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## ***Ahead of Rent Guidelines Board Vote, Legal Aid Calls for a Zero Increase on All Leases***

**(NEW YORK, NY) - The Legal Aid Society** - ahead of the New York City Rent Guidelines Board's Wednesday [vote](#) on lease adjustments for rent stabilized apartments, lofts and hotels - called on the Board to freeze rents on all leases as many low-income families throughout New York City are still struggling financially because of the pandemic.

In May, in a 5-4 vote, the Board supported rent increases of 1% to 3% for two-year leases, and 0% to 2% for one-year leases. However, the Board can still vote for a blanket rent freeze come Wednesday night.

“Although we are finally beginning to emerge from this once in a lifetime pandemic, millions around the city are still struggling financially, including many of the 1 million New Yorkers who reside in rent-stabilized apartments,” said **Robert Desir, Staff Attorney with the Civil Law Reform Unit at The Legal Aid Society**. “To stave off a wave of evictions and imminent homelessness, the Board must vote for a blanket freeze on all rents. Anything less will fail some of our city’s most vulnerable residents at a time when those in government should be prioritizing this community’s wellbeing.”

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