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Legal Aid Condemns the NYC Rent Guidelines Board's Preliminary Report Recommending Rent Increases on New York's Most Vulnerable Residents

(NEW YORK, NY) - **The Legal Aid Society** condemned the New York City Rent Guidelines Board (RGB) over its preliminary report recommending rent increases on low-income tenants. According to the [report](#), the findings call for a 2.7 to 4.5 percent increase for one-year leases, and a 4.3 to 9 percent increase on two-year leases.

“Any proposed increase, let alone one of this severity, would have a crushing impact on some of our city’s most vulnerable residents. New Yorkers are still reeling financially from the pandemic, and keeping people housed in units they can afford must remain top of mind,” said **Adriene Holder, Attorney-In-Charge of the Civil Practice at The Legal Aid Society**. “Under Mayor Giuliani and Mayor Bloomberg, real estate enjoyed rubber-stamped, steep rent increases from the Rent Guidelines Board, allowing landlords to line their pockets while our clients were pushed from their homes, many into local shelters. In recent years, the Board has worked to correct this imbalance, but one still remains, and this recommendation would further tip the scale. We call on the Board to hear the cries from low-income tenants, the overwhelming majority from Black and Latinx neighborhoods, and commit to an outright freeze that would allow our clients to remain safely in their homes.”

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