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By Council Members Foster, Perkins and Rivera

Whereas, The New York Civil Liberties Union (NYCLU) and its six regional chapters and offices adopted recommendations in February, 2000 at its New York State-Wide Summit on Police Brutality to ameliorate police misconduct in New York State; and

Whereas, These recommendations, which call for State-wide action, have applicability to New York City; and

Whereas, Among the recommendations, the NYCLU called upon the Civilian Complaint Review Board (CCRB) to be strengthened and supported the creation of a Special Prosecutor to monitor police misconduct and corruption; and

Whereas, The NYCLU also urged police departments throughout the State to offer incentives for hiring, promotion and retention of police forces and bonuses for those who are fluent in the languages spoken in the neighborhoods where they work, and to produce racial statistics of all citizens stopped by the police, in order to determine or substantiate claims for racial profiling; and

Whereas, The NYCLU also urged the State of New York to appoint a supervisor to review the faculty and curriculum of police academies statewide and that the training period for police recruits be increased to one year, and that police departments implement continuing education programs; and

Whereas, As the NYCLU resolution recognizes, the vast majority of police officers are good officers but a "small, yet significant percent of police officers who engage in excessive force, abuse of authority, discourteous and /or racial, religious, ethnic and homophobic slurs" still persists; and

Whereas, The NYCLU's suggestions are common sense proposals which will help stem the tide of police misconduct and brutality; now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the appropriate committee of the Council of the City of New York hold hearings on the recommendations of the New York Civil Liberties Union to ameliorate police misconduct in New York State.

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