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Statement From Legal Aid On Gun Violence Awareness Month

(NEW YORK, NY) – Michelle Fields and Anthony Posada, Supervising Attorneys with the Community Justice Unit at The Legal Aid Society, issued the following joint statement on Gun Violence Awareness Month:

"The Legal Aid Society is proud to stand with the Crisis Management System during Gun Violence Awareness Month and throughout the year, as we support the constellation of community partners composed of credible messengers tirelessly working to uplift Black and Brown neighborhoods across our city. Gun violence and police brutality are both public health crises in the United States that require a restorative public health approach, not a response involving over-policing or others in law enforcement. In the wake of George Floyd's murder and nationwide Black Lives Matter demonstrations, many local and state governments are beginning to recognize that public health alternatives grounded in the community are exactly what we need to drive meaningful change. New York City has acknowledged this fundamental shift and must allocate the necessary funding and resources towards policy change."

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