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Legal Aid Statement on Mayor Adams’s Executive Order Requiring City Agencies to Evaluate Whether New Homes Could be Built on City-Owned Property

Attorneys Encourage Broader Action to Help Low-Income New Yorkers Secure Housing Stability

(NEW YORK, NY) - **The Legal Aid Society** released the following statement on Mayor Eric Adams’s executive order which directs city agencies to review their city owned and controlled land for potential housing development sites:

“While we welcome Mayor Adams’s plan to require all City agencies to evaluate whether new homes could potentially be built on the property they own, the Administration must go further and commit to ensuring that these potential developments are truly affordable for low-income New Yorkers.

“Today’s executive order is a step in the right direction, and we hope it is part of a wider, multi-faceted plan to tackle the City’s complex and ongoing housing crisis. In addition to today’s executive order, the City must also increase rental subsidies for low-income individuals, take action to prevent the Rent Guidelines Board from further increasing rents on tenants in stabilized units, and provide enhanced protections to keep all low-income New Yorkers safely and stably housed.”

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