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***Statement on Mayor Adams, NYPD Reinstatement of Giuliani-Era Broken Windows Policing***

**(NEW YORK, NY) - Jennvine Wong, Staff Attorney with the Cop Accountability Project at The Legal Aid Society,** released the following statement in response to Mayor Eric Adams and the New York City Police Department's (NYPD) announcement that it would, in effect, reinstate broken-windows policing:

“Let’s be clear: this plan reinstates broken-windows policing, and it will undoubtedly send more Black and Latinx New Yorkers to Rikers Island, a facility that is wholly incapable of caring for the people in its custody.

Broken-windows policing has long been discredited for furthering mistrust between the police and the communities we serve, and this rebranded version will yield those same results, with the same disparate enforcement.

This is a botched opportunity for Mayor Adams to address the root cause of crime - poverty and a lack of robust services - and this plan will set our entire city back decades.”

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