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***Legal Aid Statement on City Council Vote To Pass the Fair
Chance Act 2.0***

(NEW YORK, NY) – **The Legal Aid Society** released the following statement today commending the New York City Council’s vote to pass the Fair Chance Act 2.0, which will help ensure that New Yorkers with arrest records are able to work and support their families.

"Today’s passing of the Fair Chance Act 2.0 signals the City Council’s commitment to decreasing the record unemployment rates caused by the Covid-19 pandemic. The Fair Chance Act 2.0 will increase employment opportunities for all New Yorkers, and especially for overpoliced communities of color and transgender women of color.

We thank Public Advocate Jumaane Williams, 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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