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University Settlement appoints Christina Chiu to its Board of Directors

New York, NY – Christina Chiu (*Executive Vice President, Chief Operating Officer & Chief Financial Officer, Empire State Realty Trust*) has been elected to University Settlement’s Board of Directors, the nation’s first settlement house announced today.

At Empire State Realty Trust, Chiu is responsible for capital markets, financial planning & analysis, financial reporting, tax, treasury, investor relations, technology, legal and human resources. Ms. Chiu joined ESRT following an 18-year career at Morgan Stanley where she served as Managing Director and Chief Operating Officer of the Global Listed Real Assets Investing business. She is a member of The Real Estate Roundtable Real Estate Capital Policy Advisory Committee and ULI Technology & Real Estate Council, and also a David Rockefeller Fellow of the Partnership for NYC. She earned a B.S. in Finance and Accounting *summa cum laude* from NYU Stern School of Business.

“We’re thrilled to welcome Christina to our Board,” said **Melissa E. Aase**, *CEO of University Settlement*. “She brings a wealth of knowledge and expertise that’s immediately relevant to many of our agency’s highest strategic priorities, and a deep commitment to building a New York City that works better for people, and I’m looking forward to calling on her counsel.”

“I’m very excited to join the Board of one of NYC’s most dynamic community-based organizations,” said **Chiu**. “With tremendous appreciation of University Settlement’s long legacy of success, I look forward to helping its teams continue building community strength in creative, sustainable ways.”

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About University Settlement

University Settlement partners with 40,000 New Yorkers on the Lower East Side and in Brooklyn every year to build on their strengths as they achieve healthy, stable, and remarkable lives. For over 135 years, we've collaborated with our neighbors to pioneer highly effective programs that fight poverty and systemic inequality. Established in 1886 as the first Settlement House in the United States, we bring the values of that movement into the 21st century by meeting New Yorkers where they live, listening deeply to all perspectives, engaging with every individual holistically, and creating space for people to organize. Joining together with our neighbors to advocate for justice and equality, we help build community strength.

We work with New Yorkers of all ages. We infuse a commitment to civic engagement, equity, and communal action into each of our programs, which include early childhood education, mental health and wellness, benefits assistance and eviction prevention, adult literacy and education, healthy aging, community and recreation centers, performing and visual arts, and youth development.

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