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CCRB Chair Fred Davie on Introduction of Intro 1989

Measure Would Require NYPD to Turn Body-Worn Camera Footage Over to OIG-NYPD, DORIS Within Five Days of Recording

New York, NY – New York City Civilian Complaint Review Board (CCRB) Chair Fred Davie issued the following statement on Friday in response to Public Advocate Jumaane Williams’ introduction of Intro 1989, which would require the New York City Police Department to share all body-worn camera footage with both the Department of Investigation’s Inspector General for the NYPD and the Department of Records and Information Services, within five days of the recording:

“As the people of New York City continue to push for police reform, this effort to bring greater transparency and accountability to the NYPD’s practices is a positive step forward. In order for the body-worn camera program to live up to its promise, all independent entities must be able to access and review the footage in a timely manner. Our City has witnessed the NYPD turn over body-worn camera footage within a matter of days in select instances, proving that it is capable of doing so. At heart of the Public Advocate’s bill is the notion that this ought to be standard procedure, not a matter subject to the Department’s discretion.

“By introducing legislation that would establish a clear deadline for the issuance of body-worn camera video, the Public Advocate has demonstrated a commitment to ensuring this technology serves its purpose. While a great deal of work remains to be done, this bill is most certainly a move toward improving police oversight.”

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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.