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WELCOME NOTE from RICHARD M. ABORN

Dear Friends,

Welcome to the fourth annual fundraiser for the Citizens Crime Commission of New York City. We are proud to celebrate another year of effective advocacy – advocacy that has contributed to New York City’s unprecedented decline in crime and helped influence criminal justice policy discussions at the local, state and national levels. Of course, none of this work would be possible without the generous support of people like you.

Keeping New York City safe and government responsive requires vigilant research and analysis in order to develop smart ideas for improving law enforcement and our criminal justice system. To enable positive change, we are continually looking for new trends in crime and public safety management while staying at the forefront of core issue areas such as gun violence, gangs, cyber crime, juvenile justice, policing, and counter-terrorism.

We haven’t slowed down a bit since last year – in fact, we have been as busy as ever. This year, we published research on the deadly effects of large-capacity ammunition magazines which provided clear evidence in support of reinstating the federal ban on these dangerous weapons; we advocated for action to stop the violence against prisoners on Rikers Island; we supported NY Attorney General Schneiderman’s “Secure our Smartphones” Initiative calling on the smartphone industry to protect the safety of consumers by implementing a kill switch; we developed strategies to address the growing problem of conflicts on social media escalating to deadly real-world violence; we developed an educational curriculum for NYC schools to teach students how basic security behavior modification can reduce risks of cyber crimes; we worked closely with the NYPD to devise tactics to keep New Yorkers safe; and we continued to push for reforms to keep youth out of trouble and build healthier communities.

And now we’re honored to recognize three individuals who play critical roles in keeping New York City safe and who embody the mission of the Crime Commission, Howard P. Milstein, Police Commissioner William J. Bratton, and Congresswoman Carolyn McCarthy. We thank all three of them for joining us tonight, so that the rest of the criminal justice community can show them admiration and praise they deserve.

Thank you all for your outstanding commitment and ongoing support. Enjoy the evening.

Best,

Richard M. Aborn
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THEODORE ROOSEVELT LEADERSHIP AWARD

The Crime Commission's Theodore Roosevelt Leadership Award recognizes pioneering leadership in the field of criminal justice.

WILLIAM J. BRATTON

On January 1, 2014, William J. Bratton was appointed by Mayor Bill de Blasio the 42nd Commissioner of the New York City Police Department. A U.S. Army veteran of the Vietnam War, Commissioner Bratton began his law enforcement career in 1970 as a beat cop in the Boston Police Department (BPD), where he was cited with the department's top award for valor in 1976 for facing down a bank robber and rescuing a hostage. By 1980, he had risen to Superintendent of Police, the BPD's highest sworn position. His first foray into New York City policing began in 1990 when he became Chief of the New York City Transit Police.

His current appointment as NYPD Commissioner is his second time holding the post. During his career, Bratton has served as Chief or Commissioner of five different police departments, and is the only person ever to lead the police agencies of the nation's two largest cities: NYC (from 1994 to 1996 and present day), and Los Angeles (2002 to 2009). During his first term as NYPD Commissioner, he led the development of Compstat, the internationally acclaimed command accountability system now in use by police departments nationwide. As Los Angeles Police Chief, in a city known for its entrenched gang culture and youth violence, he brought crime to historically low levels, greatly improved race relations, and reached out to young people with a range of innovative police programs.

A noted author, commentator and consultant, Commissioner Bratton holds a Bachelor's degree from Boston State College and is a graduate of the FBI National Executive Institute. At Harvard University's Kennedy School of Government, he was a Senior Executive Fellow in Criminal Justice and a member of the school's National Executive Session on Policing.

Previous recipients of the Crime Commission's Theodore Roosevelt Leadership Award include: Robert M. Morgenthau, Manhattan District Attorney (1975-2009); Richard Girgenti, National and Americas leader for KPMG LLP's Forensic Advisory Services; and Eric T. Schneiderman, New York State Attorney General.

