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STRIVE International to Host Manhattan Roundtable With NYC Comptroller Scott Stringer

*Upper Manhattan's Largest Workforce Development Agency Leading Discussions About Income
and Employment Growth in Disconnected Communities*

NEW YORK, Jan. 19, 2018 — STRIVE International, Upper Manhattan's largest workforce development agency, will host New York City Comptroller Scott Stringer as he presents *The New Geography of Jobs: A Blueprint for Strengthening NYC Neighborhoods*, and hosts a roundtable that will include community and business leaders, as well as representatives from six of New York community boards. The program will run from **9:30-11:30 AM on Tuesday January 23** at STRIVE's East Harlem headquarters, **located at 205 East 122nd Street, 3rd Floor, New York, NY, 10035**. The Manhattan Roundtable concludes Comptroller Stringer's five-borough tour to activate discussions around income and employment growth in all New York City communities.

"Over the last decade, the five boroughs have experienced unprecedented economic growth. But while business is booming in nearly every neighborhood, local residents aren't always benefiting," says Comptroller Stringer. "If we want to address the troublingly high unemployment rates among the city's youth, the city's minority populations, and the city's low-income neighborhoods, then we need to ensure that local entrepreneurship and local employment opportunities accrue to long-time, local residents. STRIVE New York – which has joined us every step of the way during our five-borough workforce development series – is playing an integral role in helping create a fairer and better city. Their job training services help make sure that every New Yorker – regardless of their age, race, ethnicity, or gender – is prepared to thrive and build a meaningful career."

Accelerated job growth in lower-income communities has been part of the economic renaissance that New York City has experienced over the past 15 years. Still, families in these communities continue to experience persistent cycles of poverty, with widening gaps in income and wealth. The roundtable program will provide a set of perspectives on this dynamic, while also reviewing community-based programs such as the East Harlem Talent Network and the Lower East Side Employment Network—models proven to promote local hiring where business growth has been strong but employment opportunities limited for neighborhood residents.

"STRIVE is thrilled to host this important conversation, and we applaud Comptroller Stringer for shining light on this vital issue," says Phil Weinberg, STRIVE's President & CEO. "The Comptroller's report underscores the essential role that New York City's nonprofit agencies – by forging new and innovative

partnerships – play in supporting economic growth and access to employment opportunities in communities across our city. There is a unique opportunity for workforce development providers to forge cross-sector partnerships and create new pipelines of opportunity and prosperity for all New Yorkers.”

Participating agencies will also include [JobsFirstNYC](#) and the [Lower East Side Employment Network \(LESEN\)](#).

About STRIVE: STRIVE is a nationally recognized workforce development agency, headquartered in East Harlem, which serves more than 1,300 New Yorkers annually. Since its founding in 1984, STRIVE has helped more than 70,000 individuals across the country break the cycle of poverty and transform their lives through comprehensive career development and supportive services. STRIVE’s programs have been cited by practitioners and policymakers as a model for assisting individuals who have significant barriers to employment and promotion. To learn more about STRIVE, visit www.striveinternational.org