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LIU SUPPORTS ACLU CALL FOR INVESTIGATION OF NYPD SURVEILLANCE OF MUSLIMS

NEW YORK, N.Y. – City Comptroller John C. Liu stated the following in response to reports that the American Civil Liberties Union has called on the Justice Department to investigate surveillance of Muslims by the New York City Police Department:

“We fully support the ACLU’s call for an investigation. There is no justification for disregarding the rights guaranteed to all Americans by the First Amendment. Putting houses of worship and religious leaders under surveillance without evidence of criminal behavior, as has been reported, is an outrageous abuse of civil rights. It is unconscionable that the City spies on people simply because of where they study or worship or the neighborhood in which they live. If published reports are true, after at least six years of this surveillance not a single lead has resulted. That is why last month this office announced an audit to determine whether NYPD’s 3,000 camera Domain Awareness System has safeguards against abuse.”

Background:

LIU: REPORT OF NYPD MOSQUE SURVEILLANCE IS OUTRAGEOUS ABUSE OF CIVIL RIGHTS

<http://comptroller.nyc.gov/newsroom/liu-report-of-nypd-mosque-surveillance-is-outrageous-abuse-of-civil-rights/#sthash.FYsaGYEZ.dpuf>

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