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***Legal Aid Lauds City Council for Voting to Override Mayor  
Adams' Wrongheaded Veto of Key City FHEPS Reforms***

(NEW YORK, NY) - **The Legal Aid Society** lauded the New York City Council for voting to override Mayor Eric Adams' recent veto of a package of bills to reform City FHEPS, a local housing voucher program.

"We laud the New York City Council - especially bill sponsors Diana Ayala, Pierina Sanchez and Tiffany Caban - for taking this necessary step to enact a package of needed reforms that will ultimately prevent evictions and combat homelessness," said **Robert Desir, staff attorney in the Civil Law Reform Unit at The Legal Aid Society**. "But let us be clear, should the Adams Administration refuse to implement these measures or bring a challenge in court, we are prepared to intervene with litigation on behalf of our clients. Given the magnitude of the local housing crisis, we have an obligation to ensure that the New Yorkers we represent have every available option to secure a long-term, safe and affordable place to call home."

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