



CITIZENS CRIME COMMISSION
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Crime Commission President Aborn Responds to Mayor de Blasio's State of the City Address

New York City - In response to Mayor Bill de Blasio's 2017 State of the City Address, **Citizens Crime Commission President Richard Aborn** released the following statement:

"Tonight, Mayor de Blasio proudly confirmed to all New Yorkers that our city is the safest city in America. With shootings dipping below one thousand per year, violent crimes per capita at historic lows, and a virtual elimination of Stop and Frisk, New York City is truly the great law enforcement and criminal justice experiment that worked.

"However, our way of law enforcement is at risk with the new administration in Washington. Threats to strip funding from our city also threaten our public safety in addition to our way of life, and New Yorkers simply will not stand for that.

"Our city is leading the charge further into 21st century law enforcement, where neighborhood and precision policing continues to drive down crime in communities of every borough. Without the commitment of the NYPD and our community partners to make our streets safer, our city would be worse off. That is why we must continue to work together in order to make New York City safer than ever. The Crime Commission looks forward to working Mayor de Blasio, NYPD Commissioner O'Neill and criminal justice professionals in that spirit."

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About the Citizens Crime Commission

The Citizens Crime Commission of New York City (CCC) is a leading nonpartisan nonprofit organization with multidisciplinary expertise that works to improve public safety through innovation. For more information on the Citizens Crime Commission of New York City, please visit our website: www.nycrimecommission.org