Ballot statement from Mila Skulkina, CFA

As an investment professional with over 20 years of experience in the financial industry, I am incredibly excited to be included on the ballot for the CFA Society New York Board of Directors nomination. I currently serve as a lead Portfolio Manager for Emerging Markets Fixed Income at Lord Abbett, where I oversee emerging market sovereign and corporate debt investments across dedicated and multi-sector portfolios. Prior to joining Lord Abbett in 2013, I held a variety of investment roles at Sanders Capital and Merrill Lynch; in addition, I worked as a strategy consultant at Bain & Co. I hold an MBA from the UCLA Anderson School of Management and I received my undergraduate degree in Business Economics from UCLA, graduating summa cum laude.

Throughout my career I have been very focused on giving back to the next generation – I currently serve on the Board of Visitors of the UCLA Economics Department and am a member of the Bretton Woods Committee. Through Lord Abbett's partnership with Saint Peter's University Student Manager Fund I am part of the Investment Council that works and mentors students in the program. I also serve on the CFA Society New York's Programming Committee that is charged with helping to deliver high quality content to our constituents. I have also partnered with American Corporate Partners as a mentor to veterans to help ease transition from military to civilian workforce.

If elected as a Board Member, I intend to leverage my unique background and significant experience to increase engagement and further CFA Society New York's mission to deliver best in class, thought-leading content to our members. In addition, I hope to further access to financial education to underserved communities to continue to educate investing public and broaden our outreach. Finally, I am very excited about the opportunity to work even more closely with the members of the CFA Society New York to develop the next generation of leaders.

Thank you for your consideration and support.