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#### By Council Member Moya

A Local Law to amend the administrative code of the city of New York, in relation to requiring the New York city police department to implement policies regarding social media

#### Be it enacted by the Council as follows:

Section 1. Chapter 1 of title 14 of the administrative code of the city of New York is amended by adding a new section 14-176 to read as follows:

### § 14-176 Social media policies.

a. Definitions. For the purposes of this section, the following terms have the following meanings:

Online alias. The term "online alias" means a false online identity created for a law enforcement purpose.

Social media monitoring. The term "social media monitoring" means accessing any information available online, including geospatial information, any form of social media and any aggregated or automated

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access, for any purpose other than the investigation of a particular past or ongoing crime. The term "social

media monitoring" also means the retention and transmission of data so collected.

b. Social media policies. The department shall implement policies for the use of social media

monitoring and online aliases. In so implementing, the department shall consider the extent to which such

practices harmfully invade privacy, particularly where the public may be unaware of the extent to which the

department may access their personal information, and the impact of these practices on public trust of the

department, as well as the law enforcement benefit such practices provide. The department shall provide such

policies to the individual responsible for implementing the duties set forth in paragraph 1 of subdivision c of

section 803 of the New York city charter.

§2. Paragraph 1 of subdivision c of Section 803 of the New York city charter is amended to read as

follows:

The commissioner shall, on an ongoing basis, investigate, review, study, audit and make

recommendations relating to the operations, policies, programs and practices, including ongoing partnerships

with other law enforcement agencies and social media policies as described in section 14-176 of the

administrative code, of the new york city police department with the goal of enhancing the effectiveness of the

department, increasing public safety, protecting civil liberties and civil rights, and increasing the public's

confidence in the police force, thus building stronger police-community relations.

§2. This local law takes effect 90 days after it becomes law.

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