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***Legal Aid Calls on Mayor Adams to Rescind the Administration Appointment of Erick Salgado for His Long, Documented History of Anti-LGBTQ+ Views***

(NEW YORK, NY) – **The Legal Aid Society** called on Mayor Eric Adams to rescind his appointment of Erick Salgado, who has a long history of harboring anti-LGBTQ+ views, to Assistant Commissioner of Outreach for the New York City Mayor’s Office of Immigrant Affairs.

According to a recent [report](#) in *The City*, Mr. Salgado rallied against marriage equality in 2011 and then was endorsed by a nonprofit group opposed to same-sex marriage during his failed 2013 mayoral campaign.

“The appointment of anyone with openly-expressed bigoted views to a prominent Administration post is an affront to our LGBTQ+ and immigrant communities,” said **Hasan Shafiqullah, Attorney-In-Charge of the Immigration Law Unit at The Legal Aid Society**. “Such views should have no quarter in City government, which should embrace and serve all the people, especially those New Yorkers who have been marginalized and stigmatized over their sexual identity for decades. Intolerance is not acceptable. We call on Mayor Eric Adams to send a clear message to the diverse communities we serve by immediately rescinding Erick Salgado’s appointment. New York City deserves better.”

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