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**CCRB Chair Fred Davie: New Yorkers’ Right to Transparency Through
FOIL is Fundamental to Oversight**

*Leader of NYPD watchdog applauds court’s rejection of unions’ efforts to keep police
disciplinary records secret*

New York, NY – New York City Civilian Complaint Review Board (CCRB) Chair Fred Davie issued the following statement on Thursday after the U.S. Appeals Court for the Second Circuit denied the unions' motion for a stay, pending appeal, of District Court Judge Katherine Polk Failla’s decision to lift the temporary restraining order imposed on the New York Civil Liberties Union (NYCLU). This order previously barred the organization from sharing information it received from the CCRB through a Freedom of Information Law (FOIL) request.

“From voting for a stronger CCRB in November to taking to the streets throughout this summer – and working toward reform for decades before that – New Yorkers have demanded greater police accountability. The CCRB stands ready to meet that demand.

“Following the recent repeal of Civil Rights Law Section 50-a, advocates, members of the press, elected officials, and others, lawfully requested information from our Agency. In the spirit of transparency and in service to New Yorkers, the CCRB promptly honored these requests. Like NYCLU, all New Yorkers have a right to transparency through FOIL. The CCRB will hold paramount the people’s right to know how their communities are policed, while continuing to adhere to FOIL and other legal requirements.”

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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.