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### **STATEMENT FROM MAYOR DE BLASIO ON PBA ARBITRATION DECISION**

*Mayor de Blasio released the following statement upon the State Public Employment Relations Board panel's final decision in arbitration between the City and the Patrolmen's Benevolent Association (PBA):*

"Today's decision follows the pattern we previously established with eleven uniformed unions, including the four other police unions. Those settlements provide the fair wage increases that our uniformed employees deserve.

Our door is always open to the PBA to negotiate a long-term contract that addresses wages, benefits, and other issues, as we've done with 85 percent of the workforce to date.

In addition, we will continue to invest in the men and women of the NYPD, making sure they have the equipment, technology, training, and support they need to protect us and protect themselves – and ensure New York City remains the safest big city in America."

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