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**STATEMENT BY SPEAKER CHRISTINE C. QUINN  
RE: INDICTMENTS IN SEAN BELL CASE**

The Council's thoughts and prayers remain with the family of Sean Bell. These indictments are the first step toward a full investigation of the events of that evening, and toward making sure justice is served. While we can't change the tragic outcome of this case, we must reduce the likelihood that an event like this ever happens again.

I'd like to thank District Attorney Richard Brown for his diligent investigation of this case, and members of the Grand Jury for their service to the City.

While some people may disagree with this decision, we should respect the outcome of the Grand Jury's deliberations.

Thousands of men and women in the NYPD serve and protect our city every day, often in the face of danger. Their presence should make every New Yorker feel safer. But this incident has reminded us that not every New Yorker feels the same sense of security and safety when they see a police officer in their neighborhood.

The Council will continue our work to strengthen relations between all communities and the Police Department. Toward that end, we will hold additional town hall meetings, faith-based gatherings and oversight hearings – as we have already done in response to this tragedy – and do everything within our power to improve community-police relations.

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