

NEWS ADVISORY

Germain Thompson Appointed by Court as NYPD Stop-and-Frisk Community Liaison

December 16, 2022 – New York. The Honorable Analisa Torres of the United States District Court for the Southern District of New York issued an order on December 16, 2022, appointing Germain Thompson to serve in the newly-created role of independent Community Liaison to help implement Court-ordered reforms to the New York City Police Department’s (“NYPD”) stop-and-frisk practices.

As Community Liaison, Mr. Thompson will engage with the communities most impacted by the NYPD’s stop-and-frisk practices and communicate their experiences, perspectives, and recommendations to the Monitor and the Court. As an appointee of the Court, Mr. Thompson will be independent from the Monitor. Ultimately, Mr. Thompson’s work will ensure that the Monitor’s assessment of the NYPD’s compliance with the law is informed by the perspectives and experience of community members.

“Community safety and police accountability are some of the most pressing issues facing our communities,” Mr. Thompson stated. “And now more than ever, it’s crucial that the Court and the Monitor hear from the community members who are most directly impacted by stop and frisk and trespass enforcement. I’m honored to have been chosen to take on this responsibility, and I’m looking forward to getting started.”

Mr. Thompson is an experienced community organizer who was born in Queens, New York. Until his appointment, he worked for the Legal Aid Society of New York as a full-time community organizer, where he developed relationships with community and grassroots organizations.

The development of the Community Liaison position and the selection of Mr. Thompson to serve in the role was the product of collaboration from start to finish. The Monitor team worked closely with the NYPD, the City Law Department, and counsel for the *Davis, Floyd, and Ligon* plaintiffs to design the Community Liaison role, which was outlined in a [public filing](#) by the Monitor on August 25, 2022. Next, a selection committee consisting of representatives of each of the parties and the Monitor Team identified candidates to interview, conducted the interviews, and, by consensus, recommended finalists to the Monitor and the Court. Then, a community advisory group was assembled from the recommendations of the parties to interview the finalists and provide their input directly to the Monitor. Finally, after considering input from the selection committee, the community advisory group, and the Monitor, and interviewing the finalists, Judge Torres appointed Mr. Thompson to serve as the Community Liaison.

Mylan L. Denerstein, the independent Monitor, stated: “I want to thank all of the community members and the parties for their participation in the selection process. I am excited to work with Mr. Thompson to ensure that the community’s voices are heard.”

In the coming weeks, Mr. Thompson will be developing a community engagement plan.

Mr. Thompson can be reached at Community.LiaisonNYC@gmail.com. Information on upcoming community engagement events will be available on the [NYPD Monitor website](#) in the coming weeks.

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