

SRG Action Toolkit: April 2023

MAKE CALLS	
WHO TO CALL	WHAT TO SAY
<p>Leadership:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Chair Kamillah Hanks: (718)-556-7370 (212)-788-6972 ● Speaker Adrienne Adams: (718)-206-2068 (212)-482-2731 ● Public Safety Committee Members not signed on: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Darlene Mealy: (718)-953-3097 ○ Justin Brannan: (718)-748-5200 ○ Erik Bottcher: (212)-564-7757 * Budget Negotiating Team: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Keith Powers (212) 818-0580 ● Diana Ayala (212) 828-9800 ● Rafael Salamanca Jr. (718) 402-6130 ● Marjorie Velazquez (718) 931-1721 ● Mercedes Narcisse ● Eric Dinowitz ● Linda Lee (718) 468-0137 ● Nantasha Williams (718) 776-3700 	<p>For Leadership: I'm calling to urge the Council Member to support the campaign to disband the NYPD's Strategic Response Group and reinvest its estimated \$133 Million in funds back into our communities. The SRG is a notoriously violent, racially biased, and violent unit that operates with impunity. In March, more than 200 New Yorkers testified about the harm and trauma that this unit has inflicted on our community members. New Yorkers need housing, healthcare, and services. We do not need militarized police units who brutalize us with impunity. As [insert role], will the Council Member commit to prioritizing disbanding this violent unit in negotiations?</p> <p>For committee members who have <i>not</i> signed on. "I'm calling to urge the Council Member to support the campaign to disband the NYPD'S Strategic Response Group. On March 1st, New Yorkers testified for almost 5 hours about the harm and trauma that the SRG has inflicted. The SRG is a violent, unaccountable, and violent arm of the NYPD. At its core, this unit functions to threaten the safety and First Amendment Rights of New Yorkers. As a Public safety committee member, I hope that the Council Member will join 21 of their colleagues in signing onto a statement in support of disbanding the SRG and reinvesting its funds into our communities. Can you tell me where the Council Member stands on this issue, and if they will be signing onto the campaign?"</p> <p>For your Council Member: "I'm calling to urge the Council Member to support the campaign to disband the NYPD'S Strategic Response Group. The SRG is a violent unit of the NYPD known for its misconduct, racial bias, and abuse of protesters. On March 1st, New Yorkers testified for almost 5 hours about the harm and trauma that this unit has inflicted. More than 50 organizations and 21 Council Members have signed onto a campaign to disband the SRG and reinvest its funds into our communities. I encourage the Council Member to join their colleagues and support the calls from advocates and community members to get this unit off of our streets. Could you tell me where the Council Member stands on this issue? <i>Follow-up:</i> I urge the Council Member to stand with their community and sign onto the campaign to disband this dangerous unit."</p>

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[insert council member tag], you can put an end to the SRG's abuse, starting by supporting the campaign to Disband the SRG and re-invest its funds into our communities.

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