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CCRB Statement on Borelli, Deutsch & Vallone NYDN Op-Ed

Acting Chair Corrects Inaccuracies in Council Members' Piece on 'Right to Know' Act

New York, NY – New York City Civilian Complaint Review Board Acting Chair Frederick Davie issued the following statement today in response to a recent *Daily News* [op-ed](#) written by Council Members Joe Borelli, Chaim Deutsch and Paul Vallone:

“The Council Members’ portrayal of CCRB data in Sunday’s op-ed was inaccurate. The dialogue about police misconduct in New York City warrants more context than was offered.”

“Simply because an allegation was not substantiated does not mean the allegation was filed falsely. For example, an allegation will not be substantiated if misconduct occurred, but the officer responsible was not identified (10 percent). Similarly, an allegation will not be substantiated if an officer committed the conduct, but it was lawful (28 percent). As we discuss imminent policy changes regarding policing, it is critical that this distinction is clear.”

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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.