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## **CBC NAMES MICHAEL DARDIA CO-RESEARCH DIRECTOR**

**New York, NY – August 4, 2014** – The Citizens Budget Commission (CBC) today announced the appointment of Michael Dardia, former Deputy Director of the City of New York’s Office of Management and Budget, as the Commission’s Co-Research Director. The appointment will enhance the research capacity of the Commission which has long served as a watchdog on the finances and operations of New York City and State governments and has more recently enlarged its focus to include the Port Authority of New York and New Jersey. In this new capacity, Dardia will work alongside Charles Brecher, the Commission’s Consulting Research Director and retiring Professor at NYU’s Robert F. Wagner Graduate School of Public Service.

Michael Dardia served as the Deputy Director of the NYC Office of Management and Budget from 2004 to 2014. He oversaw the budgets of the City’s housing and economic development agencies as well as economic and tax forecasting and value engineering. He testified for the City in labor arbitration hearings and presented the City’s economic and tax outlook for its due diligence meetings and rating agency presentations.

Previously, he was Vice President of the SPHERE Institute in Greater San Francisco, a Research Fellow at the Public Policy Institute of California, and a consultant for RAND. He holds B.S. and M.S. degrees from SUNY Stony Brook and a Ph.D. in Economics and Public Policy from the RAND Graduate School.

“Michael Dardia’s expertise and experience make him a wonderful addition to the Citizens Budget Commission,” said CBC Chair Kenneth D. Gibbs. “We’re pleased to be able to add his skills to our highly regarded staff.”

“Michael Dardia is steeped in both research and government,” said CBC President Carol Kellermann, “with a decade of management and budget oversight in New York and years of working closely with New York State in that context. We are very excited that he is bringing his wealth of knowledge to the Commission and will help us to widen the reach and impact of our work.”

“CBC makes research-based recommendations to improve New York City and State government performance,” said Charles Brecher. “Michael Dardia has an extraordinary combination of government and research history, and we look forward to working with him to make New York City and State governments stronger and more efficient.”

*Founded in 1932, the Citizens Budget Commission ([www.cbccny.org](http://www.cbccny.org)) is a nonpartisan, nonprofit, civic organization devoted to influencing constructive change in the finances and services of New York City and New York State governments.*