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**NYC CIVILIAN COMPLAINT REVIEW BOARD (CCRB)**  
**WILL BE IN FLUSHING QUEENS, ON JULY 15th TO TAKE COMPLAINTS**  
**AND GIVE OUT INFORMATION AND IN THE BRONX ON JULY 29TH**

As part of its new initiative "*CCRB in the Boroughs*," the NYC Civilian Complaint Review Board will have Spanish and Chinese-speaking investigators available to take police misconduct complaints in Flushing, Queens, at Immigrant Movement International, on July 15th.

The CCRB will be at Immigrant Movement International, 108-89 Roosevelt Avenue, from 3:00 to 7:00 PM. From 3:00 to 4:00 PM, outreach staff will give a presentation about the services CCRB provides. From 4:00 to 7:00 pm, investigators will be available to take complaints.

"We greatly appreciate partnering with Immigrant Movement International and thank them for their generosity in hosting this event. Having space in the boroughs where our staff can meet with community members is enormously helpful," said Tracy Catapano-Fox, the Executive Director of the CCRB.

The goal of the initiative, which was launched last month, is to accommodate people who want to make a complaint in-person or who have already filed a complaint and aren't able to travel during conventional business hours to CCRB's lower Manhattan office for the in-person interview necessary for a case to move forward. Currently investigators conduct interviews at other locations in cases of hardship or if a complainant is incarcerated the CCRB sends an investigator to city jails to obtain a statement.

The next location will be in the Bronx on July 29<sup>th</sup> at the office of NYC Councilman Andrew Cohen from 2:00 to 5:00 PM, 3636 Waldo Avenue, Riverdale. In August, CCRB investigators will be in East New York, Brooklyn, at the office of NYC Councilwoman Inez Barron from 3:00 to 7:00 PM. The CCRB's first borough location was in Brooklyn, at the office of NYC Councilman Stephen Levin on June 24<sup>th</sup>.

Though the CCRB currently has no budget to operate borough offices, the agency is establishing partnerships with local officials and organizations to find borrowed space where CCRB investigators can meet with complainants. These future locations will also have a member of CCRB's outreach staff available to provide information about the agency's services, including its robust mediation program, and general information for civilians about street encounters with police.

The NYC Civilian Complaint Review Board is an independent city agency, not a part of the police department. It is mandated by law to investigate and mediate complaints of misconduct by officers of the NYPD towards members of the public and to conduct investigations in a fair and unbiased manner. The CCRB takes complaints in person, by phone, online and by mail. More information is available on the agency's web site: [www.nyc.gov/ccrb](http://www.nyc.gov/ccrb)

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