HUMANITARIAN AWARD

The Crime Commission's Humanitarian Award recognizes an individual who has made significant contributions to the criminal justice field.

HOWARD P. MILSTEIN

Howard P. Milstein is Chairman, President and Chief Executive Officer of New York Private Bank & Trust and its operating bank, Emigrant Bank. He also chairs and operates the Milstein family's real estate companies, including Milstein Properties, and Milstein Brothers Real Estate. Howard is founding Chairman of the merchant bank FriedbergMilstein. Since 2007, when he launched his golf business partnership with the legendary Jack Nicklaus, he has served as co-chair of the Nicklaus Companies. In 2011, Howard was selected by Governor Andrew M. Cuomo to serve as the Chairman of the New York State Thruway Authority, where he orchestrated the contract for design and construction of a new Tappan Zee Bridge--the largest procurement in New York State history. Bringing to bear a lifetime of private-sector experience in construction and large-scale development, he saved the State nearly \$2 billion from the original cost estimates.

Howard provides full time hands-on leadership and deep commitment to a range of communal, educational and civic organizations. He is particularly active in the fields of medical research and healthcare delivery, and also dedicates time and significant support to higher education, disaster relief, the arts, and law enforcement/counter-terrorism/homeland security programs.

In the world of law enforcement/counter-terrorism/homeland security, Howard has been an engaged supporter of the Citizens Crime Commission of NYC, where he developed and/or funded key programs, such as: Milstein Criminal Justice Policy Forum and its predecessor, Milstein Award and Lecture, as well as the Cyber Crime Initiative and the Domestic-Terrorism Post-9/11 database. For the NYPD, he is currently spearheading the Milstein Challenge to fund the International Liaison Program, which has proved highly effective in preventing terrorist incidents in New York City. In his role as Chairman of the NYS Thruway Authority, he adopted the Department of Homeland Security's "See Something, Say Something" campaign all along the route of the Thruway. Previously, he supported and served as Co-Chair for the \$2 million COPE Campaign, which provided post-9/11, post-traumatic psychiatric counseling for NYC police officers and their families. Always sensitive to the needs of first responders, in the wake of Hurricane Sandy, Howard donated more than \$2 million to be distributed to first responders' families whose own homes were damaged while they were assisting other New Yorkers through the devastating storm that rampaged through the Metropolitan area. He likewise donated funds to employees of the New York Blood Center to assist them in their rebuilding efforts. In order to ensure equal access to legal services and justice for the disadvantaged, Howard supports the New York Legal Assistance Group, chaired by his wife, Abby.

Howard earned a B.A. in Economics *summa cum laude* from Cornell University, and Law and Business degrees from Harvard University. He is an honorary Police Commissioner for Life of NYPD and Honorary Battalion Commander of FDNY.

LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

The Crime Commission's Lifetime Achievement Award recognizes visionary leaders who have demonstrated a life-long commitment to improving public safety.

CAROLYN McCARTHY

First elected in 1996, United States Congresswoman Carolyn McCarthy is currently serving her 9th term representing Long Island's 4th Congressional District.

