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University Settlement appoints Aisha Oliver-Staley to its Board of Directors

New York, NY – Aisha Oliver-Staley (*Senior Vice President, General Counsel, and University Secretary, New York University*) has been elected to University Settlement’s Board of Directors, the nation’s first settlement house announced today.

At NYU, Aisha leads the Office of General Counsel and the Office of Compliance and Risk Management, which serve as strategic partners to the University’s executive leadership, schools, administrative offices, affiliates, portal campuses in Abu Dhabi and Shanghai, and global academic sites on legal, compliance, and policy matters. As University Secretary, Aisha also oversees the Office of the Secretary and is responsible for providing guidance and resources to the University’s Board of Trustees.

Aisha is a graduate of Morgan State University, where she earned a B.Sc. in business management. She received her JD from Howard University School of Law.

"We are delighted to welcome Aisha to our Board," said **Melissa E. Aase**, CEO of University Settlement. "Her personal commitment to fostering community and building access to education, and her deep professional knowledge of corporate and non-profit governance will be significant assets for us, and we look forward to calling on her valued counsel."

"University Settlement’s legacy of empowering New Yorkers and strengthening our communities resonates deeply with me, and I’m honored to join its board." said **Oliver-Staley**. "Inspired by the innovative work the Settlement does every day, I’m looking forward to helping chart the agency’s way forward in the coming years."

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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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