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Crime Commission President Aborn Statement on Retirement of NYPD Commissioner Bratton and Appointment of O'Neill as Successor

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New York, NY - Crime Commission President Richard Aborn made the following statement today in response to the retirement of NYPD Commissioner Bill Bratton and the appointment of Chief of Department James O'Neill as his successor:

"Bill Bratton is the father of modern policing and an architect of the greatest decline in crime in the history of our country. Commissioner Bratton achieved safer cities and a higher quality of life for millions of Americans through relentless innovation, and by refusing to accept the notion that American cities would be held hostage to violence.

"After decades of unprecedented policing successes in Boston, Los Angeles and New York, Commissioner Bratton will end his tenure at the peak of his prowess. New York owes him a great debt for his service. Perhaps no other appointed official has had the positive impact on our city that Bill Bratton has. He will be missed, but his work will live on in the safer streets of the cities he policed, improving police-community relations and in the better lives of the residents he protected.

"Bratton's shoes will be very hard to fill, but Chief of Department James O'Neill is the perfect choice to take on the challenge. O'Neill and Bratton share a similar vision for sustaining New York's historically low crime rates and tackling its public safety issues. O'Neill inherits a very safe city--but he will undoubtedly seek to continue to make progress in areas where Bratton focused his attention for the last few years: persistent pockets of high crime and police-community relations."

Richard Aborn is available for comment.

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About the Citizens Crime Commission:

The Crime Commission is a non-partisan non-profit organization working to make New York City's criminal justice and public safety policies and practices more effective through innovation, research, and education.

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