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***Statement on New, Watered-Down NYPD Disciplinary Matrix That Will Further the Department's Culture of Impunity***

(NEW YORK, NY) - The Legal Aid Society released the following statement in response to [reporting](#) of the New York City Police Department's (NYPD) new, watered-down [disciplinary matrix](#) that will further the Department's already rampant culture of impunity:

“This Administration, since day one, has systematically tried to erode any meaningful oversight of the NYPD and eschew accountability for officers who commit misconduct.

“From [defunding](#) the Civilian Complaint Review Board into a state of paralysis, to [rejecting](#) disciplinary recommendations from the NYPD watchdog, and now watering-down the matrix - which is only adhered to occasionally - this Administration continues to foster a toxic culture of impunity at precincts throughout the city to New Yorkers' detriment.

“Only when there is a robust system of transparency and accountability will the public finally have trust in the Department, and today's announcement steps away from this goal, one which should rank top of mind at City Hall.”

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