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**THIRD ANNUAL REPORT RELEASED BY
DOI'S OFFICE OF THE INSPECTOR GENERAL FOR THE NEW YORK CITY POLICE DEPARTMENT**

The Department of Investigation's ("DOI") Office of the Inspector General for the New York City Police Department ("OIG-NYPD") today released its Third Annual Report, discussing the Office's investigations and recommendations made in Calendar Year 2016 and reviewing recommendations issued previously that have not been fully realized by the New York City Police Department ("NYPD"). The City Charter requires that such a Report be produced each year on or before April 1st. In 2016, OIG-NYPD made 18 recommendations to improve NYPD policies, procedures, and accountability. According to the Report, two-thirds, or about 66 percent, of those recommendations have been implemented or accepted in principle by NYPD to date. In total, approximately 75 percent of recommendations, spanning six investigative reports issued by OIG-NYPD in 2015 and 2016, have been accepted, partially implemented, or implemented. This Report outlines those recommendations and analyzes how OIG-NYPD's proposals for reform have been implemented and its concerns addressed by NYPD. A copy of the Report can be found on DOI's OIG-NYPD's website and at the following link: <http://www1.nyc.gov/site/oignypd/reports/reports.page>.

DOI Commissioner Mark G. Peters said, "OIG-NYPD continued to add to its impressive collection of critical analyses of policing in New York City in 2016, issuing reports with detailed data-mapping and investigation of sensitive materials that only an entity with the law-enforcement powers of DOI could undertake. These reports have resulted in recommendations, many of which were accepted by NYPD, which will further protect the rights of New Yorkers."

Inspector General Philip K. Eure said, "As we enter our fourth year, the Office has made many recommendations to improve NYPD's accountability and efficiency — 65 to date — and has multiple open investigations on a broad range of policing issues which will result in further public reports. The Office will continue to monitor NYPD's implementation of past recommendations to ensure that important reforms don't fall by the wayside."

In 2016, OIG-NYPD concluded two detailed and major investigations. OIG-NYPD's findings and recommendations were published in the following reports:

- ***An Analysis of Quality-of-Life Summonses and Misdemeanor Arrests, and Felony Crime in New York City, 2010-2015:*** OIG-NYPD examined what, if any, data-driven evidence links criminal summonses and misdemeanor arrests to a reduction in felony crime. The Report found no evidence demonstrating a clear, direct link between an increase in summons activity and a related drop in felony crime. The Report showed this summons activity dramatically declined between 2010 and 2015 with no corresponding increase in felony crime

and that, with few exceptions, deeper analysis of specific summons categories and specific patrol boroughs revealed no correlation over time to any increase or decrease in felony crime.

- ***An Investigation of NYPD's Compliance with Rules Governing Investigations of Political Activity:*** This Report detailed OIG-NYPD's findings of NYPD's compliance with the court-mandated rules governing the investigation of political activity (also known as the "Handschu Guidelines"), which are codified in the NYPD Patrol Guide. OIG-NYPD's investigators examined, among other things, whether NYPD's Intelligence Bureau satisfied the established standard for opening investigations, met deadlines for extending investigations, and obtained necessary approvals for the use of human sources, which include confidential informants and undercover officers. OIG-NYPD found that NYPD met the informational threshold required to open an investigation in all cases, but that NYPD's Intelligence Bureau failed to renew investigations before the authorization expired more than half of the time, resulting in investigations of political activity that continued without the requisite authorization. More than 25 percent of the extensions reviewed exceeded the required deadline by more than 31 days. OIG-NYPD also found that requests to use human sources were frequently approved despite failing to document the particularized role of confidential informants and undercover officers, as required.

This Report also provides updates on the 47 recommendations issued by OIG-NYPD in its 2015 reports:

- ***Observations on Accountability and Transparency in Ten NYPD Chokehold Cases***
- ***Using Data From Lawsuits and Legal Claims Involving NYPD to Improve Policing***
- ***Body-Worn Cameras in New York City: An Assessment of NYPD's Pilot Program and Recommendations to Promote Accountability***
- ***Police Use of Force in New York City: Findings and Recommendations on NYPD's Policies and Practices***

In total, approximately 75 percent of the recommendations from DOI's OIG-NYPD's six publicly issued investigative reports in 2015 and 2016 have either been accepted in principle, partially implemented or implemented. A chart breaking out the NYPD's response to OIG-NYPD's recommendations can be found on page three in the Third Annual Report. OIG-NYPD will continue to monitor the implementation and status of these recommendations and issue follow-up reports as necessary.

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DOI's Office of the Inspector General for the NYPD (OIG-NYPD) is an oversight office charged with investigating, reviewing, studying, auditing, and making recommendations relating to the operations, policies, programs, and practices of the New York City Police Department (NYPD). The goals of OIG-NYPD are to enhance the effectiveness of the police department, increase public safety, protect civil liberties and civil rights, and increase the public's confidence in the police force, thus building stronger police-community relations. OIG-NYPD is part of the New York City Department of Investigation.

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