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Legal Aid Statement on New York City Council Adopting Good Cause Resolution Calling on Albany to Enact Measure to Protect Tenants in Unregulated Units

(NEW YORK, NY) - Judith Goldiner, Attorney-In-Charge of the Civil Law Reform Unit at The Legal Aid Society, issued the following statements in response to the New York City Council adopting a resolution (1840-2021) which calls on Albany to enact Good Cause, 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 will 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, this measure will play a critical role in providing 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 lawmakers in Albany to pass the legislation immediately.”

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