

Resolution on the Right to Know Act

1 Whereas, Communities United for Police Reform, a coalition of community and grass roots groups, is
2 sponsoring The Right To Know Act, a legislative package before the NYC council that aims to protect the
3 civil rights of New Yorkers and promote transparency and accountability in interactions with the NYPD
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5 Whereas, The Right To Know Act includes reasonable measures such as; requiring officers to identify
6 themselves to the public and explain the reason for the interaction: protecting New Yorkers from
7 unconstitutional searches
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9 Whereas, even though there is broad support, the New York City Council speaker, Melissa Mark-Viverito,
10 has not brought the legislative package up for a vote. Instead, the New York Police Department has
11 announced that it will internally administer the proposed changes.
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13 Whereas, similar laws exist in other jurisdictions
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15 Whereas, the bill is endorsed by some 200 organizations and labor unions including 32BJ SEIU, CWA
16 Local 1180, 1199 SEIU Healthcare Workers, New York Metro Area Postal Union, New York State Nurses
17 Association, Working Families Party, Black Lives Matter NYC, Center for Community Alternatives, Harlem
18 United, Make the Road New York, Queens Neighborhoods United
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20 Whereas, one of the goals of our union is establishing relations and building alliances with community
21 and labor organizations, many of whom are already championing The Right To Know Act and who seek
22 our support
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24 Whereas, police interactions with civilians and particularly with people of color have become a matter of
25 national attention and concern
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27 Whereas, the students we teach -- the majority of whom are students of color -- disproportionately face
28 the brunt of policing tactics such as stop and frisk and broken windows; therefore be it
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30 **Resolved, that the PSC strongly endorses The Right To Know Act and encourages the City**
31 **Council to move the bill forward.**

