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Legal Aid Statement On OCA Revised Procedure For Addressing Eviction Proceedings

(NEW YORK, NY) – The Legal Aid Society issued the following statement in response to the New York State Office of Court Administration's (OCA) revised [procedure](#) for addressing eviction proceedings:

“This guidance from OCA rightly acknowledges the enormity of this crisis by extending the eviction moratorium for at least another six weeks. The Legal Aid Society lauds OCA for doing right by our clients and other tenants during this precarious time.

However, this does not supplant the need for Governor Andrew Cuomo to use his powers and authority to extend the eviction moratorium indefinitely and outright. If the Governor continues to pass the buck on addressing this housing emergency, families from across the state will be forced from their homes in droves because he failed to meaningfully act.”

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