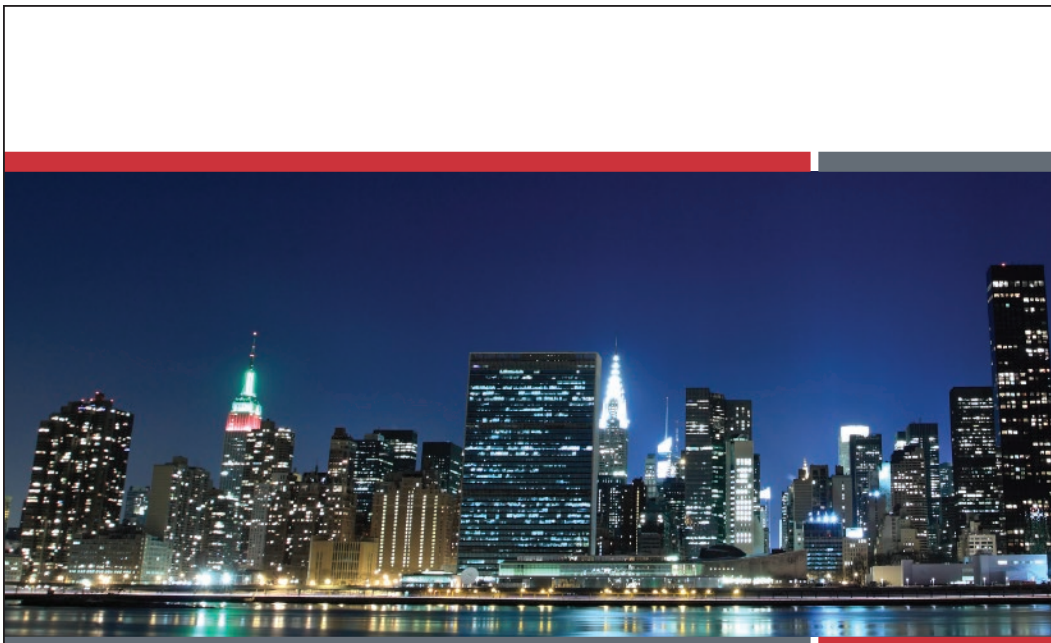
Since she was elected, Congresswoman McCarthy has been one of the most outspoken Members of Congress on the issue of gun violence prevention and she has worked tirelessly to fight for and adopt commonsense policies to make our families safer. She currently serves as the Vice-Chair of the House Gun Violence Prevention Task Force.

She also serves as a senior member of the House Committee on Education and Workforce, and is a member of the House Financial Services Committee.



Richard Aborn, Carolyn McCarthy, & William Bratton (L-R) at a 1994 press conference on assault weapons.

Congresswoman McCarthy has over 30 years of experience as a nurse and as a result has been a leader in Congress on Health Care issues, working with her colleagues to ensure all Americans have access to quality, affordable healthcare.



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ABOUT THE CRIME COMMISSION

In an effort to improve public safety and policing, the Citizens Crime Commission of New York City was established by the business community in 1978 as a not for profit criminal justice policy institute.

Maintaining its focus on *converting ideas into action*, the Crime Commission addresses gaps in the criminal justice system by combining expertise in research, advocacy, education, and innovation on a broad range of issues from juvenile justice, to gun violence, to cyber crime, to counter-terrorism, to crime prevention strategies.

Collaborating with the business community, government agencies, and the public, the Crime Commission has achieved tangible results:

- The Crime Commission was part of the successful coalition that won passage of legislation to expand the DNA databank to include all crimes upon conviction. On March 14, 2012, New York became the only state in the nation to collect DNA for all crimes.
- In 2013, the Crime Commission's efforts supported the passage of comprehensive legislation to combat gun violence, the NY SAFE Act.
- As part of the NYC Department of Education's Software Engineering Pilot program, the Crime Commission developed an educational curriculum to teach students how basic security behavior modification can reduce risks of cyber crimes. The curriculum has been implemented in schools across the city.
- Most recently, the Crime Commission has been working with New York State Attorney General Eric Schneiderman and San Francisco District Attorney George Gascón on the Secure Our Smartphones (S.O.S.) Initiative, urging the smartphone industry to protect the safety of consumers. Less than one year after the launch of the S.O.S. Initiative, there are now bills to mandate kill switches in both houses of Congress, more than 100 elected representatives and criminal justice officials around the country and abroad have signed on to the coalition, and all major mobile operating systems will include a version of the kill switch.

In concert with its public policy efforts, **the Crime Commission releases a variety of publications and hosts forums featuring nationally and internationally prominent speakers.** As a result, the Crime Commission has earned a reputation among the public, reporters, lawmakers, and legal professionals as an independent and objective expert on criminal justice and public safety policies and practices.



