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Resolution calling upon the Civilian Complaint Review Board to provide non-English speaking complainants with a complaint form in their native language in order to facilitate the complaint process.

By Council Members Espada, Lopez, Freed, Henry, Perkins, Quinn, Reed, Warden and Watkins; also Council Members Foster, Michels, Robinson, Robles and White

Whereas, The Civilian Complaint Review Board ("CCRB") was established to receive and investigate complaints by members of the public against members of the New York City Police Department ("NYPD") that allege misconduct regarding excessive use of force, abuse of authority, discourtesy or use of offensive language; and

Whereas, The CCRB provides a forum, separate and apart from the NYPD, where members of the public can seek redress for misconduct involving police officers; and

Whereas, New York City is an extraordinarily diverse City, with hundreds of languages spoken within its borders; and

Whereas, In order for the CCRB to effectively fulfill its mandate of receiving and investigating allegations of police misconduct, it is important for the CCRB to facilitate the complaint process as much as possible both for English speaking complainants and non-English speaking complainants; and

Whereas, One method by which the CCRB process can be facilitated for non-English speaking complainants is to provide these individuals with a complaint form in their native language; and

Whereas, Providing such a complaint form would make non-English speaking complainants feel more comfortable with the CCRB review and investigation process and will further demonstrate the CCRB's commitment to seriously investigating complaints against police officers, regardless of the native language of the complainant; now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the New York City Council calls upon the Civilian Complaint Review Board to provide non-English speaking complainants with a complaint form in their native language in order to facilitate the complaint process.

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