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LIU URGES CITY TO SETTLE CENTRAL PARK FIVE CASE

NEW YORK, N.Y. – Comptroller John C. Liu stated the following today, after a judge denied the City’s appeal for access to outtakes from “The Central Park Five” documentary:

“Instead of fighting with filmmakers, City Hall should end its stalemate over the Central Park Five’s civil-rights lawsuit and settle the case now. The continued battle has resulted in ever-higher legal fees and is tying up City resources. It has been more than a decade since the convictions against these five young men were vacated. It’s time to move on. The mayor, in his final months in office, can use his executive authority to help close this sad chapter in the City’s history. My office stands ready to assist.”

Background:

Comptroller Liu in March urged Mayor Bloomberg to instruct the New York City Law Department to negotiate an appropriate settlement to the Central Park Five lawsuit: <http://comptroller.nyc.gov/newsroom/liu-settle-central-park-five-case-now/>

He has also offered the legal expertise of the Comptroller’s office and the around-the-clock use of his boardroom to help the parties come together: <http://comptroller.nyc.gov/newsroom/liu-time-to-bring-closure-to-tragic-and-costly-central-park-five-case/>

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