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***Legal Aid Statement in Response to Reporting that the Adams Administration Will Suspend the ‘90-Day Rule’ for New Yorkers to Qualify for CityFHEPS, a Local Housing Voucher Program***

(NEW YORK, NY) - **Judith Goldiner, attorney-in-charge of the Civil Law Reform Unit at The Legal Aid Society**, released the following statement in response to [reporting](#) that the Adams Administration will suspend the “90-day rule” that forces people to go into the shelter system and reside there for three months before even being eligible for CityFHEPS, a local housing voucher program:

“We welcome this decision by the Adams Administration to suspend the arbitrary and punitive ‘90-day rule’, an overhaul we have long advocated for. However, this should not supplant enacting the package of comprehensive [CityFHEPS reforms](#) recently passed by the Council that would improve housing stability for the thousands of New Yorkers who are experiencing or on the verge of homelessness. Following Albany's failure to advance any significant housing policy this session to address the state's unprecedented housing crisis, it's now incumbent on Mayor Adams to sign these crucial bills into law immediately.”

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