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LDF Condemns Mayor Eric Adams' Veto of the How Many Stops Act

Today, Mayor Eric Adams vetoed the Int. 586, part of the How Many Stops Act (HMSA) that would require the New York City Police Department (NYPD) to more fully document its investigative encounters.

The bill will be returned to the New York City Council, where it needs a two-thirds majority vote to override Mayor Adams' veto and become law.

In response to this veto, [Legal Defense Fund](#) (LDF) Justice in Public Safety Project Legal Fellow David Moss made the following statement:

“For too long, the full breadth of the NYPD’s enforcement activities has been shrouded in secrecy and without accountability in ways that have resulted in disproportionate harm to Black communities. The How Many Stops is a critical step towards more transparency, especially for the communities most impacted by police abuse and violence. By vetoing this bill, Mayor Adams is standing in direct opposition to the transparency and accountability that New Yorkers need and want. We urge the City Council to swiftly override this veto and prioritize the will of New Yorkers.”

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