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**FORMER NEW YORK STATE SENATOR AND CITY COUNCIL MEMBER HIRAM MONSERRATE
SENTENCED TO PRISON TERM ON FRAUD CHARGES**

ROSE GILL HEARN, Commissioner of the New York City Department of Investigation ("DOI"), issued the following statement on HIRAM MONSERRATE receiving a 24-month prison sentence today for directing more than \$100,000 in discretionary funding through a nonprofit as a City Council member and into the financing of his failed 2006 New York State Senate campaign. MONSERRATE, 45, pleaded guilty in May 2012 to federal offenses, specifically one count of conspiracy to commit mail fraud and one count of mail fraud. He was sentenced today by U.S. District Judge Colleen McMahon and was also ordered to pay approximately \$79,434 in restitution. The office of Preet Bharara, United States Attorney for the Southern District of New York, prosecuted the case.

DOI Commissioner Rose Gill Hearn said, "Hiram Monserrate was undone by his greed and now will pay the price. He used a nonprofit's money to serve his own political career rather than his constituency and with today's prison sentence will forfeit his freedom. DOI and the U.S. Attorney for the Southern District of New York will continue to safeguard public funds and ensure that individuals who squander them, particularly elected officials, are held accountable."

Commissioner Gill Hearn thanked Preet Bharara, U.S. Attorney for the Southern District of New York.

The investigation was conducted by DOI's Office of the Inspector General for the City Human Resources Administration.

Assistant U.S. Attorneys Brent S. Wible and Carrie H. Cohen prosecuted the case.

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