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Legal Aid Condemns Rent Guidelines Board's Preliminary Vote to Increase Rents on Vulnerable New Yorkers

(NEW YORK, NY) - **Adriene Holder, Attorney-In-Charge of the Civil Practice at The Legal Aid Society**, released the following statement after the New York City Rent Guidelines Board's (RGB) [Preliminary Vote](#) to increase rents for residents of stabilized apartments:

“We condemn the Board for voting to increase rents on some of our most vulnerable neighbors, people from low-income communities of color, especially when New Yorkers are still reeling financially from the pandemic and the local unemployment rate remains one of the highest in the country. Tonight’s vote ignores that blatant reality.

However, the Board can still vote for a freeze come June, and we encourage members to listen to the cries from tenants, our clients mired in the Hobson’s choice between groceries, medical needs and other essentials, and paying rent.

Ensuring that tenants remain safely in their homes must remain a top priority in the days, weeks and months ahead, and we again call for a wholesale freeze on all rents under the Board’s purview.”

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