In Response to Report, Legal Aid and the Coalition for the Homeless Call on NYC DOI to Investigate an Alleged Cover-Up Involving Potential Violations of Law at City Shelter Intake Facilities

(NEW YORK, NY) – The Legal Aid Society and the Coalition for the Homeless, in response to a report on an alleged cover-up involving potential violations of law at the City’s shelter intake facilities, called on the New York City Department of Investigation to conduct an immediate investigation.

Legal Aid and the Coalition issued the following joint statement:

“These allegations are stunning, and we fear that we can no longer rely on this Administration for straight answers on the crisis facing families and individuals seeking shelter. To date, we are still waiting for complete data from the City regarding the extent of the violations, and we are concerned that the City’s failure to comply with the right to shelter and related local laws may be much more widespread than the City initially reported.

Accordingly, we call on the New York City Department of Investigation to immediately look into this matter for any additional wrongdoing. Our clients, human beings in great need, are entitled to these protections and deserve nothing less.”

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