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## \*\*\*MEDIA ADVISORY\*\*\*

### *Legal Aid, PA Williams, People's Coalition for Manhattan DA Accountability and Impacted New Yorkers to Call for Greater Access to Voting in Local Jails*

**(NEW YORK, NY) – The Legal Aid Society, New York City Public Advocate Jumaane Williams, People's Coalition for Manhattan DA Accountability, local elected officials, advocates, impacted New Yorkers and others** will gather outside the New York City Board of Elections (BOE) this coming Thursday to demand greater access to voting for people incarcerated at local jails.

This press conference comes after Legal Aid and 35 other organizations, along with mayoral candidates, released a public letter to the Board of Elections, Board of Correction, and the Mayor's Office outlining specific steps that should be taken to ensure that eligible voters in City jails have prompt and secure ballot access without being hindered, including setting up and announcing poll sites, hiring outside volunteers to provide voter education and assist people with filling out voting forms, and ensuring that absentee ballots are delivered to the BOE, among other demands.

**What:** Press conference calling for greater access to voting in local jails

**Who:** The Legal Aid Society, New York City Public Advocate Jumaane Williams, Coalition for Manhattan DA Accountability, local elected officials, impacted New Yorkers and others.

**When:** Thursday, April 15, 2021 at 4:00 PM

**Where:** Out front of the New York City Board of Elections' office located at 32-42 Broadway, New York, NY 10004

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