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EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT TO THE BOARD
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Good evening. My name is Mina Malik and I am the Executive Director of the Civilian Complaint Review Board. We are glad to be here at The Lower Eastside Girls Club. I would like to thank both the Club and Councilmember Rosie Mendez and her staff for assisting us in being here tonight.

I will first provide you with a highlight from our monthly statistical report, and then will discuss other matters pertaining to the operations of our agency. For a full review of the agency's monthly statistics, please visit our website.

As Mayor de Blasio stated in his June 2nd press conference, civilian complaints against the police have decreased by 25 percent this year. From January through May 2015, the CCRB received 1,668 complaints, as compared to 2,215 for the same time period in 2014. By category of allegation, force complaints have decreased by 30%, offensive language complaints by 35% and abuse of authority complaints by 25%. During the first half of last year, the CCRB received an average of 450 complaints per month. That number decreased to 346 complaints per month in the second half of 2014, and fell again to 334 complaints per month in the first five months of 2015.

There is also important news to share about our docket and case processing times. In December of last year, we implemented a strategy which was designed to further reduce both the number of old cases in our open docket and the average time to complete an investigation. We are achieving the targets that we have set forth.

The number of cases in the open docket of the Investigations Division continues to be smaller than at any point in the last decade. A year ago, in May 2014, the open docket of the Investigations Division was 1,964 cases; the open docket in May 2015 was 758 cases. This is a 61% reduction.

In recent months, we have focused particularly on cases 12 months or older in order to minimize the number of cases approaching the statute of limitations. At the end of May, there was only one case that was 19 months or older; three cases that were 15 to 18 months old; and 24 cases that were 12 to 14 months old. The Executive Staff and I have made those cases a high

priority. Only 4% of all cases currently being investigated are 12 months or older. Approximately, 70% of cases in the open docket of the Investigations Division are four (4) months old or less.

By the end of May, there were 729 cases pending Board and/or Executive Staff review, or 45% of the open docket, which is the reason the Agency's open docket has increased from 1,572 cases in April 2015 to 1,604 cases by the end of May 2015.

Of the 729 cases pending review, 303 cases were truncated cases pending Executive Staff review.

There are strong signs that we have reached some of the benchmarks that we set for ourselves a few months ago in terms of timeliness. We have reviewed the productivity of the Investigations Division from January to May and continue to find that investigators under the new pod or smaller team structure were able to close cases in less than half the time that it took investigators to close cases under the former, larger team structure. The new pod structure submitted cases for review in an average of 135 days while the old team structure did so in 284 days. Those numbers include cases filed prior to and in 2015. More importantly, since we implemented the new pod structure, we have closed 258 cases filed in an average of 69 days. This is a 75% reduction compared to the average time it took to conduct an investigation a year ago.

There are also other statistics showing that the new pod structure is far more effective than the former, larger team structure. The number of days it takes to interview a complainant has drastically decreased from 31 days in the first half of 2014 to 11 days year-to-date in 2015. The number of days it takes to interview an officer has also decreased from over 200 days in 2014 to 45 days year-to-date in 2015.

I would like to highlight statistics related to the disposition of cases:

- (1) The case resolution rate is 57% year-to-date. Conversely, the truncation rate is 43%.
- (2) Year-to-date, the Board has substantiated 20% of all full investigations, which is slightly higher than data from the same period last year when the Board substantiated 17% of the cases it fully investigated.
- (3) Year-to-date 2015, the CCRB has resolved 158 cases through the mediation process, up from 131 cases in the same period of 2014 -- a 20% increase.
- (4) Year-to-date, the percentage of cases referred to the Administrative Prosecution Unit (APU) is 24% of all substantiated cases, which is down from 61% during the same period in 2014.
- (5) Our Administrative Prosecution Unit conducted 16 trials in May, which is the highest number of trials the APU has ever done in a single month.

(6) From January through April 2015, the discipline rate was 90% for cases handled by the Police Department Advocate's Office and the discipline rate for cases handled by the APU was 62%.