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***Legal Aid Statement in Response to the Resignation Arva Rice, Interim Head of
the Civilian Complaint Review Board***

(NEW YORK, NY) - The Legal Aid Society released the following statement in response to Arva Rice [resigning](#) as Interim Chairwomen of the Civilian Complaint Review Board (CCRB) after being forced out by Mayor Eric Adams:

“The Adams Administration has engaged in a death-by-a-thousand-cuts campaign to neutralize the checks and balances in place that hold the New York City Police Department (NYPD) to account.

“From [defunding](#) the Civilian Complaint Review Board into a state of paralysis to [rejecting disciplinary recommendations](#) from the NYPD watchdog, to now pushing out the Interim Chairwomen of the CCRB after she [criticized](#) the NYPD’s handling of the investigation into the police killing of Kawaski Trawick, this Administration continues to prioritize the NYPD’s impunity over building trust between the Department and the New Yorkers that they are sworn to serve.

“A City devoid of the necessary safeguards to check police misconduct weakens public safety and reinforces a sentiment that officers are above the law and that the rest of us are all de facto second-class citizens.”

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