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CCRB Chair Fred Davie Applauds Circuit Court's Decision Preserving Transparency Under 50-a Repeal

The U.S. Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit ruled the CCRB could release police disciplinary information previously kept secret by New York State Civil Rights Law Section 50-a

New York, NY – New York City Civilian Complaint Review Board Chair Fred Davie issued the following statement after the United States Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit affirmed the [Southern District of New York's ruling](#) that the CCRB and City of New York can release police officer disciplinary information following the repeal of 50-a.

“The repeal of 50-a was a major step forward for transparency in New York’s policing, and is fundamental to improving public trust and making the police disciplinary process more effective.” **said CCRB Chair Fred Davie.** “State lawmakers, the CCRB, and others recognize the public’s right to know and scrutinize how their communities are being policed. Today’s ruling supports that right, affirms the repeal of 50-a, and solidifies the CCRB’s intent to provide the public with all relevant information it can, both through its own searchable database and pursuant to lawful FOIL requests.

“I look forward to receiving guidance as to when our Agency can proceed with these public disclosures, and to this new transparency promised by the repeal of 50-a.”

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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.