

Good riddance to cop-bashing CCRB chief Richard Emery

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Richard Emery
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Richard Emery, now the ex-head of the Civilian Complaint Review Board, finally embarrassed himself out of a job he never should've had in the first place.

[Emery resigned late Wednesday](#) after a “substantive” sit-down with Mayor Bill de Blasio amid yet another public furor.

This one surrounded the news that he's been sued by CCRB Executive Director Mina Malik over alleged sexual harassment for using the word "pussies."

Emery admits uttering the slur, but insists it wasn't aimed at Malik or any other woman. Just as he earlier said comparing police unions to "a stuck pig" wasn't meant to be an anti-cop slur.

He was forced to apologize (sort of) for that last one, after de Blasio and Gov. Andrew Cuomo both blasted him for it.

But that didn't wipe away his real disqualifiers. With a long anti-police record, he could never seem impartial on complaints against police. Add to that his blatant conflict of interest: His law firm collected some \$1 million in settlements in police misconduct cases on Emery's CCRB watch.

Those problems didn't seem to bother the mayor — but the lawsuits did.

Yes, Emery is also being sued by Malik's predecessor, Tracy Catapano-Fox, who charged (among other things) that Emery turned a blind eye to rampant sexual harassment.

Meanwhile, Emery told The Post that Malik acts "like an Eastern European totalitarian dictator." Clearly, this guy has a problem working with others.

We have no idea if either lawsuit had merit — but the mayor plainly had enough of Emery's big mouth.

De Blasio's just rid himself of a major headache — and done a huge favor for the rest of the city.

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