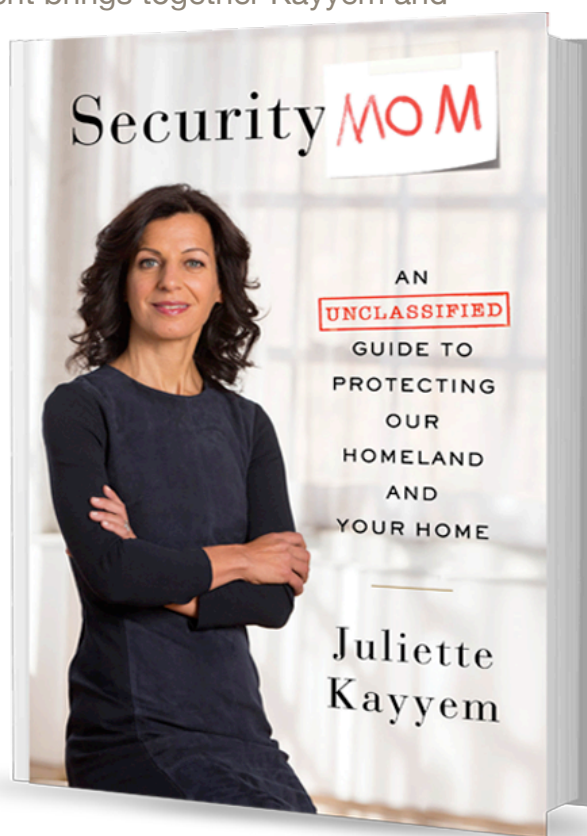


## News Release

### LINCHPIN STRATEGIES TO HOST AUTHOR AND HOMELAND SECURITY EXPERT JULIETTE KAYYEM

Washington, DC: May 9, 2016 – Linchpin is proud to announce that we will host homeland security expert and author Juliette Kayyem for a security talk and book signing at our Capitol Hill offices on Thursday, June 2nd. This event brings together Kayyem and Linchpin Strategies President, Catriona Macdonald, who were classmates at the Westlake School for Girls (now Harvard Westlake) in Los Angeles.

Anyone living or working in the DC metropolitan area is potentially at risk of being caught up in disruption, whether it is a terrorist attack such as 9/11, anthrax, Snowmageddon or Metro closure. Kayyem will talk about the steps you can take to help your office and your family develop what Kayyem calls “grip”—an active form of resiliency by which we can “prepare, respond, adapt, and then brace for the next thing.” An entertaining speaker, she illustrates her advice with remarkable stories from her work in the US Justice and Homeland Security departments, State of Massachusetts, and CNN through Hurricane Katrina, the BP oil spill, the Boston Marathon bombing, and more.



Juliette has spent over 15 years managing complex policy initiatives and organizing government responses to major crises in both state and federal government. Most recently, she was President Obama’s Assistant Secretary for Intergovernmental Affairs at the Department of Homeland Security. There she played a pivotal role in major operations including handling of the H1N1 pandemic and the BP Oil Spill response; she also organized major policy efforts in immigration reform and community resiliency. Before that, she was Massachusetts Governor Deval Patrick’s homeland security advisor guiding regional planning and the state’s first interoperability plan, and overseeing the National Guard. She has also served as a member of the National Commission on Terrorism, a legal advisor to US Attorney General Janet Reno, and a trial attorney and counselor in the Civil Rights Division at the Justice Department. She is the recipient of many government honors, including the Distinguished Public Service Award, the Coast Guard’s highest medal

awarded to a civilian. In 2013, she was named the Pulitzer Prize finalist for editorial columns in the Boston Globe focused on ending the Pentagon's combat exclusion rule against women, a policy that was changed that year.

Juliette is a board member of Mass Inc., the International Centre for Sport Security, and the Red Cross of MA. She is also a member of the Council on Foreign Relations, the Trilateral Commission and DHS Secretary Jeh Johnson's Homeland Security Advisory Committee. As a faculty member at Harvard's Kennedy School of Government, she teaches new leaders in emergency management and homeland security. A graduate of Harvard College and Harvard Law School, and the mother of three children, she is married to First Circuit Court of Appeals Judge David Barron.

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