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Five Promising New York City Political Leaders Selected for Inaugural Class of the Lindsay Fellowship Program

NEW YORK, NY—Today the CUNY Institute for State and Local Governance announced the selection of the inaugural class of the [Lindsay Fellowship Program](#). Named for former Mayor John Lindsay, the fellowship program engages promising, newly elected Council Members and State Legislators to broaden and deepen their understanding of the many different constituencies they represent as elected officials and the pressures and concerns that impact government deliberations and decision making.

The inaugural 2017 class of Lindsay Fellows includes:

- Joseph Borelli, Council Member, Staten Island
- Alicia L. Hyndman, Assembly Member, Queens
- Corey Johnson, Council Member, Manhattan
- Walter T. Mosley, III Assembly Member, Brooklyn
- Nily Rozic, Assembly Member, Queens

The Lindsay Fellowship seeks to recognize Mayor Lindsay's legacy of attracting young talent to encourage growth and build the skills necessary to advance their careers and make an impact in New York City, appreciating the dynamism, leadership and importance of young leaders to the city's future.

Lindsay Fellows meet approximately 10 times annually to exchange ideas with leaders from a variety of sectors including business, civic, academic, media, and technology sectors as well as former government.

An advisory board of former government officials selects the class of fellows and provide guidance on the program. The advisory board includes Gordon Davis, chair, (Venable LLP); Gail Benjamin, (former city council staff); Fred Cerullo, (Grand Central Partnership); Robert Esnard, (Donald Zucker Co.); James Kagen, (retired health care management consultant); Peter Madonia, (Rockefeller Foundation); Elsie McCabe, (NYC Mission Society); Haeda Mihaltses, (NY Mets); Pam Silverblatt, (CUNY); Forrest Taylor, (former city council staff); Michelle Cohen Tocci, (David Berg Foundation); and Ann Weisbrod, retired, (Hudson Yards Development Corporation).

"I began my career after law school, in 1967, working on John Lindsay's staff in the City Bureau of the Budget and the City Hall. It is a great honor for me to come full circle with this program and to be involved with such young, dynamic leadership," said Gordon Davis, Chair of the Lindsay Fellows Advisory Board.

"Newly elected individuals bring new energy and new ideas to governing and public service. The Lindsay Fellowship seeks to support and build on that potential—providing

opportunities to interact with leaders from different sectors and bringing clarity to complex decision making processes within government—so that these new leaders remain engaged, informed, and dynamic public servants throughout their careers,” said Michael P. Jacobson, executive director of the CUNY Institute for State and Local Governance.

New members of the New York City Council and the New York State Legislature elected within the past four years are invited in the fall to apply to become Lindsay Fellows for the following year. Applicants are asked to submit a resume and short answer responses about what they hope to gain from the program, what issues compelled them to run for office, and the greatest obstacles they face as elected officials.

The Lindsay Fellowship is being administered by the CUNY Institute for State and Local Governance.

About the Lindsay Fellowship Program

The [Lindsay Fellowship](#) was created on the 50th anniversary of the election of John Lindsay as mayor of New York City. The program honors his many years of public service as a member of the U.S. House of Representative, during which he played a leading role in the enactment of such historic legislation as the 1964 Civil Rights Act, the 1965 Voting Rights Act and the 1965 Immigration Reform Act, and as the mayor of New York City, during which he emphasized recruiting young talent, especially minorities, and sought ways to encourage their growth, increase their skills, and advance their careers. The Lindsay Fellowship honors his public service by supporting young city and state legislators in broadening their understanding of key constituencies and the pressures and concerns that impact government deliberations and decision making, as well as providing Fellows with opportunities to build relationships with civic leaders and former government officials, as well as with leaders from academia, the media, business, and a wide range of not-for-profits.

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