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By Council Members Espada, Lopez, Freed, Marshall, Perkins, Quinn, Reed and Warden; also Council Members Leffler, Linares, Robles and White

Whereas, The Internal Affairs Bureau of the New York City Police Department ("IAB") and Civilian Complaint Review Board ("CCRB") are two organizations designed to receive and investigate complaints by members of the public against members of the New York City Police Department ("NYPD"); and

Whereas, Members of the public may make a complaint regarding alleged police misconduct to any local precinct; and

Whereas, The New York City Police Department ("NYPD"), in Patrol Guide Section 118-07, has established guidelines that must be followed by police officers when they receive a complaint regarding police misconduct; and

Whereas, This Patrol Guide section mandates that all misconduct complaints, including "unnecessary use of force, abuse of authority, discourtesy [or] ethnic slurs", must be reported to the CCRB Intake Unit by the officer who receives the complaint; and

Whereas, In a February, 2000 Interim Report issued by the Equalizer Foundation and Latino Action Center entitled "Report on Telephone Responses Towards Latinos: New York City Police Department's C.P.R. Policy Put To The Test", which documented a series of recorded telephone conversations between police personnel at various precincts throughout the City and a Latino caller who spoke little English, it was documented that on numerous occasions police officers did not follow the Patrol Guide's procedures when answering calls about alleged police misconduct; and

Whereas, In light of the serious nature of a complaint against a member of the NYPD, it is very important for officers who receive such complaints to follow the procedures established by the Patrol Guide in order to ensure that civilian complainants are treated with civility and provided with the accurate information they need; and

Whereas, The NYPD should therefore make discipline of officers who do not properly follow such procedures a top priority; now, therefore, be it

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Resolved, That the New York City Council calls upon the New York City Police Department to discipline police officers who do not provide information regarding complaints by civilians against police officers to the Civilian Complaint Review Board or the Internal Affairs Bureau of the New York City Police Department or do not provide civilians with information on how to contact the Internal Affairs Bureau of the New York City Police Department or the Civilian Complaint Review Board.

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