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Police Commissioner Jessica Tisch  
New York City Police Department  
One Police Plaza  
New York, NY 10038  
*Via Email*

Re: Letter regarding Executive Law § 75(5)(b) Referral of Detective Brian Greaige,  
OAG Matter No. 1-794585547

Dear Commissioner Tisch,

We have reviewed your agency's referral of Det. Brian Greaige<sup>1</sup> pursuant to Executive Law Section § 75(5)(b). Based on our review, we have concluded that Det. Greaige engaged in a pattern of misconduct involving excessive force.

Our findings are based on the following incidents:

- CCRB #201905840: On July 5, 2019, a complaint was filed on behalf of Complainant 1 alleging that several officers, including Det. Greaige, engaged in misconduct during a call for service and arrest. The Civilian Complaint Review Board (CCRB) investigated this incident and substantiated that Det. Greaige engaged in excessive force when he pushed Complainant 1 prior to his arrest outside his apartment. CCRB found that because Complainant 1 did not pose a risk to any of the officers or civilians, was not under arrest at the time, and had not interfered with another arrest, Det. Greaige's force was unreasonable. Det. Greaige received command discipline under Schedule A as punishment.
- CCRB #202003867: On May 22, 2020, Det. Greaige was on anti-crime patrol with several other officers. CCRB investigated allegations that several officers, including Det. Greaige, committed excessive force, abuse of authority for threatening to issue a summons, and discourtesy toward Complainant 2 during an arrest while engaging a group drinking alcohol from open containers. CCRB substantiated that Det. Greaige engaged in excessive force against Complainant 2 when he pushed him a second time prior to arrest. CCRB found that Det. Greaige initiated this unreasonable physical contact despite Complainant 2 not being a threat to him or other officers. NYPD did not discipline Det. Greaige for this incident, as the

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<sup>1</sup> Although Det. Greaige was promoted to Detective, all the substantiated instances discussed below related to his time a patrol officer. For clarity, his current rank will be used throughout this letter.

statute of limitations had run.

- CCRB #202006197: On September 12, 2020, Det. Greaige assisted several officers in providing security for a crime scene. CCRB investigated allegations that several officers, including Det. Greaige, engaged in a variety of misconduct involving excessive force and false arrest related to securing to the shooting scene. CCRB substantiated that Det. Greaige engaged in excessive force against Complainant 3 by punching Complainant 3 in the head several times and holding his head to the concrete. CCRB determined that Det. Greaige's use of force was unreasonable as Complainant 3 was subdued already by other officers during his arrest and failed to report the force. NYPD did not discipline Det. Greaige for this incident, as NYPD was unwilling to prosecute the charges.

Based on the above incidents, we conclude that Det. Greaige engaged in a pattern of excessive force contrary to federal and state law and NYPD policy.

In addition, we note that Det. Greaige has been named as a defendant in lawsuits challenging his actions as an NYPD officer similar to the misconduct found by the CCRB. Det. Greaige was the only named officer in a lawsuit filed by Edwin Rodriguez in Bronx Supreme Court, Index No. 32281/2020, alleging excessive force and false arrest on May 30, 2020. The City settled the lawsuit for \$65,000. Det. Greaige was sued by Davion Trusty in Bronx County Supreme Court, Index No. 803783/2021E, for alleged false arrest and other related causes of action on May 20, 2019. According to NYSCEF, the case is still pending. Det. Greaige was sued by Devontae Boyd on October 10, 2023, Index No. 815066/2023E, for alleged false arrest and excessive force. The case is still pending. Det. Greaige was sued by Ryan Santa on July 20, 2023, in Kings County Supreme Court, Index No. 520392/2023, for alleged false arrest and unlawful search. The case was later settled for \$50,000.

To prevent future misconduct, we request that NYPD develop a plan for addressing Det. Greaige's conduct that includes monitoring, training, and potential reassignment to ensure his compliance with laws and policies governing the use of force.<sup>2</sup>

Pursuant to Executive Law § 75(5)(c), please provide a written response within 90 days as to NYPD's response to these recommended remedial actions.

Thank you,

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<sup>2</sup> Det. Greaige also received an adverse credibility letter from Bronx Supreme Court in 2023. Based on that letter, NYPD confirmed that the panel recommended notice and training to Det. Greaige. This result should be reflected in Det Greaige's CPI. Further, any future disciplinary proceedings should account for this adverse credibility finding.