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**STATEMENT BY DEPARTMENT OF INVESTIGATION (DOI) COMMISSIONER ROSE GILL HEARN  
ON THE CONVICTION OF NYS ASSEMBLYWOMAN DIANE GORDON FOR CORRUPTION**

Today's felony conviction of New York State Assemblywoman DIANE GORDON, which resulted from a DOI undercover investigation, is gratifying news. As an elected official, GORDON was supposed to work for the best interests of her Brooklyn community. Instead, GORDON marketed herself as a corrupt legislator ready to use her position to help a private builder unlawfully acquire City-owned land in her district if he, in exchange, would build her a half-million-dollar house in a gated community in Queens for practically no money. We know this because GORDON said so in nine meetings with the builder while DOI investigators secretly recorded their conversations. For example, GORDON told the builder, who was cooperating with DOI, "I want to deliver these properties to you so I can get this house for little to nothing. I don't want to pay a mortgage." DOI's investigation further showed that GORDON sought to conceal her crimes by arranging for her mother to act as the purchaser of the house and for the builder to deposit approximately \$7,500 in a checking account opened in her mother's name, which her mother then returned to the builder as a purported "down payment." Today, the jury in Brooklyn found that the evidence painstakingly gathered by DOI investigators proved Assemblywoman GORDON guilty of crimes involving abuse of her public office.

That GORDON, a State legislator, seized on a City program to build affordable housing on City-owned land in her district as her opportunity to sell her office and to obtain her own luxury housing elsewhere adds a layer of outrageousness to her misconduct. It's fortunate that DOI was right there to witness and record GORDON'S criminal scheme as it unfolded, ensure that it failed, and expose it publicly by referring the evidence for criminal prosecution.

I thank and congratulate Kings County District Attorney Charles J. Hynes and his staff, particularly Assistant District Attorney Michael Spanakos, for their professionalism in prosecuting this case to its successful conclusion and all the DOI investigators whose skill and professionalism made this prosecution possible, particularly Deputy Commissioner Vincent E. Green, Assistant Commissioner Alberta Ancrum, and Assistant Inspector General Joseph H. Medina.

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