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Legal Aid Statement on Vincent Schiraldi Becoming the next NYC Department of Correction Commissioner

(NEW YORK, NY) – **Tina Luongo, Attorney-In-Charge of Criminal Defense Practice at The Legal Aid Society**, issued the following statement in response to [reporting](#) that Vincent Schiraldi will become the new Commissioner of the New York City Department of Correction:

“We welcome the news that Mayor de Blasio has appointed Vincent Schiraldi to the helm of the Department of Correction. Not only is Mr. Schiraldi a competent manager with experience running a City agency, but he has also been a leading voice on critical issues including comprehensive parole reform and the importance of ending systems of mass incarceration.

As detailed in the latest [report](#) from the federal monitor overseeing endemic issues of violence in the City’s jails, DOC is in desperate need of a complete, top-to-down overhaul. We hope that Mr. Schiraldi assembles the team needed to realize these goals. The Legal Aid Society looks forward to working with him on those efforts.”

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