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REPLY: Kenneth Bronstein, President

June 3, 2023

City of New York
Police Department

105th Precinct

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<https://www.nyc.gov/site/nypd/bureaus/patrol/precincts/105th-precinct.page>

ATTENTION: Inspector Igor Pinkhasov, Commanding Officer

SUBJECT: Removal of Religious Statue in Front of Precinct

Dear Inspector Pinkhasov:

NYC Atheists Inc. demands the NYPD 105th Precinct immediately removes the religious statue on its front lawn and other government property.

We received an email complaining that your precinct building has a religious statue on the front lawn. This violates the separation of Church and State. Religious statues should not be in or on government property.

The 1st Amendment of the Constitution of the United States states, "Congress shall make no law respecting an **establishment** of religion..." Article 1 §3 of the Constitution of the State of New York states, "The free exercise and enjoyment of religious profession and worship, without discrimination or **preference**..."

While the United States Federal Government was in its infancy, it signed and ratified the Treaty of Peace and Friendship between the United States and the Bey and Subjects of Tripoli of Barbary of 1796. The second President of the United States and founding father, John Adams, signed it into law. Article 11 of the treaty states, "As the Government of the United States of America is not, in any sense, founded on the Christian religion..."

While you are free to exercise your religion, you do not have the right to characterize any municipal agency as affiliated with any religion. Such incorrect associations harm the public. Those Citizens in other or no religious beliefs will feel pressure to avoid your precinct and the services of the NYPD. The NYPD's mission to serve and protect is to serve and protect all New Yorkers and not just some.

Sincerely,

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