PEOPLE'S PUBLIC SAFETY RALLY

**Advocates & impacted NYers oppose more spending for NYPD, call for more non-police alternatives for public safety as City Council holds virtual preliminary NYPD budget hearing**

**WHAT:** Rally & press conference


**WHEN:** Friday March 18th at 10AM

**WHERE:** City Hall Park

As the New York City Council debates its annual budget, and the Public Safety committee focuses on fortifying policing, the GANGS Coalition and partners will hold the **People's Public Safety Rally** on **Friday March 18 at 10AM at City Hall Park.** We'll hear from people and families impacted by racist policing and the pressing need to fund alternatives to policing that invest in our youth and communities instead of police.

Despite historic protests that have called to defund police and reprioritize how New York City spends our tax dollars, Mayor Eric Adams campaigned on and has seized upon a climate of fear to double down on an exorbitant police budget and calls for so-called "precision policing." This will mean a continuation of racist policing practices, including a rebranding of dangerous plainclothes police units and a reliance on the department's racist gang database.

However, we are committed to ending the policing status quo and call on city lawmakers to **truly** defund racist policing, erase the gang database, and make historic investments in community-based alternatives to achieving true public safety.

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