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The Crime Commission is pleased to announce the formation of its Corporate Council, a group of some of the country's most-respected companies, coming together to provide leadership, advice, and support as the commission tackles the most critical public safety issues of the day. The Crime Commission has always been a strong ally of the business community, which is well represented on our Board of Directors by such companies as MasterCard, Mutual of America, Pfizer, and Verizon, and we are proud to now extend that representation with our Corporate Council.

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GANG AND GROUP VIOLENCE PREVENTION

New York City continues to experience unprecedented sustained reductions in crime, but not all communities have benefited, as some communities still experience significant levels of crime and violence. The New York City Council Gun Violence Task Force reports that 44% of shooting incidents occur in just 11 police precincts and violence is concentrated among youth ages 14 to 25. Further, the NYPD reports that “crews” (loosely affiliated groups of youth) are responsible for approximately 30% of shootings incidents.

Supported by a grant from The New York Community Trust, the Crime Commission is working to enhance the coordination of gang and group violence prevention efforts across New York City. To achieve this goal the Crime Commission works collaboratively with community-based anti-violence organizations, government agencies, and policymakers, to maximize the effectiveness and efficiency of services for high-risk youth. For example, the Crime Commission partnered the New York State Department of Labor to develop customized job-readiness initiatives based on the needs of participants at the anti-violence organizations. Over the past year these initiatives provided workshops on resume preparation, interview etiquette, and job search techniques, and one-on-one individual employment counseling appointments to 72 youths across the city.

In addition, the Crime Commission conducts research, policy analysis, and fieldwork to identify the drivers of gang and group violence, prevention strategies, and gaps in services.

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MAYHEM MULTIPLIED: MASS SHOOTERS & LARGE-CAPACITY MAGAZINES

Mass shootings have taken place consistently throughout American history, in every region of the country. Over the last 30 years, however, large-capacity ammunition magazines—which hold more than 10 rounds—have proliferated, allowing assailants to become much more destructive. As a Crime Commission analysis shows, the results have been deadly for Americans. Between 1984 and 2012, shooters who used large-capacity magazines killed or injured 161% more people than those who did not.

Perhaps a more important finding is that the federal ban clearly reduced mass shooting casualties: The number of people killed or injured in mass shootings during the decade of the ban was half what it was in the decade before (119 v. 241); and it was a third of the number of casualties since (329 from September 2004 through 2012).

Our analysis makes the case clear:

It's time to reinstitute the federal ban on large-capacity ammunition magazines.

DURING BAN

9/1994 - 9/2004

TOTAL INCIDENTS 15

MORE THAN 10 ROUNDS



INCIDENTS 8
KILLED 51
INJURED 68
TOTAL VICTIMS 119

10 ROUNDS OR FEWER



INCIDENTS 7
KILLED 35
INJURED 19
TOTAL VICTIMS 54

= 10 VICTIMS

AFTER BAN

9/2004 - 2012

TOTAL INCIDENTS 31

MORE THAN 10 ROUNDS



INCIDENTS 15
KILLED 160
INJURED 169
TOTAL VICTIMS 329

10 ROUNDS OR FEWER



INCIDENTS 16
KILLED 92
INJURED 38
TOTAL VICTIMS 130

= 10 VICTIMS

Samuel Seymour

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for your dedicated service to our
city.

CYBER CRIME

Cyber crime is one of our most pressing national security and commercial challenges, despite the fact that private and public spending on information security has grown consistently over the last several years. The Crime Commission believes that the problem will continue to get worse until everyone starts taking an active role in security management. Every electronic device user needs to start thinking critically and strategically about identifying and closing security gaps. Small steps can have a big impact if everyone engages.

The Crime Commission is engaged in several initiatives designed to help adults, youth, and businesses address existing vulnerabilities:

FBI / Crime Commission Alliance on Cyber Crime

Cyber Crime is a product of the Internet age. It transcends geographic borders and legal jurisdictions, but unlike a dark alley late at night, the threat is far less obvious. Through an alliance with FBI the Crime Commission is working to provide resources to businesses and individuals about cyber crime, including helpful tips about how to secure your home or company network, report an attack, and keep yourself safe on the internet.

