

COMMUNITIES UNITED FOR POLICE REFORM

SUPPORT THE COMMUNITY SAFETY ACT *LEGISLATION TO COMBAT DISCRIMINATORY POLICING AND HOLD THE NYPD ACCOUNTABLE*

The *Community Safety Act* is a landmark police reform legislative package that currently consists of four bills aimed at ending discriminatory policing and bringing real accountability to the NYPD. New Yorkers want to live in a safe city where police officers treat all residents equally and respectfully, and are not above the law. These four bills have been introduced in the City Council and are awaiting a hearing and vote. The *Community Safety Act* includes:

Intro 800 – Protecting New Yorkers against discrimination by the NYPD

- Creates a strong ban on profiling and discrimination by the NYPD
- Expands protections to prohibit profiling based on age, sex, gender identity or expression, sexual orientation, immigration status, housing status, language, disability, in addition to race, religion or ethnicity
- Holds the NYPD accountable for practices that impact different communities or groups in discriminatory ways—like stop and frisk practices that single out people of color.

Similar laws exist in Illinois, W. Virginia & Arkansas. This bill is also similar to the federal End Racial Profiling Act.

Intro 799 – Protecting New Yorkers against unlawful searches

- Ends the practice of the NYPD deceiving New Yorkers into consenting to unnecessary searches
- Requires officers to explain that a person has the right to refuse a search when there is no warrant or probable cause
- Requires officers to obtain proof of consent to a search.

Similar laws exist in Colorado and West Virginia.

Intro 801 – Requiring NYPD officers to identify themselves and explain their action

- Requires officers to provide the specific reason for their law enforcement activity, such as a stop-and-frisk
- Requires officers to provide document to the person with the officer's name and rank and a way to reach the Civilian Complaint Review Board at the end of each police encounter

Similar laws exist in Arkansas, Minnesota and Colorado.

Intro 881 – Establishing an Inspector General for the NYPD to provide independent oversight

- Creates an Office of the Inspector General to examine systemic issues within the NYPD and provide effective oversight, with subpoena power, to protect New Yorkers from abuses and misconduct

Inspectors General monitor the FBI, CIA, LAPD and every major New York City agency except for the NYPD