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Public Advocate Letitia James Calls for Unity and Understanding Following Tragic Deaths of NYPD Officers Liu, Ramos

(New York, NY)— In light of recent tensions throughout the City of New York, New York City Public Advocate Letitia James released the following statement:

“Yesterday’s events evoked the terrible memory of the assassination of Police Officer Edward Byrne in 1988.

Police Officer Byrne’s death marked a turning point in our city’s history and we agreed that the incredible level of violence had to stop. We came together as New Yorkers— both community and police— and now, 26 years later, New York is the safest big city in the world.

It is my sincere hope that the assassination of Police Officers Liu and Ramos serves as another turning point for our city.

Divisive rhetoric will do nothing to honor the dignity of these two fallen officers or sooth the piercing pain of their families.

But a demented assassin’s bullet cannot silence the cries for reform.

Let us resolve to stop bombastic grandstanding, and come together to create a stronger New York.

We must talk to each other, and not at each other. We can achieve great things if we recognize our collective humanity.

As we prepare for the funerals of two fallen NYPD officers, let us remember the most important thing right now— the Liu and Ramos families.

We cannot forget their names. We cannot forget their sacrifice. We cannot let their families down.

In the coming days and weeks we will continue the important conversations around policing in our city. Now, however, is a time to grieve and reflect.”

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