HUNTER COLLEGE

Naming of the Olshan Professor of Clinical Practice

RESOLVED, That the Board of Trustees of The City University of New York approve the naming of the “Olshan Professor of Clinical Practice” in the Hunter College School of Education.

EXPLANATION: The Olshan family has pledged $1,100,000 to the Hunter College Foundation, Inc. (“the Foundation”) to establish a fund for the “Olshan Professor of Clinical Practice” within the School of Education at Hunter College. The Olshan Professor, holder of the first named chair in the School of Education’s history, will expand the School’s development of clinical programs and spearhead research on the skills and practices used by high-performing K-12 teachers. The Olshan Professor will also analyze the methods used in the United States to recruit, train, evaluate and compensate teachers, with the expectation that findings will be shared not only with schools in the New York City Department of Education, but also through scholarly papers, professional colloquia and public lectures. As a result, the Olshan Professor is expected to have a national impact on teacher preparation programs at departments of education across the country.

Carol Olshan received her B.A. from Hunter College in 1963, followed by a Master’s Degree in 1972. She was an elementary school teacher in East Harlem for 16 years, and remains a passionate advocate for the teaching profession and for Hunter’s School of Education which, she says, “literally made me who I am today.” She adds, “It gave me a profession, it gave me a feeling of value. I’d wanted to be a teacher since third grade, and Hunter College gave me the wherewithal to pursue my dream.”

Morton L. Olshan is the Founder and Chairman of Olshan Properties and its related entities, and is recognized as one of the leaders in the commercial real estate industry. In addition to his distinguished real estate career, Mr. Olshan has been actively involved in numerous civic and social service organizations. He is a Trustee Emeritus of the Horace Mann School, where he served on the Executive Board and was Chair of the Physical Facilities Committee. He also served as a Board member of the New York Urban Coalition, the Community Preservation Corporation, and represented the New York City Comptroller’s Office on the Board of Trustees of the Metropolitan Museum of Art. He currently serves as a member of The President’s Council of the New York Public Library.