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## **CCRB** Announces Youth Advisory Council Class of 2021

The new group of Youth Advisors will be instrumental in exploring and addressing how young New Yorkers are policed in schools

**New York, NY** – The New York City Civilian Complaint Review Board announced its 2021 class of the Youth Advisory Council (YAC). Originally created in 2019, the YAC has engaged hundreds of young New Yorkers to learn more about their experience with policing with its inaugural event, "<u>Speak Up, Speak Out: A Youth Summit on Policing in NYC</u>," and has released a <u>public service announcement</u> about the value of civilian oversight when young people experience police misconduct.

The YAC has also played an instrumental role in shaping the CCRB's analysis of and work on the interactions young New Yorkers have with NYPD officers. In addition to informing the Agency's <u>Report on Youth and Police</u>, the YAC <u>led a discussion</u> on how to improve the relationship between the NYPD and New York City's youth. This conversation helped inform the <u>CCRB's recommendations to the City's policing reform plan</u>, set to be released later this month.

"Bridging the divides that exist between New York's communities and those who are sworn to protect and serve them starts with listening to our young people," **said CCRB Chair Fred Davie**. "The Youth Advisory Council plays a significant role in shaping how our Agency interacts with, advocates for, and aggressively pursues discipline on behalf of New York City's youth and young victims of police misconduct. I'm proud of the work our previous classes have done and continue to do for the CCRB, I look forward to the leadership and accomplishments of the 2021 Youth Advisory Council."

The 2021 YAC cohort includes students age 10-18 at the time of application from across all five boroughs. This year, the YAC's work will focus on policing in New York City schools.

For more information on the YAC, please visit the CCRB's website.

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.