



#DefundNYPD

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BROOKLYN, NY - On Thursday, September 24rd, 100+ New Yorkers marched from Union Square to the home of City Council Speaker, Cory Johnson, in support of a campaign to defund the NYPD.

The march began at 5pm - just a few hours after Johnson announced he was dropping out of the race for NYC mayor. Johnson's candidacy withdrawal comes after weeks of public scrutiny for his inability to substantially defund the NYPD. Energized by Johnson's announcement, organizers and community leaders addressed the mayor and city council's failure to meet #DefundNYPD demands during a public action today outside of Corey's Johnson's home on W. 15th St.

Speakers also included other movement leaders who advocated for Johnson to use his remaining time in office to invest in Black communities by dismantling the bloated NYPD budget. Notable attendees also included City Council Candidate (District 45) Anthony Beckford, who [tweeted a video of the action](#). At 7pm, organizers marched from Corey Johnson's W 15th St. home back to Union Square.

Last June, Johnson pledged to #DefundNYPD. Instead, he has passed a budget that fully funds the NYPD while cutting desperately needed social services despite the ongoing pandemic. Johnson then targeted city council members who voted "no" on his budget by drastically cutting funding to their districts.

#DefundNYPD is an NYC-DSA priority campaign to defund the NYPD by 50%, reduce the police force by 50% and reinvest in social services.

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