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***Legal Aid Statement on City Council Legislation That Will Prohibit the NYPD
From Collecting a Child's DNA Without Proper Consent***

(NEW YORK, NY) – Lisa Freeman, Director of the Special Litigation Unit with the Juvenile Rights Practice at The Legal Aid Society, released the following statement in response to City Council [legislation](#) that will prohibit the New York City Police Department from collecting DNA from a minor without consent from a parent, legal guardian or attorney:

"For far too long, the NYPD has engaged in the secretive taking of DNA from children without even securing consent from their parent. This unconscionable tactic is just one component of the City's impermissibly deceptive DNA collection and storage practices, which infringe every day on the rights of New Yorkers. This legislation is a strong step forward, but to fully correct the injustices born of these offensive tactics, we call on the City Council to pass legislation immediately outlawing all surreptitious DNA collection and eradicating the City's rogue DNA index."

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