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## **Downtown Alliance Honors Five Community Members with Exceptional Service Awards**



*Left to right: Audrey Jackman (DOT), Kamau Ware, (The Black Gotham Experience), Jessica Lappin (Downtown Alliance), Bridget Anderson (DSNY), Cynthia Rojas Sejas (Co-Chair for Ad Hoc Committee on Wall + Broad Planning Study), Lt. Steven Bhagan (NYPD, on behalf of Captain Angel Figueroa Jr.)*

**NEW YORK (May 9, 2019)** – The Alliance for Downtown New York presented Exceptional Service Awards to five outstanding members of the Lower Manhattan community this morning at The Down Town Association. The honorees were recognized for their efforts to improve the lives of residents, workers and visitors in the neighborhood.

"Lower Manhattan is an informed, welcoming, clean and safe neighborhood - thanks in large part to these five pillars of our community," said Downtown Alliance President Jessica Lappin. "We took a moment to honor their work today but we applaud their efforts every day of the year."

**The 2019 Exceptional Service Awards recipients include (in alphabetical order):**

**Bridget Anderson, Deputy Commissioner for Recycling and Sustainability, New York City Department of Sanitation** — Deputy Commissioner Anderson joined the Department of

Sanitation for in 2007 and works closely with the Alliance's Operations team. Earlier this year, she and her team were invaluable resources to the Alliance in the creation of the *Lower Manhattan Residential Sanitation Resource Guide for Residents and Property Managers*.

**NYPD Captain Angel Figueroa Jr, First Precinct Commanding Officer** — Captain Figueroa has been with the NYPD since 2005. In his role as Commanding Officer of the First Precinct, he has brought his officers together with the Alliance's Public Safety team to ensure Lower Manhattan is one of the city's safest neighborhoods. In January of this year, the First Precinct recorded their safest month on record.

**Audrey Jackman, Senior Project Manager at the Office of Construction and Mitigation Coordination, New York City Department of Transportation** — Jackman joined the Department of Transportation in 1987. In her current role as Senior Project Manager for DOT's OCMC, she is in regular contact with the Alliance. She helps resolve local issues through inspections or follow-ups from the appropriate department. She also keeps the Alliance informed on DOT construction plans will impact the district.

**Cynthia Rojas Sejas, Vice President of Risk Services, S&P Global Market Intelligence** — Rojas Sejas is a Vice President of Risk Services at S & P Global Market Intelligence, a member of the Downtown Alliance Board of Directors and a local resident. She was the co-chair of the Alliance steering committee on improving the area around the Stock Exchange, which resulted in the release of the planning study, *A More Welcoming Wall & Broad: A Vision for Improving the Stock Exchange*, last year.

**Kamau Ware, Founder and Lead Creative, The Black Gotham Experience** — An artist and historian, Kamau created The Black Gotham Experience in 2010 to bring to life the history of the African Diaspora in New York City. His work includes public talks, graphic novels and walking tours through the Financial District. He has been commissioned to create a public art project on Water Street as well as the first Black History tour of City Hall.

Each year, the Downtown Alliance recognizes unique individuals from both the public and private sector who have provided exceptional service to advance the goals of the Downtown Alliance and Lower Manhattan.

*The mission of the Alliance for Downtown New York is to provide service, advocacy, research and information to advance Lower Manhattan as a global model of a 21st century Central Business District for businesses, residents and visitors. The Downtown Alliance manages the Downtown-Lower Manhattan Business Improvement District (BID), serving an area roughly from City Hall to the Battery, from the East River to West Street. For more information visit [www.downtownny.com](http://www.downtownny.com)*

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