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***Legal Aid Files Motion to Reargue in Maimonides Hospital Mass Eviction Case***

***Motion Seeks to Stay Evictions for Dozens of Tenants, Majority of Whom are Former and Current Hospital Employees, from their Longtime Homes***

***AG James Issues Letter Calling for a Temporary Stay on All Maimonides Evictions***

***Attorneys Also Call on Albany to Enact Good Cause Legislation to Equip Tenants with Basic Protections to Defend Against Eviction***

(NEW YORK, NY) - The Legal Aid Society today filed a [motion to reargue](#) in [Maimonides Medical Center v. Eduardo Silva-Fierro, et al.](#), seeking to reverse a court decision from February 23, 2024 that [allows](#) Maimonides to evict 21 tenants by April 15, 2024. The motion seeks to stay the mass eviction of dozens of tenants, many of whom are disabled, former and current healthcare workers who were employed by the hospital for decades.

Yesterday, New York State Attorney General Letitia James issued a [letter](#) calling for a temporary stay on these evictions and for a meeting with Maimonides principals and other stakeholders.

Maimonides Medical Center, a non-profit hospital in Borough Park, Brooklyn, has filed 57 eviction cases across seven buildings so far. 22 of those cases were consolidated under *Maimonides Medical Center v. Eduardo Silva-Fierro*. Additional cases are expected to be filed as other tenants have been served predicate notices threatening eviction if they do not move out of their homes voluntarily.

“These Maimonides tenants are just weeks away from being mass evicted from their homes – some have lived in their apartments for over 30 years – and we will not stop fighting on their behalf, using every resource and legal strategy at our disposal,” said **Meghan Walsh, staff attorney in the Housing Justice Unit - Group Advocacy at The Legal Aid Society**. “Our clients have dedicated their lives, often putting their own health at risk, to providing quality care to Maimonides patients. It is unconscionable that they are now being pushed out of their homes by their employer, many facing homelessness if displaced. Maimonides Medical Center must immediately end all eviction proceedings and allow tenants to remain in their homes.”

The mass eviction by Maimonides Medical Center underscores the critical need for tenant protections, such as the [Good Cause](#) eviction bill, which would give every tenant in New York State the right to renew their rental agreement, and protections against unreasonable rent increases and discriminatory eviction.

**Background:**

In 2018, Maimonides sold a number of buildings that the hospital had been renting out for decades at subsidized rates to workers as a part of their employment contracts. As part of the sale, Maimonides agreed to remain the landlord of the employee apartments under a “Master Lease,” which would have allowed the building’s current tenants to retain their housing. That Master Lease expired four years ago in 2020 along with Maimonides’s legal standing to bring these eviction cases. Now, Maimonides has claimed it has become too expensive to continue subsidizing and has begun the process of evicting all current and former employees.

Moreover, the Maimonides tenants are explicitly excluded from applying for any of the 221 affordable housing units that have been set aside under a [regulatory agreement](#) between the new owner, Park Affordable L.P., and the New York City Department of Housing Preservation and Development (HPD).

The agreement states that tenants with subsidies and those in the shelter system are eligible for the affordable housing units, but not the Maimonides tenants. The former and current healthcare workers, many of whom are seniors, retired, or disabled, are also arbitrarily exempt from policies that protect current tenants, such as a no evict policy and [Aging in Place](#) provision in the agreement.

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