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***Legal Aid Statement on the City Evicting Residents of the Millennium Downtown Hotel in Manhattan Who Were Displaced by Hurricane Ida***

(NEW YORK, NY) - **The Legal Aid Society** released the following statement in response to the City evicting residents of the Millennium Downtown hotel who were displaced by Hurricane Ida:

“Over the weekend, we learned of the City evicting residents from a Manhattan hotel who were displaced by Hurricane Ida, including one disabled individual who was removed Saturday and forced to seek refuge on the subway.

“We also obtained video [footage](#) which revealed that New York City Police Department officers from the Emergency Service Unit were [deployed](#) in full tactical gear to assist with the evictions, traumatizing these New Yorkers even further who’ve already lost so much from the storm.

“Residents were provided minimal notice, and we’ve yet to hear any answers from the City. Instead of forcing these residents onto the street, the City must immediately work to provide them housing, and in the interim, extend these hotel rooms until everyone is placed and all individual needs are accommodated for, as required by the law.”

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