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Legal Aid Statement on Tonight's Final NYC Rent Guidelines Board Vote

(NEW YORK, NY) - Robert Desir, Staff Attorney with the Civil Law Reform Unit at The Legal Aid Society, issued the following statement in response to tonight's final New York City Rent Guidelines Board vote:

“We are deeply disappointed that the Rent Guidelines Board voted tonight to increase rents on some of New York City's most vulnerable residents. These New Yorkers - the overwhelming majority of whom are from neighborhoods of color - include seniors, the disabled, working class families and others who are still grappling financially as a result of the pandemic. Those in government must advance policies that protect these communities, not measures that will add further economic harm to people who are already struggling to make ends meet.”

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