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Legal Aid Statement on the NYC Rent Guidelines Board Vote

(NEW YORK, NY) — **The Legal Aid Society** issued the following statement on the New York City Rent Guidelines Board’s vote to freeze rents for residents of stabilized apartments, lofts, and hotels:

“We commend the Board for their vote tonight to freeze the rent for the more than 2 million New Yorkers who currently reside in rent-stabilized housing. Numerous [reports](#) and [data](#) released by the Board over the past several weeks have proven unequivocally that tenants have reached a [breaking point](#), with rising inflation, unemployment, New York’s skyrocketing cost of living, and eviction rates underscoring the urgent need for relief.

“Tonight’s vote is a lifeline that will provide much-needed stability for thousands of low-income and working-class rent-stabilized tenants facing the threat of eviction and displacement after [four consecutive years](#) of rent increases under the previous administration.

“At a time of historic unaffordability across the five boroughs – marked by an increased cost of living, low citywide vacancy rates, and record-breaking market-rate rent prices – a rent freeze is a prudent, evidence-based response to the challenges facing tenants across the five boroughs.

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