

## **ART CHANG RELEASES ADDITIONAL DETAILS ON HIS POLICING POLICY; INCLUDES \$1.3 BILLION IN NYPD BUDGET CUTS, NEW PLAN FOR POLICE ACCOUNTABILITY**

**New York, NY --** In collaboration with Nicole Napolitano, Ph.D., author of a recent article titled [“New York Should Completely Rebuild, Not Just Patch, its Police Oversight System: Here’s How.”](#) Mayoral Candidate Art Chang has released his revised policy for the NYPD, notably including a unique plan for police oversight. He is proposing that his City Hall include two new offices, autonomous from the NYPD, jointly appointed by the Mayor and Public Advocate and confirmed by the City Council:

1. An Office of Police Accountability, which would serve as an umbrella agency controlling many of the same functions as the CCRB and the Office of the Inspector General for the NYPD, but with a broader scope of jurisdiction. The OPA would fix many of the institutional blocks inherent in the operation of the CCRB and allow for increased accountability and enforcement of independent review.
2. An Office of Police Discipline, which would replace the Commissioner as the final authority and enforcer of disciplinary action in substantiated cases of misconduct (responding to cases already evaluated by the OPA). This office would control the release of data to promote transparency and accountability.

“The current system allows for NYPD leadership and their politically appointed allies to retain control over disciplinary action. The NYPD holds the rights to a significant amount of data which should be publicly available, including body camera footage and other relevant evidence in many cases of police misconduct. The Commissioner remains the final arbiter in misconduct cases, often resulting in a system of retraining officers who have exhibited biased misconduct rather than removing these officers from the force entirely,” Chang says. As cases of police misconduct and brutality continue to emerge in our city, Chang believes that we have a duty to institutionalize systems to evaluate them, which will outlast any single mayor’s term of office.

Additionally, Chang has outlined a detailed plan to cut \$1.3 billion from the NYPD budget, mostly focused on cutting the number of armed police officers in the force, as well as removing armed officers from schools. As a Mayor with a tech background, Chang understands the importance of transparency and morality in technology and policing: he would ban facial recognition software, drones, robots, the NYPD Criminal Group Database and use of fake social media accounts by police, and data-sharing with ICE.

To read Chang’s full policy, visit <https://www.chang.nyc/policing>.

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