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Statement from Counsel for Plaintiffs in Nunez v. City of New York

(NEW YORK, NY) - The Legal Aid Society released the following statement on court filings today in *Nunez v. City of New York et. al.*, litigation concerning the brutality and excessive force in New York City jails:

"The proposal filed today by counsel for incarcerated people in New York City jails and the United States has one goal: ending brutality against people incarcerated in City jails.

"Our proposal seeks appointment of a truly independent receiver who will answer to the federal court alone – not to the political or bureaucratic interests that have stood in the way of reform for decades – and who is given the duty and authority to take bold action where the City has failed.

"We are disappointed the City did not consent to this opportunity for change. In fact, their proposal does the exact opposite: it preserves the status quo by granting the Commissioner a second title, and securing her tenure through 2030, without demanding more.

"There is nothing required by the City's proposal that the Commissioner could not be doing today, without court intervention, to improve the jails. In short, the 'relief' proposed by the City today brazenly offers no relief at all.

"The catastrophic record of violence and dysfunction that led the court to find the City in contempt of 18 separate requirements of court orders, and the daily harm people endure in the City's custody, demands more, as our papers demonstrate."

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