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***Statement in Response to NYC Council’s Motion to Intervene on Recently Brought Litigation to Secure the Full Implementation of CityFHEPS Reform and Expansion Laws***

(NEW YORK, NY) - **The Legal Aid Society** released the following statement in response to the City Council filing a [motion to intervene](#) in [Marie Vincent et. al. v. Mayor Eric Adams et. al.](#), litigation brought by Legal Aid to compel the Adams Administration to fully implement the recently enacted reforms to the City Fighting Homelessness and Eviction Prevention Supplement (CityFHEPS) program:

“We laud the City Council for filing this motion to intervene to help us hold Mayor Adams and his Administration accountable for illegally refusing to implement the reforms needed to improve and expand CityFHEPS. The Legal Aid Society looks forward to working with the Council through the litigation process to secure the outcome that New Yorkers need and deserve.”

**Background**

Last week, Legal Aid filed a [class action lawsuit](#) in New York State Supreme Court against Mayor Eric Adams and the City to compel the Administration to fully implement CityFHEPS.

The lawsuit was filed on behalf of New Yorkers who would be eligible for CityFHEPS under the new laws but who are barred from accessing the rent subsidy because the Adams Administration refuses to enforce the law.

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