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MAYOR ADAMS NAMES BOARD MEMBER PAT SMITH AS INTERIM CHAIR OF THE CCRB

NEW YORK – The Civilian Complaint Review Board (CCRB) today announced that Mayoral appointee Pat Smith has been named Interim Chair of the Board. Smith will preside over the CCRB's December Board Meeting on Wednesday, December 10th 2025 at 4:00pm and deliver his first remarks as Interim Chair.

"Public trust is the foundation of public safety, and the CCRB plays a vital role in strengthening that trust," said **New York City Mayor Eric Adams**. "Pat Smith has demonstrated his commitment to justice and accountability, and in his new role as Interim Chair, he will help the CCRB continue delivering fairness for all New Yorkers as we continue to make our city safer."

"I am honored to be appointed Interim Chair of the Civilian Complaint Review Board by Mayor Eric Adams. This Agency plays a vital role in public safety for all New Yorkers, and I look forward to leading in a diligent, fair, and unbiased manner," said **CCRB Interim Chair Pat Smith**. "I am grateful to the Mayor for placing his trust in me to serve in this vital position."

About Pat Smith

Patrick Smith has 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 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.

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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.