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Legal Aid Statement on the Appointment of Adán Soltren as a Tenant Member to New York City's Rent Guidelines Board

(NEW YORK, NY) - The Legal Aid Society released the following statement on the [appointment](#) of Adán Soltren as a tenant member to New York City's Rent Guidelines Board:

“We enthusiastically welcome the appointment of Adán Soltren as a tenant member to New York City's Rent Guidelines Board. New Yorkers, especially those from low-income communities, are still reeling financially from the pandemic, and New York's unemployment level remains well above the national average.

We need leaders and strong voices on the Board who will help ensure that our clients' rents remain affordable, and given Adán's tenure as a tenant attorney, he knows firsthand the plight facing low-income renters throughout New York City.

The Legal Aid Society applauds Mayor Eric Adams for this appointment, and we call for an indefinite rent freeze as the Board begins this year's lease guidelines process. During this time of great uncertainty, it's unconscionable to consider any rent increase on some of our most vulnerable neighbors.”

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