

**Resolution Calling for the Resignation
of Vito Lopez as a Member of the
New York Democratic State Committee and Democratic District Leader**

WHEREAS, The Assembly Ethics Committee found Vito Lopez violated the Assembly Sexual Harassment/Retaliation Policy, for which he was sanctioned; and

WHEREAS, The State Joint Commission on Public Ethics (JCOPE) investigation into Vito Lopez's conduct since November 2010 found the same and additional misconduct by Lopez; and

WHEREAS, JCOPE found Vito Lopez violated the Public Officers Law by using "the powers and perks of his position as a member of the Assembly to engage in knowing, willful, and prolonged mistreatment of certain female members of his Assembly staff;" and

WHEREAS, Instead of accepting responsibility for his misconduct and apologizing to his victims, Vito Lopez blames his victims for his own misconduct; and

WHEREAS, There is no place in government or politics for someone who conducts himself in the manner Vito Lopez has; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the New York State Democratic Committee (NYSDC) seeks to send the strongest possible message condemning his conduct, and declare that New York State will have zero tolerance for sexual harassment in our legislature, our party and the halls of government; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the NYSDC calls upon NYSDC member Vito Lopez in the strongest possible terms to resign immediately as a member of the NYSDC and as Democratic District Leader from the 53rd Assembly District.