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Statement on the Election of Julie Menin as Speaker of the New York City Council

(NEW YORK, NY) — The Legal Aid Society released the following statement on the election of Julie Menin as Speaker of the New York City Council:

“We congratulate Julie Menin on her election to Speaker of the New York City Council at a transformative and opportune moment for our City. As New York continues to grapple with policies from Washington that target the people and communities we serve, including immigrants, LGBTQ+ New Yorkers, and other historically marginalized communities, the city also faces deep inequities in affordability, housing, public safety, and other essential aspects of daily life. In this moment, strong, progressive, and principled leadership from the City Council will be essential.

“The Legal Aid Society is eager to work with Speaker Menin and the Council to advance policies that promote fairness, protect the rights of low-income New Yorkers, and strengthen the City’s commitment to justice and opportunity for all. This effort must also ensure that nonprofit organizations tasked with advancing these priorities have the resources they need and a City contracting system that allows their work to proceed without impediment.

“As we have for 150 years, The Legal Aid Society stands ready to serve as an active partner with our city’s legislative body to advance policies that best serve the New Yorkers who need help most.”

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The Legal Aid Society is a nonprofit law firm 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 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 the people we serve and helps improve our communities.

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