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ADAMS ADMINISTRATION HOLDS MAYORAL SUMMIT ON WOMEN'S SAFETY TO REDUCE VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN, GIRLS, TRANSGENDER, AND GENDER-EXPANSIVE NEW YORKERS

Summit Part of Administration's Women Forward NYC Action Plan, a \$43+ Million Holistic Investment to Make NYC the Most Women-Forward City in the U.S.

First Announced in Mayor Adams' Third State of the City Address, Women Forward NYC Builds on Administration's Policies and Investments to Support Women and Families in New York City

NEW YORK – The Mayor's Office to End Domestic and Gender-Based Violence, the Mayor's Office for the Prevention of Hate Crimes, and the Mayor's Office of Criminal Justice held the **Mayoral Summit on Women's Safety** to reduce violence against women, girls, transgender, and gender-expansive New Yorkers. Photos are available for download here.

The summit is part of the administration's broader <u>Women Forward NYC</u> action plan, a more than \$43 million investment aimed at making New York City a national leader on gender equity. Our report with results and actionable recommendations from the summit will be shared next month.

First announced in Mayor Eric Adams's third State of the City address, Women Forward NYC builds on the administration's efforts to support and keep women and families safe in New York City. "The Adams administration remains laser-focused on keeping New York City the safest big city in America to raise a family and that means ensuring that we are the safest city for women, girls, and gender-expansive New Yorkers," said **First Deputy Mayor Maria Torres-Springer**. "The Mayoral Summit on Women's Safety represents an important step forward in advancing the Women Forward NYC Action Plan and breaking down silos between City agencies and service providers as we work towards our shared goals of reducing violence against women."

"This summit is an important step in greater collaboration between government and the nonprofit sector to make our city more inclusive and safer for women, girls, transgender and gender-expansive New Yorkers," said **Deputy Mayor Anne Williams-Isom**. "We're working to tackle the pressing public safety issues of the day and driving toward increased opportunities for people through our Women Forward NYC agenda to make New York City more safe and more prosperous for everyone who calls it home."

"We cannot do the critical work of enhancing public safety alone," said **Saloni Sethi**, **Commissioner of the Mayor's Office to End Domestic and Gender-Based Violence.** "We are grateful to our community-based, city agency and academic partners for engaging in a thoughtful dialogue about improving safety at home, in school, at work and public spaces, and we remain committed to ongoing collaboration so that we can make New York even safer for women, girls, transgender and gender-expansive people."

"Women's safety is of paramount importance to this administration. The Mayoral Summit on Women's Safety is an opportunity for a cross-section of stakeholders to share resources and best practices for keeping women, girls, transgender, and gender-expansive people safe, creating healthy communities that ensure all New Yorkers thrive," said **Deanna Logan, Director of the Mayor's Office of Criminal Justice (MOCJ).** "I'm proud to join colleagues at the Office

to End Domestic and Gender-Based Violence and MOCJ's Office for the Prevention of Hate Crimes to implement Mayor Adams' vision of a safe city for all."

The Mayoral Summit on Women's Safety engaged both domestic and gender-based violence service providers and government agencies for a discussion to identify steps to improve safety and reduce violence for women, girls, transgender and gender-expansive New Yorkers. The summit aimed to break down silos to enhance collaboration between city agencies and nonprofit service providers and develop tangible short- and long-term recommendations to improve safety citywide.

The half-day summit included an expert panel of thought leaders, and service providers, discussing the root causes of gender-based violence, connections between different forms of violence, and approaches to accountability and safety. Participants engaged in breakout groups to explore different aspects of safety—at home, in school, at work and public spaces—uplifting existing programs and initiatives, identifying gaps in resources and services, and considering opportunities for additional collaboration to address unmet needs. Insights and recommendations from this discussion will be next month to inform our ongoing work to be the safest city for women, girls, transgender and gender-expansive people.

About the Mayor's Office to End Domestic and Gender-Based Violence

The Mayor's Office to End Domestic and Gender-Based Violence (ENDGBV) develops policies and programs, provides training and prevention education, conducts research and evaluations, performs community outreach. We collaborate with City agencies and community stakeholders to ensure access to inclusive services for survivors of domestic and gender-based violence (GBV). GBV can include intimate partner and family violence, elder abuse, sexual assault, stalking, and human trafficking. ENDGBV also operates the <u>New York City Family Justice</u> <u>Centers</u>, co-located multidisciplinary service centers providing vital social services, civil legal, and criminal justice assistance for survivors of domestic and gender-based violence and their children—all under one roof. For more information, visit <u>nyc.gov/ENDGBV</u>. Follow us on <u>Facebook</u>, <u>Instagram</u>, X and <u>LinkedIn</u>.

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