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***Legal Aid Calls on City Council to Pass Good Cause
Resolution to Protect Tenants in New York City From Eviction***

(NEW YORK, NY) – Judith Goldiner, Attorney-In-Charge of the Civil Law Reform Unit at The Legal Aid Society, called on the New York City Council to pass a resolution introduced today which calls on Albany to enact Good Cause eviction, legislation to provide New Yorkers in unregulated units with basic tenant protections against warrantless evictions and extortionate rent hikes:

“New York needs meaningful, long-term solutions to address its growing housing and homelessness crisis, and Good Cause eviction would protect over three quarters of million unregulated households across the city and 1.6 million statewide from baseless evictions and frivolous rent hikes. With the likely expiration of the eviction moratorium, we cannot wait any longer to enact this measure to codify basic safeguards for these vulnerable New Yorkers.

The Legal Aid Society thanks Council Speaker Corey Johnson, Public Advocate Jumaane Williams, and Council Members Ben Kallos and Venessa Gibson for standing with New York tenants. We urge the Council to pass the resolution and for lawmakers in Albany to pass the legislation immediately.”

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