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Ahead of the Rent Guidelines Board’s Final Vote, Legal Aid Calls for a Rent Freeze for All Tenants Living in Rent Stabilized Units

(NEW YORK, NY) - Adriene Holder, chief attorney of the Civil Practice at The Legal Aid Society, released the following statement ahead of Wednesday’s final vote by the New York City Rent Guidelines Board on proposed lease adjustments for rent-stabilized apartments, lofts and hotels:

“In the midst of a historic affordability crisis in New York City, we call on the Rent Guidelines Board to freeze rents for all tenants living in rent stabilized units. This is absolutely not the time to further burden already suffering New Yorkers — many of whom are seniors, working-class families, people living with disabilities, and people of color — with unnecessary and crippling rent hikes.

“Ahead of tomorrow’s vote, The Legal Aid Society implores the Board to weigh the imminent negative consequences that increases of any kind, especially ones as high as seven percent, would have on the more than one million tenants who reside in these units. Voting for anything other than a freeze is a harmful, unnecessary decision that we strongly oppose.”

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