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Mayor of the City of New York  
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Honorable Julie Menin  
Speaker  
The New York City Council  
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Commissioner  
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Dear Mayor Mamdani, Speaker Menin, and Commissioner Strauber:

The Department hereby submits its response to the October 15, 2025 Report of the Office of Inspector General for the NYPD (“OIG”) entitled “Update on NYPD’s Implementation of DOI’s 2023 Criminal Group Database Recommendations.” We thank OIG for its thorough report and for recognizing the significant efforts by the Department to improve the Database. The report contains thirteen recommendations, and the Department is accepting all of them. In particular, the Department responds to OIG’s recommendations as follows:

### **Recommendation One**

The Department accepts OIG’s recommendation that all uniform members of service authorized to nominate individuals into the Database receive training about the requirements of the relevant Impact and Use Policy (“IUP”) and Chief of Detectives Memorandum.

### **Recommendation Two**

The Department accepts OIG’s recommendation to update the IUP and Chief of Detectives Memorandum to require substantive explanations for the reasonable belief of two independent and reliable sources that an individual is a member of a criminal group and to require documentation of those explanations on activation DD5s.

### **Recommendation Three**

The Department accepts OIG's recommendation to clarify in the IUP and Chief of Detectives Memorandum that the two independent sources must be different from the reporting officer.

### **Recommendation Four**

The Department accepts OIG's recommendation that it update the IUP to track the detailed guidelines included in the Chief of Detectives Memorandum.

### **Recommendation Five**

The Department accepts OIG's recommendation that the Department revise the IUP and Chief of Detectives Memorandum to mandate a multilevel review process for renewals and ensure that a supervisor reviews and approves all renewal DD5s.

### **Recommendation Six**

The Department accepts OIG's recommendation that it update Department policy to require the nominating detective to notify a juvenile's parent or guardian within 60 days of the juvenile being added to the Database, unless that notification would compromise an ongoing investigation.

### **Recommendation Seven**

The Department accepts OIG's recommendation to ensure that renewal and activation DD5s include a required field containing the individual's next review date and accepts OIG's recommendation that the Department update the IUP and Chief of Detectives Memorandum to reflect that change to the DD5s.

### **Recommendation Eight**

The Department accepts OIG's recommendation to create an internal audit requirement to ensure that notifications to parents of juveniles added to the database are made consistent with Department policy, that the associated Notification DD5s are completed, and that the notification appears within a new column in the database as required by the Chief of Detectives Memorandum.

### **Recommendation Nine**

The Department accepts OIG's recommendation to confirm whether any individual activated at age 16 or 17 has been in the database for over two years without a review, and to review any such individual to determine whether they should be renewed into the database or deactivated.

### **Recommendation Ten**

The Department accepts OIG's recommendation to ensure that supporting documentation is included for all renewals.

### **Recommendation Eleven**

The Department accepts OIG's recommendation to conduct quarterly audits to ensure that there are no past due entries for review, and if there are, promptly review them for renewal or deactivation.

### **Recommendation Twelve**

The Department accepts OIG's recommendation to review individuals renewed

based on an arrest every six months to ensure that renewals are not based on arrests that are subsequently sealed.

**Recommendation Thirteen**

The Department accepts OIG's recommendation to collect, analyze, and publish data concerning the number of entries added, renewed, and deactivated from the Database annually.

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The Department thanks OIG for its work assessing the policies, practices and procedures related to the Database. The Department is committed to improving the Database and worked with OIG towards that shared goal.

Regards,



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