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**BRIEF REMARKS OF DOI COMMISSIONER MARGARET GARNETT AT CITY HALL PRESS CONFERENCE
ANNOUNCING INVESTIGATION OF NYPD'S INTERACTION WITH NEW YORK CITY PROTESTORS**

Thank you, Mr. Mayor. I think we all know that our City is in crisis, with the events of this weekend only the latest manifestation of that. It's clear that the vast majority of protestors were peaceful and the vast majority of police action was appropriate. But I want to be clear that where that was not the case, we rightly have a higher standard for the police who are given tremendous power and who we rely on to protect us and to deal appropriately with criminal activity when it does occur.

As the Mayor said, I spent most of my adult life working in law enforcement but with the overarching principle of trying to do justice. So, I really look forward to working with Jim Johnson on this important effort which I know will be guided by the facts and the law and which I hope will be a positive contribution to improving the relationship between our City and the NYPD. So, thank you.

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