



Resolution Calling For Answers Regarding Surveillance On CUNY Campuses

In view of reports of continuing infringements on First Amendment rights by the New York City Police Department (NYPD), including the infiltration and subversion of New York political activists in violation of our rights to free speech, free association, peaceful assembly and to petition our government for redress of grievances, in particular through surveillance of environmental and human rights organizations, and surveillance and infiltration of the Occupy Wall Street and Black Lives Matters movements, in view of the failure of former Mayor Michael Bloomberg, then City Council Speaker Christine Quinn, and then Police Commissioner Raymond Kelly to fully disclose and account for the scope of unwarranted police spying operations by the NYPD on campuses of the City University of New York (CUNY), as requested in letters to them from law school faculty in a resolution by the CUNY School of Law Faculty Senate(attached), in view of the fact that our political representatives also failed to pass laws requiring effective public oversight and accountability of New York's police forces, and given that such oversight and accountability is essential to a functioning democracy, the Student Government of the City University of New York School of Law hereby calls on the current administration of Mayor Bill De Blasio, on City Council Speaker Melissa Mark-Viverito and on Police Commissioner William Bratton to provide the public with answers to questions about past infringements and current protections of civil liberties on City University campuses which the former administration refused to answer and to provide a full public accounting of the NYPD policies and practices targeting civic organizations and movements with surveillance and other operations, including but not limited to efforts to obtain informant recruitment through coercion.

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