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NYC CIVILIAN COMPLAINT REVIEW BOARD (CCRB)
WILL BE IN RIVERDALE, THE BRONX, ON JULY 29th TO TAKE COMPLAINTS
AND GIVE OUT INFORMATION AND IN BROOKLYN ON AUGUST 5TH

As part of its new initiative "*CCRB in the Boroughs*," the NYC Civilian Complaint Review Board will have investigators available to take police misconduct complaints, at the office of NYC Councilman Andrew Cohen, 3636 Waldo Ave, Riverdale, the Bronx, from 2:00 to 5:00 pm.

"We greatly appreciate this partnership with Councilman Cohen and his generosity in making his office available for our use. Having space in the boroughs where our staff can meet with community members is enormously helpful in our efforts to provide a better service to the public," said Tracy Catapano-Fox, the Executive Director of the CCRB.

The goal of the initiative, which was launched last month, is to accommodate people who want to make a complaint in-person or who have already filed a complaint and aren't able to travel during conventional business hours to CCRB's lower Manhattan office for the in-person interview necessary for a case to move forward. 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.

"I am dedicated to giving members of the community a safe and secure opportunity to express any concerns they may have about local agency operations and police department discipline. I am excited to connect with the Civilian Complaint Review Board to ensure that all issues reported are taken seriously and reported in the appropriate manner," said Council Member Andrew Cohen.

The next location will be at the Brooklyn office of NYC Councilwoman Inez Barron from 3:00 to 7:00 PM. The CCRB's first borough location was in Brooklyn, at the office of NYC Councilman Stephen Levin on June 24th.

Though the CCRB currently has no budget to operate borough offices, the agency is establishing partnerships with local officials and organizations 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 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. The CCRB takes complaints in person, by phone, online and by mail. More information is available on the agency's web site: www.nyc.gov/ccrb

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