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***Statement in Response to City Pausing Transfers From Lucerne, Other
NYS Homeless Shelters***

(NEW YORK, NY) – **Judith Goldiner, Attorney-in-Charge of the Civil Law Reform Unit at The Legal Aid Society**, issued the following statement in response to the City's [announcement](#) that it has temporarily paused all transfers from the Lucerne Hotel and other area homeless shelters:

"We are pleased that the City has paused any transfers of families with children who are about to start school from the Flatlands shelter in Brooklyn; transfers of disabled adults who have found stability with the support of the great staff at the highly successful Harmonia shelter in Manhattan; and transfers of men and women, who just want to be safe during the pandemic from at the Lucerne and Long Island City Plaza hotels. We continue to negotiate on next steps and we hope the City will arrive at a solution that ensures that every New Yorker in shelter can be safe and healthy and receives the accommodations that they are entitled to as prescribed by law. If the City falls short of this legal obligation, we will sue in court."

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