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Public Safety Committee Meeting  
Wednesday, November 16, 2016  
7:00 p.m.

Community Board Office Conference Room – 1741 Colden Ave.

### Minutes

Present: Martin Morris: Chair; Matt Raso: Co-Chair; Joseph Thompson,  
Dominick Schiano, Veronica Castro, Yahey Obeid: Members

1. Old Business
  - a. Committee discusses continued effort to work with other committees re: common goals.
2. New Business
  - a. Committee discusses a joint statement issued by the District Attorneys of all five boroughs, in response to a recent uptick in hate crimes nationwide, regarding their commitment to address hate crimes in New York City.
    - i. Co-Chair Matt Raso moved to publish a statement from the committee and a link to the D.A.s' joint statement on CB 11's website. The motion was unanimously approved by the committee. The joint statement from the D.A.s can be found on the reverse side of these minutes.
    - ii. Members of the community, including citizens and noncitizens, are reminded to report any instances of bias hate crimes to police and/or the Bronx County D. A.'s Office.
  - b. The committee would like to draft a statement to area Mosques reminding members of the Muslim community of their right to report instances of hate crimes. In doing so, the committee will reach out to the 49<sup>th</sup> pct., and in particular to the Captain, to request that they give their input into the language of the statement. Additionally, the committee would like to discuss the possibility of the Captain and Community Affairs officers appearing at the largest Mosques to discuss issues facing the Muslim community in the area.
3. Adjournment at 7:45 p.m.

Minutes taken and prepared by Matt Raso.



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**STATEMENT BY DISTRICT ATTORNEYS RICHARD A. BROWN, CYRUS R. VANCE, JR., DARCEL D. CLARK, MICHAEL E. MCMAHON, AND ERIC GONZALEZ:**

“As the District Attorneys who serve all of the residents of New York City, we want to reaffirm our commitment to prosecute vigorously crimes that are motivated by bias and hate.

“We have never and will never tolerate such acts – particularly those involving violence, intimidation, and destruction of property. As demonstrated by yesterday’s FBI report on national hate crime statistics, these crimes are becoming more commonplace. Within the past week, our offices have become aware of multiple incidents where New Yorkers received threatening messages related to their race or religion, and we are carefully monitoring these reports.

“Crimes of bias are intolerable, and tear at the very fabric of our society. Crimes committed against individuals because of their race, national origin, gender, religion, disability, or sexual orientation do not just inflict physical and emotional damage, but threaten the safety and wellbeing of all New Yorkers.

“The U.S. Constitution equally protects the rights of all Americans, and we are dedicated to enforcing the laws that uphold those rights. New York State law enables the criminal prosecution of those who commit crimes against anyone in New York, whether or not that person is a U.S. citizen.

“We urge anyone in the five boroughs who may have been a victim of a hate crime to contact our offices, regardless of immigration status. In the case of an emergency, call 911 for immediate assistance. We are here to protect you, and we have the resources to do so.”

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