Secure Our Smartphones (S.O.S.) Initiative

In 2013, the Crime Commission became a founding member of the Secure Our Smartphones Initiative, a coalition organized by New York State Attorney General Eric Schneiderman and San Francisco District Attorney George Gascón to urge the smartphone industry to protect the safety of consumers. As a founding member, the commission participated in joint meetings with the Attorney General and District Attorney, recruited NYPD Commissioner Bratton to the cause, and conceived the group's legislative strategy. Progress was quick. Within a few months of the S.O.S. launch, Apple introduced its "Activation Lock" in response to pressure from the coalition and others. In March 2014, the commission joined AG Schneiderman and U.S. Rep. Jose Serrano to unveil a bill mandating each new phone include a "kill switch", which would allow victims of smartphone theft to remotely disable their phones—making them useless to thieves, and pointless to steal. In June 2014, we again joined AG Schneiderman and DA Gascón to announce that Google and Microsoft would install a kill switch in their new mobile operating systems. Less than one year after the Crime Commission helped launch the Secure Our Smartphones Initiative, there are now bills to mandate kill switches in both houses of Congress, more than 100 elected representatives and criminal justice officials around the country and abroad have signed on to the coalition, and all major mobile operating systems will include a version of the kill switch.

High School Curriculum

As part of the NYC Department of Education's Software Engineering Pilot program, the Crime Commission developed an educational curriculum to teach high school students how basic security behavior modification can reduce risks of cyber crimes. The curriculum has been implemented in high schools across the city.

Congratulations to the
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public safety.

-Maria Vullo

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**and we continue to proudly support the Citizens
Crime Commission of New York City on their
incredible work.**

SOCIAL MEDIA BEHAVIOR & REAL-WORLD CONSEQUENCES

Social media now has billions of users worldwide. Facebook, Twitter and other emerging platforms are integral forms of communication in our daily lives. We use it to bridge friendships, raise awareness, express ourselves, and stay connected with the world around us. However, with all the advancements social media offers, also come dangers. Increasingly frequent reports of hate speech, bullying, gang activity, crime, and violent extremism facilitated by social media use are shocking, troubling and often result in real-world consequences such as school disciplinary action, loss of employment, arrest, victimization, violent attacks, shootings, suicide, murder and acts of terrorism.

Tragically, some of the real-world consequences may well have been prevented if a “friend” or “follower” proactively responded to a post or photo, or if users were educated on safe social media habits that included steps on how to identify, assess, and respond to potentially dangerous content.

Over the past year, the Crime Commission has conducted extensive research on this growing problem. One of the findings from the Crime Commission’s analysis is that youth involved in gangs and crews are taking to social media to taunt and threaten rivals, which often rapidly accelerates and amplifies conflicts among youth, and leads to deadly real-world violence. To address this finding, the Crime Commission is working with Dr. Shabnam Javdani at the NYU Steinhardt Department of Applied Psychology to create a new, proactive response. The commission believes that in order to prevent real-world consequences of social media interactions, we must intervene where youth are online. Therefore, the Crime Commission and Dr. Javdani will adapt effective in-person violence prevention interventions for use over social media. This new program will seek to train community-based anti-violence organizations to monitor, assess, and respond to social media content that may lead to real-world violence.

In addition, the Crime Commission is currently developing several other initiatives that seek to provide social media users with tools and information to help them stay safe both on- and off-line.

RAISE THE AGE TO 18

More than fifty years ago New York State passed sweeping changes to the justice system, which established the age of criminal responsibility at age 16 as a “tentative decision”, pending further study. Decades later the law hasn’t changed, which means if your 16- or 17-year-old child were to commit a crime he or she would be tried as an adult in New York’s criminal justice system and could be sentenced to serve time in an adult prison and saddled with a life long criminal record.

