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Coalition Calls on Inspector General for NYPD Gang Database Investigation

Advocates & Legal Organizations Urge Action Ahead of New Administration

WHAT: Rally & Press Conference

WHO: GANGS Coalition, Brooklyn Defender Services, the Legal Aid Society, Immigrant Defense Project, VOCAL-NY, the New York Immigration Coalition, Surveillance Technology Oversight Project (STOP), Five Boro Defenders, CryptoHarlem, Black Attorneys of Legal Aid (BALA), LatinoJustice PRLDEF, the Policing & Social Justice Project

WHEN: Tuesday July 27th at 11:00 AM

WHERE: Louise Nevelson Plaza, across the street from 80 Maiden Lane (IG's Office)

The [GANGS Coalition](#) along with community advocates and legal organizations will rally outside of the NYPD Inspector General's Office to demand action around the NYPD's gang policing tactics, including use of its controversial gang database. More than four years ago, community and legal groups [called on](#) the IG to investigate gang policing. The department's gang database has been a focus of legal advocates and of [City Council hearings in 2018](#).

In 2019, over twenty state and city lawmakers [called on](#) the IG to probe NYPD gang tactics. In 2020, more than thirty civil rights organizations and experts [signed a letter](#) to the IG also demanding an investigation. More recently, the New York City Bar Association, representing 24,000 attorneys and law students, sent a [similar letter](#) to the IG's Office that echoed many of the our ongoing concerns

Other investigations in Chicago and California have revealed [false entries and abuse](#) by police. Black and brown communities in New York City must have accountability into how the police are racially targeting and surveilling entire neighborhoods based on who they know, where they live and even what colors they wear. These questions will only be heightened under the likely administration of Eric Adams as Mayor of New York City, who has [signaled](#) an embrace of gang policing, or "precision policing."

The NYPD Inspector General's Office was created to provide oversight and transparency over NYPD policies. As gang databases and anti-gang tactics have become a source of controversy across the country, rally-goers will renew their calls for the IG Office to fully and exhaustively investigate the NYPD's gang strategies with independence – with a sense of urgency.

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