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City Council Introduces Bill to Allow CCRB to Self-Initiate Investigations into NYPD Misconduct.

The City Council proposed a bill to amend the New York City Charter to remove the burden of responsibility away from victims.

New York, NY – On Wednesday, Council Member Adrienne Adams introduced legislation to allow the New York City Civilian Complaint Review Board to self-initiate complaints, an important step to improve NYPD oversight.

The bill, Int. 2440, would be a Local Law to amend the New York City Charter and the Administrative Code of the City of New York, in relation to authorizing the CCRB to investigate, hear, make findings and recommend action upon complaints initiated by the CCRB alleging police officer misconduct falling within CCRB's jurisdiction.

Statement from Chair Frederick Davie:

"This bill is particularly important for the people of New York as it shifts the burden of responsibility away from victims and civilians most in need. If the CCRB is aware of misconduct, it should not go ignored because a victim does not have the capacity to file a complaint. All misconduct should be addressed, and this bill will bring us one step closer."

CCRB Chair Frederick Davie is invited to testify on 11/22/21 before the Public Safety Committee supporting this bill.

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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.