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**CIVILIAN COMPLAINT REVIEW BOARD APPOINTS JOAN THOMPSON
AS NEW EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR**

After conducting a nationwide search, the Civilian Complaint Review Board has named Joan Thompson, the Director of Equal Opportunity for the Department of Education, as its new Executive Director. Ms. Thompson, who will arrive at the CCRB on October 15, 2007, has worked for years fighting discrimination in housing, policing, and education. Ms. Thompson stated, "I will promote accountability and communication between our agency, the NYPD and all the diverse communities of New York."

Before joining the Department of Education, Ms. Thompson served as the Director of Equal Employment Opportunity at the Baltimore Police Department. Ms. Thompson's experience also extends to the New York City Commission on Human Rights, where her work on fair housing issues resulted in a revision to New York City Human Rights Law. In addition, she served as the Assistant Commissioner for Equal Employment Opportunity at the NYPD from 1988-1990, under Police Commissioners Benjamin Ward, Richard Condon, and Lee Brown, where she authored the department's first sexual harassment policy statement. Ms. Thompson is no stranger to the Civilian Complaint Review Board, as she served as a board member during her tenure at the NYPD.

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