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## ***Legal Aid Statement on the Appointment of Edward Caban as NYPD Commissioner***

(NEW YORK, NY) - **The Legal Aid Society** released the following statement in response to Mayor Eric Adams [appointing Edward Caban](#) as Commissioner of the New York City Police Department (NYPD):

“Policing in New York City is in dire need of reform, and Mr. Caban has to make significant inroads with the public to improve their trust in the department he’s about to lead.

“This starts with acknowledging that law enforcement isn’t a panacea for many community issues and that initiatives like the evidence-based CURE Violence model must take precedence over the continued revamping of the racist and fraught policies and practices of yesteryear.

“Secondly, the culture of impunity at both 1 Police Plaza and precincts throughout New York City will only continue to metastasize should Mr. Caban fail to meaningfully address rampant misconduct, and this crisis should also rank high on his priority list.

“We also implore Mr. Caban to immediately meet with members of the community to establish and maintain channels for input and accountability.

“Lastly, The Legal Aid Society is willing to collaborate with Mr. Caban to advance these overdue reforms and many others, just as we are always willing to hold the Department and its officers accountable when called for on behalf of the people we serve.”

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