ideally suited to work with our industry to continuously improve our performance,” said Kendall Christiansen, executive director of NYRWM. “Although our industry employs a very high percentage of people of color and provides solid and good-paying second-chance employment for New Yorkers, the changing workforce and the city’s enormous diversity raise significant challenges for our members as they organize and deliver a growing array of services to New York City’s businesses.”

As senior counsel, Maldonado will advise the organization and its members about a range of compliance-related matters including EEO practices, diversity, and new employment laws and regulations for an industry that provides the majority of commercial waste and recycling services to New York City’s commercial businesses.

Most recently, Maldonado served as counsel and senior policy adviser to the city’s fire commissioner and was the department’s first compliance officer where he led the effort to revamp departmental recruitment, hiring and EEO practices as mandated by a federal court order.

“Jose is highly respected by our members for his leadership of the Business Integrity Commission during a critical period,” said Ben Velocci, president of NYRWM and principal of Avid Waste Systems, Inc. “He laid the foundation for a collaborative working relationship between the city and our industry, and insisted on a regular schedule for review of the city’s rate-cap.”

“I am excited to join the NYRWM team and support its commitment to provide safe and environmentally sound waste management services to New York City’s businesses,” said Maldonado. “I welcome the opportunity to further enhance their longstanding track record of

serving our communities and providing employment opportunities to the city's diverse populations.”

Organized in 2016, the primary focus of NYRWM is to address the city's proposed plan to restructure the commercial waste industry into zones to be serviced by a single company, a concept known as franchising.

For more information about New Yorkers for Responsible Waste Management, please visit NYRWM.org.

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