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MAYOR BLOOMBERG APPOINTS FRANKLIN H. STONE AS CHAIR OF CIVILIAN COMPLAINT REVIEW BOARD

Stone Will Be First Woman to Serve as Chair of CCRB

Mayor Michael R. Bloomberg today announced the appointment of Franklin H. Stone as Chair of the Civilian Complaint Review Board. Chairwoman Stone, the Executive Director of the non-profit legal advocacy organization Common Good, has served as a Commissioner on the Board since 1998. The Civilian Complaint Review Board ([CCRB](#)), an independent agency created in 1993 to investigate allegations of excessive force and abuse of authority against members of the Police Department (NYPD), is comprised of five Commissioners appointed by the Mayor, including the Chair, five Commissioners appointed by the City Council, with one representing each of the boroughs, and three Commissioners appointed by the Police Commissioner. Chairwoman Stone replaces Hector Gonzalez, who joined the CCRB in 2000 and chaired his last meeting today.

“I am pleased to appoint Franklin Stone as Chair of the Civilian Complaint Review Board,” said Mayor Bloomberg. “With her extensive legal background and years of valued service as a member of the CCRB, I am confident that Franklin will serve New York City well in her new position. Over the past five years, we have driven crime down 22 percent to its lowest level in over four decades while working to strengthen police-community relations. The CCRB has played a vital role in those gains, and I’m excited to have Franklin at its helm.”

“I want to thank Mayor Bloomberg for giving me the opportunity to lead the CCRB,” said Chairwoman Stone. “I am looking forward to continuing to work with the agency’s outstanding Board and strong staff to provide effective civilian oversight of police misconduct.”

“Franklin has served the citizens of New York City with distinction since 1998, bringing a sharp legal mind and tireless work ethic to the CCRB,” said Hector Gonzalez, outgoing CCRB Chair. “Mayor Bloomberg has made an excellent choice in appointing Franklin, and I have no doubt she will make a terrific chair. I want to thank the Mayor, my fellow CCRB Commissioners and our dedicated staff for

their work and support over the past six years.”

Stone is an experienced lawyer with decades of experience in litigation and government. Since 2004, she has served as Executive Director of Common Good, a legal advocacy group. Previously, Stone was a partner at the law firm Hunton & Williams, where she specialized in commercial litigation and repeatedly was awarded the firm’s pro bono service award. From 1983 to 1987, Stone served as Assistant U.S. Attorney for the Southern District of New York. Prior to that, she was an associate at Patterson, Belknap, Webb & Tyler. She holds a law degree from the University Of Virginia School of Law and a Bachelor of Arts from Hollins College.

Stone lives in Cobble Hill, where she is deeply involved with community organizations. She is a member of the Board of Directors of the Downtown Brooklyn Waterfront L.D.C. and a member of the Citizens Advisory Council at the Brooklyn Bridge Park L.D.C. Additionally, Stone is First Vice President of the Cobble Hill Association, where she previously served as President. As part of her community involvement, she helped plan and design the Brooklyn Bridge Park, and is responsible for the enhancement of the quality of life and preservation of the special architectural character of the Cobble Hill Historic District. Stone and her husband, David Wenk, have a daughter, Anne, who is in grade school.

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