

March 31, 2022

Mayor Eric Adams
City Hall
New York, NY 10007

NYPD Commissioner Keechant Sewell
1 Police Plaza
New York, NY 10038

RE: CCRB investigation and prosecution of NYPD Officer Wayne Isaacs

Dear Mayor Adams and Commissioner Sewell,

On July 4, 2016, NYPD Officer Wayne Isaacs killed unarmed Delrawn Small in East New York, Brooklyn -- in front of his four-month-old baby, teen stepdaughter and girlfriend. The killing occurred just one day before Alton Sterling was killed by police in Louisiana and two days prior to Philando Castile being killed by police in Minnesota. Officers in both cases are no longer with their respective police departments, while Isaacs is still employed by the NYPD more than five and a half years later.

The family of Delrawn Small recently learned that Officer Wayne Isaacs' police union attorneys have requested that you block the Civilian Complaint Review Board (CCRB) from further investigation and disciplinary prosecution of Officer Isaacs for his role in the death of Mr. Small, by removing the CCRB from the case. The PBA request – made behind closed doors - is equivalent to trying to broker a backroom deal to prevent the disciplinary process from moving forward.

As elected officials who have been working for a safer and fairer city, we are concerned by this news. **The twenty-six elected officials signed on to this letter urge you to allow the CCRB to do its job and continue with the disciplinary proceeding against Mr. Isaacs. We respectfully request that you reject the PBA's latest attempt to thwart fairness.** Removing the CCRB from this case at this stage, after 5 and a half years, would undermine faith in government.

We understand that you are not responsible for errors and delays of the past administration and you are not to blame for the fact that Delrawn Small's family and New Yorkers have already waited almost six years for a disciplinary trial of the officer who killed Mr. Small. We also understand that if you allow the disciplinary trial to move forward, the Police Commissioner will still retain the final decision on disciplinary outcomes, if any.

Our request is simply that you allow the CCRB disciplinary prosecution of Officer Wayne Isaacs to move forward without interference – and deny the request by his police union attorneys to remove the case from the CCRB in this final stage.

Respectfully,

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NYC Public Advocate

Brad Lander
NYC Comptroller

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Brooklyn Borough President

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Assembly Member, 36th AD

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cc: Civilian Complaint Review Board