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***Legal Aid Condemns Recent Calls from Mayor Adams to Rollback
NYC's Sanctuary and Detainer Laws***

(NEW YORK, NY) - **The Legal Aid Society** today issued the following statement in response to [recent](#) calls from Mayor Eric Adams to erode New York City's sanctuary and detainer laws:

"New York City's long-standing sanctuary and detainer laws have protected immigrant communities from being detained and deported without due process. These laws ensure that ICE officers adhere to the Constitutional requirement of securing a judicial warrant before depriving someone of their liberty.

"The Mayor's recent calls, echoed by the NYPD, to rollback our sanctuary laws are xenophobic and only serve to advance anti-immigrant sentiments that are already fueling division and animosity across the five boroughs.

"Instead, Mayor Adams should work with New York's Federal representatives to secure the passage of humane and progressive immigration reform. New York has long been a city that welcomes immigrants, and we must uphold and protect these policies that allow all immigrants, including our newest neighbors, to continue contributing to the fabric of our great city."

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