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CCRB ANNOUNCES SHERENE CRAWFORD, ESQ. AS NEW INTERIM CHAIR

NEW YORK – The Civilian Complaint Review Board (CCRB) today announced that Sherene Crawford, Esq. has been appointed by New York City Mayor Zohran Kwame Mamdani to serve as Interim Chair of the Board.

Crawford has served on the Board since February of 2025 and has decades of experience working on issues of justice reform, prosecution, and policy, including in her capacity as Managing Director for Business and Operations at the Center for Justice Innovation.

“Sherene Crawford brings deep experience in criminal justice reform and a strong commitment to fairness and accountability, and I am proud to appoint her as Interim Chair of the CCRB,” said **Mayor Mamdani**. “We are fortunate to have Crawford’s leadership during this transition, and I look forward to working with her to strengthen oversight, advance transparency, and ensure the CCRB continues its work with integrity and independence.”

“I am honored to be appointed by Mayor Mamdani as Interim Chair of the Civilian Complaint Review Board. I have long believed that building trust between police and the communities they serve is fundamental to public safety. The CCRB plays a critical role in building that trust,” said **CCRB Interim Chair Crawford**. “I am committed to supporting the Agency’s work with integrity and transparency, and I am grateful to the Mayor for this opportunity to serve.”

About Sherene Crawford, Esq.

Sherene Crawford has decades of experience in justice reform, prosecution, and policy. Ms. Crawford is the Managing Director, Business and Operations at the Center for Justice Innovation, a nonprofit that works with communities and justice systems to advance equity, increase safety, and help individuals and communities thrive. Previously, Ms. Crawford served as Executive Assistant District Attorney and Division Chief of the Pathways to Public Safety Division at the Manhattan DA’s Office, where she established a framework for reviewing felony cases for alternatives to incarceration.

Ms. Crawford led prevention, intervention, and re-entry initiatives while overseeing lawyers and staff. Ms. Crawford also served as an Assistant District Attorney in specialized units, including Cybercrimes and Domestic Violence. Ms. Crawford's career spans leadership roles at the Center for Court Innovation, John Jay College's National Network for Safe Communities, and the NYC Mayor's Office to Combat Domestic Violence.

Ms. Crawford received a B.A. in Women's Studies from the University of Minnesota and a J.D. from New York Law School.

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.

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