



June 8, 2020

Contact:

Alejandra Lopez  
The Legal Aid Society  
(917) 294-9348  
ailopez@legal-aid.org

**\*\*\*FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE\*\*\***

## ***Legal Aid Commends NYS Legislature for Advancing 50-A Repeal Bill***

**(NEW YORK, NY) - The Legal Aid Society** today released the following statement in response to the New York State Legislature advancing A10611/S08496, legislation that would fully repeal Police Secrecy Law 50-a and provide important privacy protections for the victims of police violence:

“The Legal Aid Society hails the Senate Codes Committee, chaired by Senator Jamaal Bailey, for advancing a comprehensive repeal of Police Secrecy Law 50-a through the committee this afternoon. We urge the swift advancement of the bill through the Rules Committee and passage on the floor of the Assembly and Senate. This is a historic moment for New York State, move towards enacting a bill that will bring much needed accountability and transparency for police departments statewide.”

###

*The Legal Aid Society exists for one simple yet powerful reason: to ensure that New Yorkers are not denied their right to equal justice because of poverty. For over 140 years, we have protected, defended, and advocated for those who have struggled in silence for far too long. Every day, in every borough, The Legal Aid Society changes the lives of our clients and helps improve our communities.*

[www.legalaidnyc.org](http://www.legalaidnyc.org)