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**NYC CIVILIAN COMPLAINT REVIEW BOARD (CCRB) ANNOUNCES NEW INITIATIVE
TO INCREASE ITS PRESENCE IN ALL THE BOROUGHS. STAFF WILL BE IN BROOKLYN
ON JUNE 24TH TO TAKE COMPLAINTS AND GIVE OUT INFORMATION**

The NYC Civilian Complaint Review Board (CCRB) today announced the launch of a new initiative “CCRB in the Boroughs,” to have investigators available in each borough and during evening hours to take in-person complaints and interview civilian witnesses in cases already under investigation.

The CCRB’s first borough location will be the office of NYC Councilman Stephen Levin, 410 Atlantic Avenue, Brooklyn, on Tuesday, June 24th from 4:30 to 8:00 pm. CCRB investigators will be taking complaints beginning at 5:00 pm. Outreach staff will be giving out information about the CCRB from 4:30 to 8 pm.

The goal of the initiative is to accommodate working people who aren’t able to take time off from their jobs to travel to CCRB’s lower Manhattan office or for those with other circumstances that make it burdensome to be in Manhattan during conventional business hours. Currently investigators conduct interviews at other locations in cases of hardship or if a complainant is incarcerated the CCRB sends an investigator to city jails to obtain a statement.

While there are many methods of filing a complaint, including online, by mail or by phone, sometimes people prefer to do so in person. Once the new initiative is established, people will be able to make an in-person complaint in any borough where they happen to live.

“Councilman Levin is our first community partner in this endeavor and we appreciate his generosity in making his office available for our use. He is greatly enhancing our ability to serve the public,” said Tracy Catapano-Fox, the Executive Director of the CCRB.

“The Civilian Complaint Review Board is a vital component in ensuring that the people of New York are protected. I encourage anyone who might have a complaint about police misconduct to contact the CCRB and I welcome them to my office on June 24th,” said NYC Councilman Stephen Levin who represents the 33rd Council District in Brooklyn.

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Though the CCRB currently has no budget to operate borough offices, the agency is establishing partnerships with local officials to find borrowed space where CCRB investigators can meet with complainants. These future locations will also have a member of CCRB's outreach staff available to provide information about the agency's services, including its robust mediation program, and general information for civilians about street encounters with police.

The NYC Civilian Complaint Review Board is an independent and impartial city agency, not a part of the police department. It is mandated by law to investigate and mediate complaints of misconduct by officers of the NYPD towards members of the public and to conduct investigations in a fair and unbiased manner.

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