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Statement on Mayor Mamdani Disbanding the NYPD's Strategic Response Group and Endorsing the CURB Act

(NEW YORK, NY) — The Legal Aid Society released the following statement in response to Mayor Zohran Mamdani disbanding the New York City Police Department's (NYPD) Strategic Response Group (SRG) and endorsing the Communities United to Reject Brutality (CURB) Act:

"The Legal Aid Society commends Mayor Mamdani for fulfilling his campaign promise to disband the SRG, one of the NYPD's most notorious units, known for its violence and mass arrests of protesters, particularly during the 2020 George Floyd demonstrations, and for endorsing the CURB Act. Both measures represent important progress toward protecting New Yorkers' First Amendment rights. The restructuring, however, will require vigilant oversight to ensure that the SRG's tactics are not repeated. We urge the Mayor to closely monitor the NYPD's use of force, surveillance, and arrests, both at demonstrations and in the low-income communities we serve."

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