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***Statement on Mayor Adams, NYPD Deploying New Dystopian Technologies to
Surveil Innocent New Yorkers***

(NEW YORK, NY) — **The Legal Aid Society** released the following statement in response to an announcement from Mayor Eric Adams and the New York City Police Department (NYPD) on the deployment of new dystopian technologies to surveil New Yorkers:

“Mayor Adams continues to pour money into the NYPD’s bloated budget, enabling police to impose new, dystopian surveillance technologies throughout the city without meaningfully engaging New Yorkers in a conversation about whether this is how we want to live.

“This announcement is also another example of the NYPD’s violation of basic norms of transparency and accountability by rolling out these technologies without providing the public a meaningful opportunity to raise concerns. The City Council passed the POST Act two years ago to address this very issue, yet the NYPD has once again failed to engage its requirements of public comment before further expanding surveillance technology.

“The Legal Aid Society urges the City Council to hold an immediate oversight hearing to further investigate the use of these technologies and to afford all New Yorkers the chance to have their voices heard.”

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