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## **CCRB POWERS EXPAND AS RULE CHANGES GO INTO EFFECT**

**NEW YORK** – On October 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2022, The Civilian Complaint Review Board’s (CCRB) new rules went into effect. These rule changes included expanding the Agency’s jurisdiction into investigating Racial Profiling and Bias-Based Policing, investigating body worn camera misuse, self-initiating complaints and increasing transparency and clarity for the public.

The CCRB’s Racial Profiling and Bias-Based Policing (RPBP) unit has been preparing for its role for a year since the City Council amended the City Charter to empower the Agency to investigate discriminatory policing under its Abuse of Authority jurisdiction. The RPBP unit will be responsible for investigating all civilian complaints of racial profiling and other forms of bias-based policing brought against NYPD officers. In addition to racial profiling, CCRB will also investigate complaints of biased policing based on gender, gender identity, age, religion, sexual orientation, disability, immigration, and housing status. Learn more about the RPBP unit [here](#).

The Agency has also gained the power to investigate body worn camera misuse as an abuse of authority. In the last five years, the CCRB has sent back over 1,200 allegations of body worn camera misuse. Moving forward, the CCRB will investigate these allegations internally. Learn more about this rule change [here](#).

The CCRB has also gained the power to self-initiate complaints. This helps shift the burden of responsibility away from the victim and back onto the Agency. If evidence of misconduct appears, it can be elevated to the Executive Director and the Chair who will decide together whether to open an investigation.

Finally, the Board also voted to change terminology used by the Agency to make it easier for the public to understand. The CCRB continues to push for greater transparency and clarity with the public. Learn more about this rule change [here](#).

See the CCRB’s updated rules [here](#).

Statement from **Interim Chair Arva Rice**

“These expanded powers for the CCRB are momentous and a key step forward into increasing accountability in this City. I am so grateful to the CCRB staff for their hard work in fighting for this expanded jurisdiction and to the Board for their diligence in the process of changing these rules. These new powers will require close cooperation with the NYPD and we are working with them on determining new processes and access to important documents and data so that we can begin our work and fulfill our charter mandate. I thank the City Council for entrusting us with these new responsibilities and look forward continuing to lead this Agency as we fight for a safer New York.”

Statement from **Director of the RPBP Unit Darius Charney**

“After a year of preparation and team building, we are ready to hit the ground running and begin investigating biased policing complaints. We have hired incredible attorneys, investigators, and a data scientist who have all been specifically trained to investigate and analyze allegations of racial profiling and bias-based policing. We are honored to work in the service of protecting New Yorkers rights and hope our unit’s work will be an important part of the effort to end discriminatory policing in New York City.”

The CCRB’s Outreach team will begin a campaign of awareness educating New Yorkers on these new rules, particularly on what racial profiling and bias-based policing is. Many are not aware of what constitutes a protected class in New York City and the Agency will be meeting with advocacy groups, elected officials and everyday New Yorkers on the street to educate them on how to identify such discrimination.

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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.*