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[May 2021] Full Board Report to Manhattan Community Board 6

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Highlights

1. Manhattan District Attorney Cy Vance, Jr., announced the Office's new policy to decline-to-prosecute prostitution and unlicensed massage, and appeared virtually in Manhattan Criminal Court and moved to dismiss 914 Prostitution and Unlicensed Massage. D.A. Vance also moved to dismiss 5,080 Loitering for the Purpose of Prostitution cases, following New York State's repeal of the statute known as "Walking While Trans" earlier this year.
2. DA Vance met with Asian-American community leaders from across Manhattan to discuss the recent rise in anti-Asian hate crimes. DA's office has more than a dozen open cases and ongoing hate crime investigations this year alone.
Also this month, DA's office hosted an informative symposium, The History of Hate in America and members of our office attended "United We Stand", a community partnership event with the AAPI community.
If you have been a victim of a hate crime, please contact our **Hate Crimes Unit** at **212-335-3100**, regardless of your immigration status.
3. D.A. Cyrus Vance, Jr. made a statement on conviction of Derek Chauvin, Systemic Racism, and Peaceful Protest. "The guilty verdict in the murder trial of police officer Derek Chauvin delivers a powerful message to our nation – and the world – affirming the intrinsic value of George Floyd's life while repudiating the barbaric actions of his killer and the excessive use of force by police in general". "We will continue to recognize our profound power and responsibility to implement anti-racist policies that reform our justice system and help build a more just, fair, safe, and equitable society".