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**STATE OF NEW JERSEY  
STATE ETHICS COMMISSION  
COMMISSION CASE NO. 29-18**

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**IN THE MATTER OF  
CAREN TURNER,  
FORMER COMMISSIONER,  
PORT AUTHORITY OF NEW YORK  
AND NEW JERSEY**

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**Administrative Action  
CONSENT ORDER**

WHEREAS, the State Ethics Commission (“Commission”) is authorized to initiate, receive, investigate, review and hear complaints regarding violations of the New Jersey Conflicts of Interest Law, *N.J.S.A. 52:13D-12 et seq.* (“Conflicts Law”), applicable rules of the Commission, *N.J.A.C. 19:61-1.1 et seq.*, the Uniform Ethics Code, and any agency code of ethics by any State officer or employee or special State officer or employee; and

WHEREAS, this matter was brought before the Commission by a referral filed with the Commission; and

WHEREAS, the Commission reviewed the matters and issues raised by the referral; and

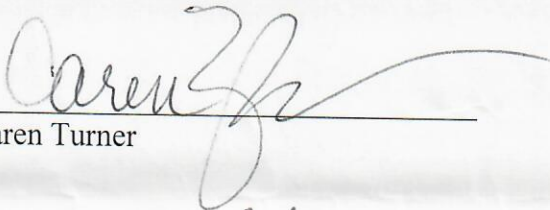
WHEREAS, the Commission and Caren Turner (“Turner”), are interested in entering into a final and complete resolution of all of the matters and issues raised by the referral;

IT IS THEREFORE agreed by the parties as follows:

1. Turner was appointed to the Board of Commissioners of the Port Authority of New York and New Jersey (“PANYNJ”) in 2017. Members of the Board of Commissioners receive no compensation for their service.
2. At all times relevant to this matter, Turner was a special State officer subject to the New Jersey Conflicts Law, *N.J.S.A. 52:13D-12 et seq.*
3. On March 31, 2018, officers of the Tenafly Police Department conducted a motor vehicle stop of a car occupied by four individuals, including Turner’s adult daughter. As a result of the stop, the vehicle was impounded.
4. Turner’s daughter contacted Turner for assistance and to provide the vehicle’s occupants with transportation from the scene.
5. Upon arriving at the scene, Turner introduced herself to the officers and presented them with her PANYNJ business card and her PANYNJ Commissioner’s badge. Turner asked the officers for information as to why the vehicle had been pulled over. The officers advised Turner that they were not required to provide this information and that she should speak to the driver of the vehicle, who had been provided with the relevant information.
6. Turner’s conversation with the officers was captured via dash-cam video.
7. Turner resigned from the PANYNJ on April 20, 2018.
8. It is the Commission’s position that Turner’s conduct may be reasonably construed to have violated section 23(e)(7) of the Conflicts Law.
9. It is Turner’s position that she did not identify herself as a Commissioner to obtain any special treatment and did not knowingly violate section 23(e)(7) of the Conflicts Law. Nevertheless, Turner appreciates that an observer might have been left with the reasonable impression that she sought a benefit by identifying her State position.

10. In consideration of the above, Turner agrees to pay a civil penalty in the amount of \$1,500.00.

11. The parties are entering into this Consent Order in final and full settlement of all matters and issues raised by the referral.

  
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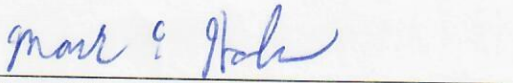
Caren Turner

Dated: 9/27/18

  
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State Ethics Commission  
By: Joseph P. LaSala, Chair

Dated: 10/16/18

  
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State Ethics Commission  
By: Mark T. Holmes, Acting Executive Director

Dated: 10/9/18