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Resolution calling upon the appropriate committee of the Council of the City of New York to hold hearings on the recommendations of the City-Wide Community Board Caucus to Stop Police Brutality.

By Council Members Foster, Perkins and Rivera

Whereas, The City-Wide Community Board Caucus to Stop Police Brutality (the City-Wide Community Board Caucus) has adopted recommendations for improving the policy and practices of policing in New York City; and

Whereas, The City-Wide Community Board Caucus states that it has identified serious and systemic problems within the New York City Police Department (NYPD) and the agencies that are supposed to provide oversight and accountability over the NYPD; and

Whereas, With regard to civilian oversight, the City-Wide Community Board Caucus has recommended that the Civilian Complaint Review Board - the agency empowered to exercise oversight and control over the NYPD - be supported and strengthened; and

Whereas, With regard to police corruption and brutality, the City-Wide Community Board Caucus urges the creation of a Special Prosecutor to investigate and prosecute cases of police brutality and corruption, and that the 48 hour rule, whereby police officers are not required to speak to NYPD investigators for 48 hours after being identified as suspects, be eliminated; and

Whereas, With regard to fostering better police-community relations, the City-Wide Community Board Caucus supports implementation of a residency requirement and that the kind of training police officers receive at the Academy and in the precinct be improved and include discussions about diversity, race-relations and community-police relations, and that community groups work with police officers to advocate for policy changes (e.g. police pay, improved facilities, and increased use of computers) that will improve police morale; 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 City-Wide Community Board Caucus to Stop Police Brutality.

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