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**\*\*\*MEDIA ADVISORY FOR TUESDAY NOVEMBER 1st AT 11 AM\*\*\***

***With Election Day Approaching, Legal Aid, Advocates, Elected Officials Rally to Demand Early Voting Access for New Yorkers in NYC Jails***

(NEW YORK, NY) – The Legal Aid Society, New York Civil Liberties Union, Latino Justice PRLDEF, VOCAL-NY, Freedom Agenda, elected officials and others, ahead of the general election, will rally outside the New York City Board of Elections (BOE) to demand greater access to early voting for people incarcerated in City jails, as mandated by [New York State law](#).

New Yorkers held in pre-trial detention, serving a city sentence, or remanded on parole, which accounts for 90 percent of the jail population, are legally entitled to vote yet are deprived of this fundamental right due to the BOE's failure to ensure access to early voting.

The lack of voting access in City jails, where more than [88 percent](#) of people incarcerated are Black and Latinx, disenfranchises communities of color.

**WHAT:** Rally demanding access to early voting for all incarcerated at Rikers Island.

**WHO:** New Yorkers impacted by lack of access to early voting in detention; elected officials, including NYC Deputy Public Advocate Xamayla Rose and NYC Councilmember Tiffany Caban; representatives from The Legal Aid Society, NYCLU, Latino Justice, VOCAL-NY, Freedom Agenda, The League of Women Voters, Alliance of Families for Justice, Police Reform Organizing Project, HALT Solitary and more.

**WHEN:** Tuesday, November 1st, 2022 at 11 AM

**WHERE:** Outside the Board of Elections, 32 Broadway, New York, NY 10004

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