

December 26, 2024

New York City Council
250 Broadway
New York, NY 10007**Subject: FOIL Request for Budget Projections, Testimony, Transcripts, and Related Documents Submitted by the NYPD (Fiscal Years 2019 to Present)**

Dear Members of the New York City Council:

Under the New York Freedom of Information Law (FOIL), Article 6 of the Public Officers Law, I am submitting this request for access to records related to budget projections, testimony, transcripts, video recordings, and other supporting materials submitted by the New York City Police Department (NYPD) to the New York City Council for the **fiscal year 2019 to present**.

For this request, **“documents”** is defined broadly and includes all written, electronic, recorded, or printed materials, whether stored physically or digitally. This includes but is not limited to, emails, spreadsheets, memoranda, reports, notes, letters, presentations, policies, databases, logs, audio files, video recordings, and other forms of media, consistent with the definitions provided under **Rule 34 of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure**.

I respectfully request the following information:

1. Budget Projections

- a. **Budget Projections Submitted by the NYPD:** Provide all budget projections submitted by the NYPD to the New York City Council for **fiscal year 2019 to present**.
 - Include any quarterly adjustments or updates made to the budget during this period.
 - For each adjustment, identify the individual(s) or office(s) responsible for authorizing the changes.
- b. **Detailed Explanations of Projections:** Provide any accompanying documents, reports, or analyses explaining the rationale for the budget projections and adjustments, including how funds were allocated to specific divisions or programs within the NYPD.

2. Testimony and Transcripts

- a. **Prepared Testimony Submitted by the NYPD:** Provide all prepared testimony submitted by NYPD representatives for budget hearings or other related sessions before the New York City Council during the **fiscal year 2019 to present**.
 - Include all written materials, talking points, presentations, or reports submitted as part of this testimony.
- b. **Hearing Transcripts:** Provide complete transcripts of all budget hearings or other sessions in which the NYPD participated during the **fiscal year 2019 to the present**.

3. Video and Audio Recordings

- a. **Video Recordings:** Provide any video recordings of budget hearings or other sessions involving the NYPD from **fiscal year 2019 to the present**.
 - Include links to any publicly available recordings, if applicable.
- b. **Audio Recordings:** Provide audio recordings of the hearings or sessions where video recordings are unavailable or incomplete.

4. Supporting Materials

- a. **Documents Submitted to the Council:** Provide all documents submitted by the NYPD to the New York City Council during budget hearings or other sessions from **fiscal year 2019 to the present**, including:
 - Reports, analyses, spreadsheets, or databases detailing specific budget allocations, projections, or actual spending.
 - Any emails, letters, or other communications related to these submissions between the NYPD and the New York City Council.
- b. **Data on Allocated Funding:** Provide details on how funds were allocated within the NYPD's budget from the **fiscal year 2019 to the present**, including any correspondence discussing adjustments or reallocations during this period.

Additional Specifications

- **Electronic Format:** I request that all records be provided in searchable and sortable electronic format (e.g., Microsoft Excel, CSV files). If certain records are available only in hard copy, please notify me in advance to arrange for review or conversion to an electronic format.
- **Timely Delivery:** If any documents are exempt from disclosure, I request that all non-exempt portions be provided and that a privilege log or explanation be included, citing the specific legal exemptions relied upon.

Fee Waiver or Cost Estimate

As this request is made in the public interest, I respectfully request a waiver of fees. If this is not possible, please provide a detailed, itemized estimate of the costs before processing this request.

Request for Timely Response

Under FOIL, I expect a response within five (5) business days, as the law requires. If access to any records is denied, I request a written explanation detailing the basis for denial and the specific legal exemption(s) relied upon.

Closing

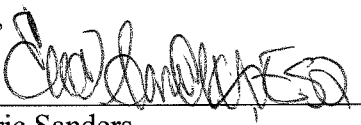
The requested records are critical for ensuring transparency and accountability in the budgetary process, particularly regarding the NYPD's financial management and public funding allocations. I appreciate your assistance in fulfilling this request and ensuring public access to these important materials.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you require clarification or additional details to fulfill this request.

Thank you for your time and attention to this matter. I trust that this issue will be resolved under your leadership to reflect the NYPD's fairness, integrity, and accountability values.

Sincerely,

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