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***Statement on Resolution from Association of Legal Aid Attorneys
(ALAA), UAW Local 2325***

(NEW YORK, NY) - The Legal Aid Society issued the following statement on a resolution from the Association of Legal Aid Attorneys (ALAA), UAW Local 2325:

The Legal Aid Society rejects the resolution from the Association of Legal Aid Attorneys (ALAA), UAW Local 2325. The resolution is laden with coded antisemitic language and thinly veiled calls for the destruction of the State of Israel. At a time when our attorneys and staff should be united in support of the people we serve, the resolution does not advance the legal interests of our clients, does not comport with our mission and values, and is divisive and hurtful. The Legal Aid Society condemns any expression of antisemitism and will never support such a resolution. We sincerely hope that ALAA members vote against this resolution.

The Legal Aid Society has a longstanding policy against taking positions on international political events. It is not a policy we adopted easily. We are fully aware of the immense humanitarian needs of people worldwide. In a world filled with injustice, oppression, and marginalization, our mission focuses us on providing legal services to low-income New Yorkers. This is a mission we approach with humility as we strive to defend the legal interests of the people we serve.

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The Legal Aid Society exists for one simple yet powerful reason: to ensure that New Yorkers are not denied their right to equal justice because of poverty. For over 145 years, we have protected, defended, and advocated for those who have struggled in silence for far too long. Every day, in every borough, The Legal Aid Society changes the lives of our clients and helps improve our communities. <https://www.legalaidnyc.org>