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Ahead of the Rent Guidelines Board's Final Vote, Legal Aid Calls for a Rent Freeze for All Tenants Living in Rent Stabilized Units

(NEW YORK, NY) - Adriene Holder, chief attorney of the Civil Practice at The Legal Aid Society, released the following statement ahead of Monday's final vote by the New York City Rent Guidelines Board on proposed lease adjustments for rent-stabilized apartments, lofts and Hotels:

“Given the current state of the New York City housing market and the crisis tenants are facing citywide, we call on the Rent Guidelines Board to freeze rents for all tenants living in stabilized units. The reports produced by the Board since March have proven that any increase on rent for this vulnerable population would not only be unnecessary, but would betray the stated purpose of the Board, which is to protect stabilized tenants from exorbitant, needless rent hikes.

“Despite the disappointing outcome of the preliminary vote, the Board still has the opportunity to do right by the more than one million New Yorkers who reside in rent-stabilized units. Ahead of tonight's vote, we call on the Board to listen to the cries of these already-struggling tenants who could be facing imminent evictions and displacement should an increase be passed, and vote for an outright rent freeze on all stabilized units.”

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