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NAACP Legal Defense Fund Appeals Manhattan DA's Failure to Respond to Information Request for Materials on Gang Database

The NAACP Legal Defense and Educational Fund, Inc. (LDF) today [appealed](#) the Manhattan District Attorney's Office's (NYDA) failure to respond to a Freedom of Information Law (FOIL) [request](#) for materials related to New Yorkers' inclusion in NYDA's gang database(s). FOIL requires New York City agencies to respond to a records request within five business days of receiving of the request, and the NYDA's failure to do so amounts to a constructive denial of the request.

This appeal and the underlying FOIL request follows LDF and the Center for Constitutional Rights' (CCR) recent FOIL [requests](#) seeking information about the New York City Police Department's (NYPD) gang policing tactics. LDF and CCR also sent a [letter](#) to the New York City Council requesting an oversight hearing about the NYPD's gang policing practices, which was just [scheduled](#) for June 11, 2018.

Read LDF's FOIL appeal [here](#).

Read LDF's May 9th FOIL request [here](#).

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