



THE CITY OF NEW YORK
OFFICE OF THE MAYOR
NEW YORK, N.Y. 10007

Executive Order No. 115
June 28, 1988

BIAS RESPONSE COORDINATING COMMITTEE

WHEREAS, in New York City, where ethnic and racial diversity are appreciated and valued by our inhabitants, it is recognized that bias incidents and other acts motivated by hatred or prejudice are deplorable not only because of the terrible toll they exact from their victims, but also because they undermine the cohesion and tolerance that are necessary in our pluralistic society; and

WHEREAS, it is incumbent on the government of New York City to take all reasonable efforts to prevent bias incidents and community tensions, and to ameliorate their effects when they occur.

By the power vested in me as Mayor of the City of New York, it is hereby ordered:

Section 1. Committee Established. In order to provide broader service to the public and to allay concern about occurrences that may develop into bias incidents, a "Bias Response Coordinating Committee" is hereby established. The Committee will be guided in its activities by the Mayor's Bias Response Plan, which is promulgated with this Order.

Section 2. Responsibility. The Bias Response Coordinating Committee will be responsible for inquiring into bias related criminal and non-criminal bias occurrences that may stimulate additional incidents, or that may escalate community concern, unrest or disruption. Its mission is to ascertain causes for concern, utilize City resources to abate those concerns, communicate information to affected government agencies and public officials, and perform whatever services are necessary to promote public confidence and order.

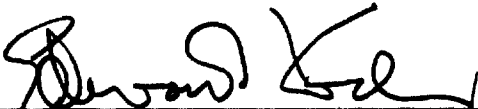
Section 3. Primary Membership. Primary members of the Bias Response Coordinating Committee are the Mayor's Office, Police Department, City Commission on Human Rights, Board of Education and the Mayor's Community Assistance Unit.

Section 4. Secondary Membership. When necessary to accomplish its mission, the Bias Response Coordinating Committee may use the resources of several secondary member City agencies, among them the Youth Bureau, Department of Housing Preservation and Development, the Community Development Agency, the Human Resources Administration, and the Housing Authority. As needed, the Bias Response Coordinating Committee may call upon the assistance of such private organizations as the Victim Services Agency and the Institute for Mediation and Conflict Resolution.

Section 5. Convening of Committee. Primary members of the Bias Response Coordinating Committee will convene regularly and at least semi-annually to confer on current conditions. They will also convene upon the request of any primary agency.

Section 6. Authorization to Promulgate Rules, Regulations and Procedures. All primary and secondary agency heads shall promulgate, as necessary, appropriate rules, regulations and procedures required to carry out the objectives and policies of this Executive Order.

Section 7. Effective Date. This Order shall take effect immediately.



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