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CCRB ANNOUNCES APPOINTMENT OF PATRICK SMITH TO THE BOARD

NEW YORK – Today, the New York City Civilian Complaint Review Board (CCRB) announced the appointment of Patrick Smith to the board as a Mayoral appointment. Mayor Adams concurrently reappointed Kevin Jemmott and Joe Fox to the board.

Patrick Smith joins the board with decades of experience across journalism, communications, public policy and New York City politics. Mr. Smith began his career in journalism at the Bucks County Courier Times and the Philadelphia Daily News before dedicating 12 years to the New York Post. At the New York Post, Smith served as Night City Editor, City Hall reporter, special assignment reporter and Brooklyn editor. From there, he went on to serve as the Public Affairs Director to then Brooklyn Borough President Howard Golden. In 1992, he advised the Bill Clinton’s Presidential campaign on how best to message and campaign throughout Brooklyn. Mr. Smith then spent nearly 30 years at Rubenstein where he rose to Managing Director. While at Rubenstein, he led many public policy driven initiatives for their clients including founding the Quinnipiac University Poll and growing the NYC Veterans Day Parade to the largest in the nation. Mr. Smith Retired in 2020 but remains a very active member of his community, namely as the President of the Battery Park City Homeowners Coalition and as a father and grandfather.

“Public safety and justice are the prerequisites to prosperity in this city and having a strong Civilian Complaint Review Board is vital to achieving both,” said **New York City Mayor Eric Adams**. “Mr. Smith’s dedication to transparency, accountability, and community trust will play a pivotal role in furthering the board’s mission of ensuring justice and fairness for all New Yorkers.”

“The CCRB looks forward to welcoming Patrick Smith to this board,” said **Interim Chair Arva Rice**. “Mr. Smith has lived in New York for decades and has a wealth of experience across sectors which will bring a valuable perspective to our panels. The CCRB works to make New York City safer for all people and I am pleased that Mr. Smith is joining that mission.”

“I would like to thank the Mayor for appointing me to such an important institution,” said **Patrick Smith**. “I am honored to once again serve this City and particularly for an Agency that is so critical to upholding public safety in New York. I will approach these cases in a diligent, fair and unbiased manner to best serve all New Yorkers.”

About the New York City Civilian Complaint Review Board.

The CCRB is an independent agency that is empowered to receive, investigate, mediate, hear, make findings, and recommend action on complaints against New York City police officers alleging the use of excessive or unnecessary force, abuse of authority, discourtesy, or the use of offensive language. The Board’s investigative staff, composed entirely of civilian employees, conducts investigations in an impartial fashion. The Board has 15 members who must all live in the city and reflect the diversity of the city. This 15-member Board governs the CCRB, with five seats appointed by the Mayor, five appointed by the NYC City Council, three designated by the Police Commissioner and appointed by the Mayor, one appointed by the Public Advocate, and the Chair, who is jointly appointed by the Mayor and City Council Speaker. No member of the board may have a law enforcement background, other than those designated by the police commissioner, and none may be public employees or serve in public office.

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The New York City Civilian Complaint Review Board (CCRB) is the largest police oversight entity in the nation and is empowered to investigate, mediate, prosecute, and recommend disciplinary action for complaints alleging misconduct by NYPD officers. See NYC Charter § 440(c)(1). The agency's jurisdiction includes excessive and unnecessary force, abuse of authority, discourtesy, and use of offensive language. To further this mission, CCRB issues monthly, biannual, and special statistical and qualitative reports analyzing trends and recurring issues arising from the many thousands of civilian complaints it receives each year.