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## Squadron Welcomes Mayor's Proposal to Stop Unfair Nycha Payments to Nypd

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### **Squadron Has Long Advocated to End Agreement, Which Makes NYCHA Only Residential Landlord Required to Pay for Police Protection and Essentially Charges NYCHA Residents Double**

NEW YORK -- Today, State Senator Daniel Squadron -- who has long urged the City to end the Memorandum of Understanding between the New York City Housing Authority (NYCHA) and the City that requires NYCHA to pay the New York Police Department (NYPD) for ongoing law enforcement services for NYCHA residents through "Police Service Areas" (PSAs) -- welcomed Mayor Bill de Blasio's proposal to end NYCHA's payments to the NYPD.

Currently, NYCHA pays over \$70 million a year to the NYPD for these "special police services," making it the only residential landlord in the City that is required to pay for police protection.

Last year, Squadron and Assemblyman Walter Mosley **introduced legislation** that would end the MOU and require transparency on "additional policing" provided to businesses throughout the city.

Squadron released the following statement:

"For years, we've urged the City to finally end the unfair agreement that makes NYCHA the only residential landlord in the city required to pay for police protection. And now, I'm thrilled that Mayor de Blasio is taking action.

"This agreement has locked NYCHA in perpetual financial crisis and essentially forced NYCHA residents to pay double for policing.

"I look forward to working with the City to once and for all end this MOU and ensure that NYCHA residents are provided with the safety and quality of life they need."

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