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Legal Aid Statement Concerning Harmonia Shelter, Flatlands Shelter, LIC Plaza Hotel and the Lucerne Hotel

(NEW YORK, NY) – Judith Goldiner, Attorney-in-Charge of the Civil Law Reform Unit at The Legal Aid Society, released the following statement concerning the Harmonia Shelter, Flatlands Shelter, the LIC Plaza Hotel, and the Lucerne Hotel:

"We are relieved that Mayor Bill de Blasio has finally come to his senses and agreed to allow the highly successful Harmonia shelter program for disabled adult families to continue, as well as the Bound for Success after school program run by the Coalition for the Homeless at the Flatlands Family Residence. He has also agreed not to displace the homeless women staying at the LIC Plaza Hotel. Lastly, we have received assurances that the men living at the Lucerne Hotel will be placed in safe shelter settings, with the City continuing to fully accommodate their specific needs, which will allow them to socially distance and easily access critical healthcare services.

It is a shame that these families had to suffer such an extraordinarily stressful exercise during a pandemic as a result of Mayor de Blasio's flippant indecisiveness. We hope the Mayor will learn from this self-made crisis to avert more suffering for homeless families and individuals the next time a vocal group of NIMBYists with a racist agenda rears its ugly head."

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