

THE SETTLEMENT IN PRACTICE

PROTEST
TESTIMONY
PROJECT

HOW THE NYPD PROTEST SETTLEMENT CHANGES PROTEST POLICING IN NYC

THE NEW RULES

- **Tiered Response System** – NYPD must start with the least intrusive approach and escalate only if necessary.
- **“Red Light / Green Light” Arrest Policy** – Higher-level approval is required for certain protest arrests; mass arrests are restricted.
- **Limits on Force** – Specific limits are placed on the use of pepper spray and certain tactics; all uses of force must be documented, and higher-level approval is required for common protest arrests, each of which must be based on individual probable cause.

OVERSIGHT & ACCOUNTABILITY

- A **Collaborative Review Committee** includes community voices to monitor NYPD compliance.
- Court oversight means violations can lead to consequences.

PROTECTIONS FOR THE PRESS & OBSERVERS

- Journalists and legal observers have the right to document protests without interference.
- NYPD must allow them access and cannot target them for doing their jobs.

BETTER TREATMENT FOR ARRESTED PROTESTERS

- Improved procedures for processing and releasing arrestees.
- Protections against unnecessary detention or harsh conditions.

WHY IT MATTERS

- These rules only protect people if they're enforced.
- Community members, legal advocates, and journalists are key to making sure the NYPD follows them.