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Statement on the Election of Zohran Mamdani as the 111th Mayor of New York City

(NEW YORK, NY) - Twyla Carter, Attorney-in-Chief and Chief Executive Officer at The Legal Aid Society, released the following statement on the election of Zohran Mamdani as the 111th Mayor of New York City:

“The Legal Aid Society congratulates Mayor-Elect Zohran Mamdani on his historic victory, ushering in a new chapter for our city as he becomes New York City’s first Muslim and South Asian mayor.

“Now more than ever, the low-income New Yorkers we serve need City Hall to stand as an unshakable bulwark against the punitive, draconian policies emanating from the White House.

“We urge the incoming Mamdani Administration, on day one, to ensure that immigrants have unfettered access to legal counsel to fight unjust immigration enforcement; that New Yorkers experiencing homelessness or facing eviction have the resources and the assistance of counsel to remain safely in their homes and communities; that our youth are supported with community-based programs and opportunities to succeed and become the future leaders of our city; and that the City takes decisive steps to end the overreliance on law enforcement as a response to social challenges — while finally closing the shameful and enduring chapter that is Rikers Island.

“As the mayor-elect begins assembling his transition team, we urge him to include the organizations on the front lines of this work — and, most importantly, the New Yorkers directly impacted by these issues.

“True to our mission as an institution that has served low-income New Yorkers for nearly 150 years, The Legal Aid Society is committed to working with the future Mamdani Administration, as we have with every administration before it, to strengthen and protect the rights of the people we represent and to help make New York a more inclusive, affordable, just, and equitable city.”

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The Legal Aid Society is a nonprofit organization that exists for one simple yet powerful reason: to ensure that New Yorkers are not denied their right to equal justice because of poverty. For nearly 150 years, we have protected, defended, and advocated for those who have struggled in silence for far too long. Every day, in every borough, The Legal Aid Society changes the lives of our clients and helps improve our communities.

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