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Legal Aid Condemns the City for Refusing to Disclose Relocation Plans for the Residents of the Millennium Downtown Hotel

(NEW YORK, NY) - **The Legal Aid Society** released the following statement in response to the City refusing to disclose its relocation plans for New Yorkers residing at the Millennium Downtown hotel:

“Despite our multiple requests for answers, we’ve yet to receive any clarity about the City’s plans to safely house the Hurricane Ida survivors, several of whom are disabled, currently residing at the Millennium Downtown hotel.

“Per our conversations with residents, many have already secured permanent housing, and are mere days away from transitioning. It’s both bad policy and cruel to force these New Yorkers from safe refuge onto the street or into local shelters with these opportunities imminently available.

“Lastly, the City’s decision to employ New York City Police Department’s Emergency Service Unit officers to evict residents is illegal, as anyone who resides in a dwelling for more than 30 days is entitled to an eviction proceeding administered by the court system, not by administrative fiat, and the Department’s own [patrol guide](#) explicitly [states such](#).

“This is a self-manufactured crisis on the City’s part, and we demand immediate answers.”

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