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## ***Ahead of NYC Rent Guidelines Preliminary Vote, Legal Aid Calls for an Outright Freeze on All Adjustments***

(NEW YORK, NY) - **Adriene Holder, Attorney-In-Charge of the Civil Practice at The Legal Aid Society**, released the following statement ahead of the New York City Rent Guidelines Board (RGB) [Preliminary Vote](#) on proposed lease adjustments for rent stabilized apartments, lofts and hotels:

“Tenants across New York City are still reeling financially from the pandemic, and increasing rents on some of our most vulnerable neighbors, the overwhelming majority of whom are from Black and Latinx communities, is not only immoral but simply flawed policy.

Under Mayor Giuliani and Mayor Bloomberg, the real estate industry enjoyed yearly increases which pushed our clients out of their homes and many into local homeless shelters. During the de Blasio Administration, work was made to correct this injustice but an imbalance very much remains.

Ahead of this week’s preliminary vote, we call for an outright freeze. Keeping tenants safely housed, and our finite stock of rent-stabilized apartments preserved must remain a top priority for Board members.”

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