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***Statement on the Appointment of Lynelle Maginley-Liddie as Department of Correction Commissioner***

**(NEW YORK, NY) - The Legal Aid Society** released the following statement in response to the appointment of Lynelle Maginley-Liddie as Commissioner of the New York City Department of Correction (DOC):

“The Legal Aid Society hopes that Commissioner Maginley Liddie will take immediate and meaningful steps to address the myriad of health and safety risks that incarcerated New Yorkers suffer each and every day. Given her years of service with the Department, Commissioner Maginley-Liddie should be well aware of the long-standing issues plaguing the City’s jail system. We look forward to working with her in this new role to ensure that all people in City custody are treated with dignity, care and humanity.

“However, the current deteriorated state of the Department of Correction is well past the ability of a single commissioner to correct, and only an independent body in the form of a receiver can secure the necessary systemic changes that two administrations, multiple Correction commissioners, countless recommendations from the *Nunez* Monitor, remedial orders and, most recently, the Adams Administration’s ‘Action Plan’ have all failed to achieve.”

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