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Legal Aid Statement on the Appointments of Jessica Katz as Chief Housing Officer and Adolfo Carrion Jr. as HPD Commissioner

(NEW YORK, NY) - **The Legal Aid Society** released the following statement in response to the announcement of Jessica Katz’s appointment to Chief Housing Officer and Adolfo Carrion Jr.’s appointment to Commissioner of New York City’s Department of Housing Preservation and Development (HPD):

“We look forward to working with Jessica Katz and Adolfo Carrion Jr. to address the myriad of issues currently facing public housing residents and local tenants, as well as collaborating to enact key statewide housing protections, including Good Cause and the Housing Access Voucher Program, measures that would ensure that New Yorkers have access to affordable, safe and long-term housing.

Moreover, Legal Aid hopes to work with both Ms. Katz and Mr. Carrion Jr. to expand CityFHEPS, a proven and successful rental assistance supplement that assists families locate, secure and keep housing.

Now that the statewide eviction moratorium has expired, it is especially crucial that the Adams Administration advocate for these policies to thwart an imminent wave of evictions and mitigate our burgeoning homelessness crisis.”

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