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## **Legal Aid Statement On City Council Vote To Pass the Public Oversight Of Surveillance Technology (POST) Act**

(NEW YORK, NY) – Jerome Greco, Supervising Attorney of the Digital Forensics Unit at The Legal Aid Society, released the following statement today commending the New York City Council’s vote to pass the Public Oversight Of Surveillance Technology (POST) Act, which will allow lawmakers and the public to understand the scope of the NYPD’s surveillance tools, including those used to track Black Lives Matter protests:

“Today’s passing of the POST Act signals a critical shift in transparency and a significant step in the larger fight for police accountability to protect communities of color, the LGBTQ+ community, and all overly policed communities. The POST Act will bolster our ability to defend our clients against the clandestine use of surveillance against them, their families, and their communities.

We thank Council Member Vanessa Gibson, Speaker Corey Johnson, and the City Council for standing with New Yorkers, and call on the Mayor to sign this legislation, codifying it into law.”

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