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## \*\*\*MEDIA ADVISORY FOR MONDAY NOVEMBER 14th AT 11 AM\*\*\*

## Legal Aid, Advocates and Elected Officials to Call on NYPD Inspector General to Release Audit of the NYPD's Gang Database; Abolish Racially Biased Policing Tool

(NEW YORK, NY) – The Legal Aid Society, <u>G.A.N.G.S Coalition</u>, elected officials, impacted New Yorkers and others, will rally outside of the Office of the Inspector General for the NYPD (<u>OIG-NYPD</u>) on Monday, November 14th to demand the release of a long-awaited report on the New York City Police Department's (NYPD) controversial gang database. Advocates will also call on the New York City Council to pass Int 0360, pending legislation that would abolish the database and precludes the NYPD from creating a replacement.

The New York City Department of Investigation (DOI), which oversees OIG-NYPD, <u>stated</u> that the report would be released by the end of 2022. The report will reveal the findings of an audit that launched in 2018 into the problematic database, which is currently estimated to hold records on <u>17,500 to 42,000</u> New Yorkers, some as young as 13-years-old. <u>99 percent</u> of those in the database are Black and Latinx.

**WHAT**: Rally to demand the release of a report on the NYPD's gang database, and to call on the New York City Council to pass <u>Int 0360</u>, pending legislation that would abolish the database and precludes the NYPD from creating a replacement.

WHO: The Legal Aid Society, <u>G.A.N.G.S Coalition</u>, elected officials, impacted New Yorkers and others.

WHEN: Monday, November 14th, 2022, at 11 AM

**WHERE**: Outside the Office of the Inspector General for the NYPD, 80 Maiden Ln, New York, NY

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