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**FORMER PROSECUTORS TO REPRESENT THE MAYOR ON THE BOARD OF FIGLI DI SAN GENNARO**

ROSE GILL HEARN, Commissioner of the Department of Investigation (DOI), announced today that two former prosecutors — Nelson A. Boxer and Austin V. Campriello — have agreed to represent the Mayor with the Board of Directors of Figli di San Gennaro, Inc., the sponsor of the San Gennaro Feast, which runs from September 16 to September 26th in Little Italy.

The Figli Board of Directors will hold a special meeting next month to elect Mr. Boxer and Mr. Campriello, as well as other new members including Bob Marshall, who served on parish council at St. Patrick's Old Cathedral; Emily DePaolo, who serves on the parish council for Most Precious Blood Church; and Felice Michetti, a former Commissioner of the Department of Housing Preservation and Development. Mr. Boxer will be the Mayor's observer and representative to the Board of Directors.

Mr. Boxer is currently a lawyer at the firm Deckert LLP, and is a former Assistant United States Attorney of the Southern District of New York where he investigated, prosecuted and tried a variety of cases including fraud, tax, securities, RICO, Labor and public corruption violations. In 1996, Mr. Boxer led the successful investigation and prosecution of the Genovese Organized Crime Family's control of the annual Feast of San Gennaro in Little Italy. Court-ordered listening devices inside a Mulberry Street social club, as well as testimony from Feast vendors and cooperating witnesses, established the mafia's control over the collection of rent and the supply of food and beverages at the Feast. Eighteen mafia members and associates were convicted as a result of the prosecution, including the Consigliere of the Genovese Organized Crime Family, after a 1997 federal racketeering trial. As a result of those cases in 1995, the City required the appointment of an independent monitor to work with the feast, which is not controlled or operated by the City, to oversee the integrity of the feast going forward.

Mr. Campriello is a partner at Bryan Cave LLP. He serves on the Mayor's Advisory Committee on the Judiciary, is Counsel to the Governor's Screening Committee, Appellate Division First Department; and is also on the Committee on Character and Fitness, Second Department, Ninth District. While Chief of the Rackets Bureau at the Manhattan District Attorney's Office, Mr. Campriello oversaw investigations into organized crime and official corruption. He has also served as Special Counsel to the Mayor's Special Commission to Investigate New York City Contracts and as Chief Counsel and Executive Director of the Joint Commission on Integrity in the Public Schools.

Nelson A. Boxer said, "I'm honored to serve the Mayor and the patrons of the Feast of San Gennaro. One of the most gratifying accomplishments I had as a federal prosecutor was playing a part in the dramatic increase in charitable contributions made by the Society that operates the Feast. I am hopeful that my service will help Feast proceeds for its many worthy charitable causes continue to grow."

Austin V. Campriello said, "I am pleased to help make sure the Feast of San Gennaro continues to be a great celebration of Italian-American heritage, continues to be run appropriately and continues to make significant contributions to charitable organizations."

Commissioner Rose Gill Hearn said, "The appointments of Mr. Boxer and Mr. Campriello indicate the City is serious in its commitment to the successful continuation of this wonderful Feast. Mr. Boxer and Mr. Campriello will work with DOI and the independent monitor to evaluate all activities pertaining to the Feast. And, we are looking forward to another enjoyable Feast this year."

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