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***Legal Aid Society, Coalition for the Homeless Statement on Court Decision  
Dismissing Challenge to East Village Intake Shelter***

(NEW YORK, NY) — The Legal Aid Society and the Coalition for the Homeless issued the following statement in response to today’s [decision dismissing](#) a lawsuit challenging the City’s plan to relocate shelter intake services for single homeless men to 8 East 3rd Street in the East Village:

“Today’s decision recognizes the City’s obligation to provide shelter to New Yorkers experiencing homelessness. The building at 8 East 3rd Street has long served vulnerable New Yorkers, including previously operating as a men’s intake center and, most recently, as a shelter for single adult men. Its use as an intake center is consistent with that history.

“At the same time, we remain concerned about whether the facility will be fully accessible and whether the City can meet its obligations under the Butler settlement, the Americans with Disabilities Act, and other disability rights laws on an accelerated timeline. The City has committed to full accessibility, and we will continue working to ensure that all single men seeking shelter can safely and equitably access this site.

“New Yorkers experiencing homelessness deserve safe, dignified, and accessible shelter. But shelter alone is not enough. The City must also invest in deeply affordable, permanent housing solutions that address the root causes of homelessness and reduce reliance on the shelter system over the long term.”

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*The Coalition for the Homeless is the nation’s oldest advocacy and direct service organization helping homeless individuals and families. We believe that affordable housing, sufficient food and the chance to work for a living wage are fundamental rights in a civilized society. Since our inception in 1981, the Coalition has worked*

*through litigation, public education and direct services to ensure that these goals are realized.*

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