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## **Statement from Public Advocate Letitia James Regarding The Dismissal of Tom Galante from the Queens Library Board**

(New York, NY)— Regarding the dismissal of Tom Galante from the Queens Library Board, New York City Public Advocate Letitia James released the following statement:

“After careful consideration of the legal issues and circumstances involving the now-former President and CEO Tom Galante, the Queens Borough Public Library Board of Trustees tonight properly exercised their duty and terminated his employment. For the past year, my representatives have attended hours of meetings to review and assist in the Board’s reform, its processes and its leadership.

The days of former Board members and leadership’s lavish dinners and questionable expenditures are over. Now, with a reconstituted Board –under the appointment and leadership of Borough President Melinda Katz and Mayor De Blasio – the best years of the library are yet to come. The Board members, both new and old, who have acted tonight, are to be congratulated on their leadership and for their unwavering dedication to this Library.

As a member of the Board, it is a great honor to serve one of the finest institutions in the world, one that provides the services that our residents of our City rely upon and deserve. The Queens Library must know that we have their interest – and their interest alone – at the forefront of our actions, in providing the books, classes, entertainment, and services they demand.

With this action tonight, and the steps taken in recent months to appoint an interim President, I believe we have restored public faith in this great institution,” said **New York City Public Advocate Letitia James**.

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