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## ***Statement Ahead of the City Council's City of Yes Oversight Hearing***

(NEW YORK, NY) - The Legal Aid Society released the following statement ahead of the City Council's City of Yes [oversight hearing](#):

“New York City is in dire need of housing, especially units that are truly affordable to the communities we represent, but zoning alone isn't the panacea for New Yorkers to achieve housing stability.

“Any housing plan demands a holistic approach, including improved access to vouchers, protections for tenants to remain safely in their homes, and tools for New Yorkers to hold negligent landlords accountable who let their buildings deteriorate.

“Speaker Adrienne Adams and the City Council [understand](#) that zoning changes in New York City have historically pushed families from their communities and forever changed our neighborhoods, driving evictions and contributing to the local homelessness crisis.

“The Legal Aid Society hopes to serve as an active partner with both ends of City Hall through this process to deliver on the comprehensive reforms that this moment demands for our most vulnerable neighbors.”

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