



CITIZENS CRIME COMMISSION
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**Statement of Crime Commission President Aborn
on City's Rikers Anti-Violence Plan**

NEW YORK - Richard Aborn, President of the Citizens Crime Commission, released the following statement today in reaction to the City's agenda for reducing violence at Rikers Island jail:

"The City's plan to curb violence at Rikers announced today is an important step toward turning around the deplorable conditions at the jail. Much more still needs to be done, however, to ensure the Corrections Department meets the high standards for prisoner treatment and institutional civility at Rikers demanded by New Yorkers.

"Specifically, the City must implement a comprehensive training program for front-line supervisors and other staff at the jail to change the aggressive, violent culture at Rikers; implement the use of body cameras on guards to improve safety and accountability; and submit to far more extensive oversight than currently exists, including tighter scrutiny from a newly empowered Inspector General, public airing of all investigations at the facility, and a secure system for inmates and others to report complaints of bad behavior directly to the Board of Correction, not the Department of Correction itself."

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. For more information on the Citizens Crime Commission of New York City, please visit our website: www.nycrimecommission.org

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