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CCRB CHAIR DR. MOHAMMAD KHALID TO TESTIFY ABOUT CCRB BUDGET

NEW YORK – Today, the New York City Civilian Complaint Review Board (CCRB) Interim Chair Dr. Mohammad Khalid testified before the City Council to detail the Agency’s budget needs. The CCRB plays a crucial role in maintaining public safety and police accountability in New York City. Due to a historic rise in complaints, expanded jurisdiction, and the necessity to maintain high-quality investigations, the CCRB requires increased funding to effectively fulfill its charter mandate. In 2024, complaints reached a 12-year high, highlighting the need for sufficient resources to ensure thorough and impartial investigations. [Read the full testimony here.](#)

Testimony highlights:

1. **Complaints reach Twelve-year high:**
 - 5,709 complaints received in 2024, which is a 12-year record high.
 - 22.5% of complaints closed without investigation due to budget constraints.
2. **Expansion of Jurisdiction:**
 - Agency purview has recently grown to include Right to Know Act violations, racial profiling and bias-based policing, and untruthful statements, all of which underscores need for additional personnel.
 - New allegations account for 13% of cases in 2024.
3. **Investigation Quality and Workload:**
 - Use of body-worn camera footage enhances investigation accuracy but adds workload.
 - 7,530 hours of body-worn camera footage reviewed in 2024
 - Need for 107 additional investigators and timely promotions to retain talent.

About the New York City Civilian Complaint Review Board.

The CCRB is an independent agency that is empowered to receive, investigate, mediate, hear, make findings, and recommend action on complaints against New York City police officers alleging the use of excessive or unnecessary force, abuse of authority, discourtesy, or the use of offensive language. The Board's investigative staff, composed entirely of civilian employees, conducts investigations in an impartial fashion. The Board has 15 members who must all live in the city and reflect the diversity of the city. This 15-member Board governs the CCRB, with five seats appointed by the Mayor, five appointed by the NYC City Council, three designated by the Police Commissioner and appointed by the Mayor, one appointed by the Public Advocate, and the Chair, who is jointly appointed by the Mayor and City Council Speaker. No member of the board may have a law enforcement background, other than those designated by the police commissioner, and none may be public employees or serve in public office.

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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.