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## STATEMENTS FROM MAYOR BILL DE BLASIO AND CORPORATION COUNSEL ZACHARY W. CARTER ON COURT WIN IN SUIT AGAINST U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE OVER PUBLIC SAFETY FUNDS

## Statement from Mayor Bill de Blasio:

"The courts have spoken: President Trump's attempt to bully our city into enforcing his draconian immigration policies is unconstitutional. Unlike Trump's fact-free claims to the contrary, by welcoming immigrant communities we have helped make this the safest big city in the country. This is a great victory, and we will never stop fighting on behalf of immigrant New Yorkers."

## Statement from City Corporation Counsel Zachary W. Carter:

"The Court's decision upholds well-established principles of federalism that prohibit interference in how municipalities and states manage relationships with their immigrant populations, particularly where public safety, health and welfare are concerned. The Department of Justice sought to impose grant conditions that would undermine City policies that have proven effective in enhancing public safety by encouraging all of its residents to engage with local law enforcement without fear of adverse immigration law consequences. We could not be more pleased with the Court's decision."

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