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CCRB Chair Fred Davie Releases Statement on the Passing of Mayor David Dinkins

New York, NY – New York City Civilian Complaint Review Board Chair Fred Davie released the following statement after the passing of former New York City Mayor David Norman Dinkins.

“Mayor Dinkins was a kind, humble peacemaker who cared deeply for New York City and all of its people. In ways large and small, Mayor Dinkins set New York City down the path to revitalization and recovery without ever straying from his greatest passion—bridging the racial divides that plagued our City then, and still tinge many of our most heated debates today.

“During his time in office, Mayor Dinkins reimagined the CCRB, creating—for the first time— independent, all-civilian oversight of the NYPD—an achievement he noted as one of his proudest accomplishments as Mayor. To honor him, we must make every effort we can to strengthen civilian oversight, care for the public trust, and bridge the divides between New York City’s communities and those sworn to protect and serve them. As Mayor Dinkins said so himself on his inauguration day, ‘we have not finished the journey toward liberty and justice, but surely we have come a long way.’

“My thoughts are with Mayor Dinkins’ family, friends, and all those he inspired throughout his career. May he take his well-deserved rest.”

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