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Legal Aid Commends City Council Vote Rejecting Airbnb Bills

(CITY HALL) — **The Legal Aid Society** issued the following statement in response to the New York City Council’s rejection of Intro 948 and Intro 1107, known as the Airbnb bills:

“Today’s decision to halt Intro 948 and Intro 1107 is a victory for New Yorkers and for housing stability across our city. In the middle of a worsening housing and eviction crisis, the Housing and Buildings Committee chose to protect permanent homes rather than open the door to increased speculation and displacement.

“By stopping these bills, the Council recognized that New York cannot afford policies that shrink our housing supply and turn residential neighborhoods into transient lodging. Communities — especially low-income New Yorkers and communities of color — need stability, affordability, and enforcement of existing protections, not deregulation that benefits investors at their expense.

“We thank the Council Members who stood up for tenants and housing justice, and we urge continued focus on solutions that keep New Yorkers safely housed.”

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