During the last five decades, a great deal of research has been conducted about the implications of this policy. Studies ranging from analysis of justice system outcomes, to adolescent brain development, to comparisons of national approaches to justice – all conclude that teens are different than adults and punishing them as adults is ineffective.

The Crime Commission, in partnership with the New York Center for Juvenile Justice – led by retired NY Judge Michael Corriero – is working on a statewide initiative to raise awareness of the negative impacts of treating 16- and 17-year-olds as adults in the criminal justice system, and to build public support for legislation to raise the age of criminal responsibility in New York to 18 years old for less serious and nonviolent crimes.

This past year, our advocacy paid dividends when four state Assembly committees held a hearing on the issue. The Crime Commission’s Director of Public Policy, Ashley Cannon, presented the commission’s extensive findings on the issue, and the New York Daily News published an opinion piece by Crime Commission President Richard Aborn pushing for reform of the destructive and ineffective policy of treating youth as adults in our courts. Furthermore, Governor Cuomo established a commission to research the issue and make recommendations.

Forty-eight states have taken notice of the negative impact of treating youth as adults, aligning their juvenile justice systems in a manner consistent with their developmental differences. It’s time for New York to join the rest of the nation and judge kids as kids.



DAILY NEWS

Common sense dictates that a troubled young offender like Matthew be targeted for help to turn his life around before it is too late. Yet New York often has a much more draconian and ineffective approach. New York is one of only two states left in the country that still treats all 16- and 17-year-olds as adults in court, dooming thousands of children a year to unproductive lives. - *Raise Age for Adult Crimes* by Richard Aborn, *New York Daily News*, December 9, 2013

The Crime Commission and its partners convened an informal network of stakeholders from all over New York State to conduct a comprehensive analysis of the laws governing the age of criminal responsibility and the impact these policies have on youth and our communities. Interviewing over 100 stakeholders including judges, prosecutors, corrections officials, law enforcement, service providers, and advocates, we learned the current system has not been effective in deterring and preventing future crime, results in needless duplication and gaps in services, negatively effects youth, and comes at a high cost to society. Most importantly, we found broad consensus in a number of areas. These findings indicate it is time for New York to realign our justice system with the rest of the country and set our youth on a path towards success and away from crime.

- Testimony by Ashley Cannon before the New York State Assembly, December 6, 2013



Rikers must undergo an overhaul of procedures, a retraining of officers, and physical changes to the complex to improve oversight, significantly reduce use of force, and orient the facility more toward dealing with its growing mentally ill population. - *Cruelty to Adolescents at Rikers Island will Ruin the Lives of Thousands* by Richard Aborn, *New York Daily News*, August 4, 2014



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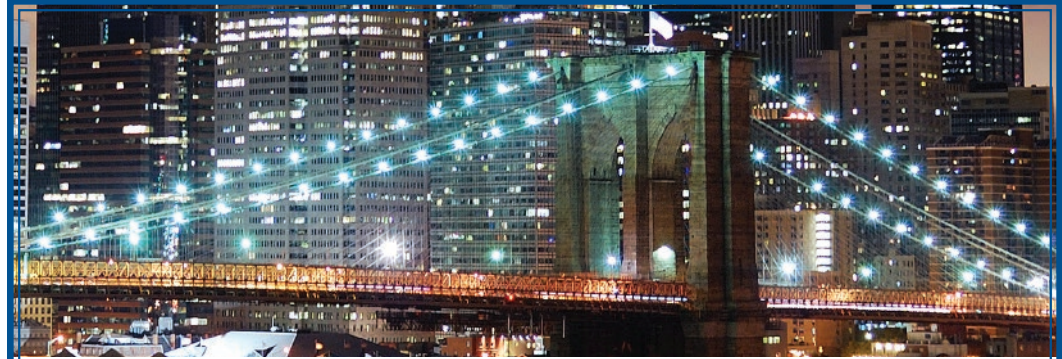
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