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Legal Aid Statement On Rent Guidelines Board's Final Vote To Freeze Rents On Low-Income Tenants Across New York City

(New York, NY) - **Adriene Holder, Attorney-in-Charge of the Civil Practice at The Legal Aid Society and former tenant member of the New York City Rent Guidelines Board**, released the following statement responding to the Rent Guidelines Board final vote tonight to freeze rents; with a two-year lease adjustment of 0% for the first year and 1% for the second year:

“Despite data demonstrating the unprecedented economic impact of Covid-19 on rent-burdened New Yorkers and that landlord's continue to enjoy healthy returns, the Board has cast its vote with disregard for the most vulnerable tenants. Even the 1% increase for two-year leases will have a devastating impact on those who can barely make rent as is. Their right to remain in their home and keep a roof over their families should have been prioritized.

We hope that the Board listens to the voices of the 2.5 million rent stabilized New Yorkers and reverse their vote.”

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