

RESOLUTION

OF THE EXECUTIVE BODY OF THE POLICE BENEVOLENT ASSOCIATION OF THE CITY OF NEW YORK, INC.

August 28, 2019

Expressing no confidence in Bill de Blasio, Mayor of the City of New York, and calling for his immediate removal from office.

WHEREAS Bill de Blasio, Mayor of the City of New York (hereinafter, “Mayor de Blasio”), has consistently engaged in rhetoric that demonizes law enforcement and attacks the integrity of the members of the New York City Police Department (hereinafter, “the NYPD”);

WHEREAS Mayor de Blasio and his administration have promulgated or supported numerous changes to law and policy that have:

- 1) Imposed upon members of the Association new layers of scrutiny and second-guessing, unnecessary restrictions and unsustainable administrative burdens;
- 2) Subjected members of the Association to enhanced legal liability and unwarranted administrative penalties for the good-faith performance of their duties;
- 3) Empowered and expanded the jurisdiction of the blatantly anti-police-biased Civilian Complaint Review Board, including the active solicitation of complaints against NYPD members; and
- 4) Hindered members of the Association in their efforts to carry out the NYPD’s core public safety mission, resulting in growing disorder and a significant deterioration of the public safety environment on our city streets;

WHEREAS Mayor de Blasio has engaged in a sustained effort to deceive the public regarding crime and enforcement in New York City, by distorting or misrepresenting official statistics in order to obscure troubling public safety trends;

WHEREAS Mayor de Blasio has consistently refused to address or even acknowledge the enormous wage disparity faced by members of the Association in comparison to our counterparts in comparable law enforcement agencies, both locally and nation-wide;

WHEREAS New York City police officers are experiencing an acute mental health crisis, which has already resulted in the death by suicide of nine NYPD members — including six members of the Association — in 2019;

WHEREAS Mayor de Blasio and his administration have made absolutely no effort to address the policies and conditions that are contributing to this crisis, including but not limited to:

- 1) Onerous work schedules and inadequate vacation allotments that deprive police officers of the personal time needed to decompress, de-stress and tend to their families;
- 2) NYPD management practices that subject police officers to extreme pressure to meet arbitrary performance goals and expose them to unjust performance monitoring regimes;
- 3) City health insurance that does not provide sufficient access to high quality, independent mental health care providers;

WHEREAS Mayor de Blasio's administration maliciously withheld from NYPD members the benefits of the City of New York's public mental health program, known as "ThriveNYC," by withdrawing ThriveNYC's participation in a police-focused mental health event upon learning of the participation of a pro-law enforcement group in that same event;

WHEREAS Mayor de Blasio has abandoned his official duties to engage in national political activities, and has engaged in deceptive and legally questionable fundraising practices in order to fund such activities;

WHEREAS Mayor de Blasio unlawfully interfered in the NYPD's disciplinary process, through public statements and private conversations intended to coerce the Police Commissioner to render predetermined findings and penalties in the administrative trial of Police Officer Daniel Pantaleo, who is a member of the Association;

WHEREAS The unjustified termination of Police Officer Daniel Pantaleo has not only deprived a dedicated and accomplished police officer of his livelihood, but has also dealt a staggering blow to police officers throughout the city, destroying morale and discouraging NYPD members of every rank from proactively addressing crime and disorder; and

WHEREAS Section nine of chapter one of the New York City Charter (hereinafter, "the Charter") empowers the Governor of the State of New York to remove the mayor upon charges, and to suspend the mayor pending the preparation and disposition of such charges.

RESOLVED, that:

- 1) The members of the Association have no confidence in the leadership of Mayor Bill de Blasio; and
- 2) The Association calls upon Governor Andrew M. Cuomo to exercise his powers under the Charter to immediately suspend and ultimately remove Mayor de Blasio on charges of malfeasance and nonfeasance in the above-stated matters.

Respectfully submitted,

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The foregoing is a true copy of a Resolution adopted by the Executive Body of the Association on August 28, 2019