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Mayor Eric Adams  
City Hall  
New York, NY 10007

Dear Mayor Adams:

We are writing with regard to the recent announcement to convert the Roosevelt Hotel at 45 East 45th Street into a Humanitarian Emergency Response and Relief Center (HERRC) for asylum seekers arriving in New York City.

We recognize the challenging situation that New York City faces with the arrival of over 65,000 asylum seekers in the past year, with more expected to arrive soon. We appreciate your administration's efforts to provide places for individuals and families to reside, and acknowledge that the Roosevelt Hotel provides an opportunity to address this crisis immediately.

As the elected officials representing the Roosevelt Hotel and nearby areas, we want to ensure the opening of the shelter is done in a safe and secure manner for both the families housed there and the neighboring community. As such, we have several questions and concerns we ask be addressed ahead of the opening:

- What is the average expected length of stay for families?
- What do we expect the breakdown to be between families and single adults?
- Where are the specific schools that children will be sent to? How will overcrowding be addressed? Additionally, how will enhanced English Language Learner (ELL) services be provided?
- Which city agency will be the primary operator of the shelter?
- How will individuals be fed? The shelter will require professional, large-scale food preparation on a daily basis.
- Who is the private contractor that the city is hiring to provide security?
- How will the operator handle disruptive or disorderly individuals?

- What is the maximum capacity for individuals to be housed at the Roosevelt Hotel HERRC? When does the City expect to hit that capacity?
- The building's entrance is on a narrow, crowded side street with complex construction projects nearby. What plans are in place to address traffic complications from the buses transporting individuals to and from the shelter?

We believe that clear, detailed answers to these questions will be essential to the success of this massive undertaking. We also respectfully request a tour of the shelter once it is up and running to observe daily operations firsthand.

We share your belief that it is imperative the federal government step up to provide asylum seekers with the support they need. As the past year has demonstrated, New York City is more than willing to do its part, but the city should not - and cannot - do it alone. We will continue to insist that the federal government intervene and contribute proactively to helping asylum seekers.

Sincerely,



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Council Member, District 4



Mark Levine  
Manhattan Borough President



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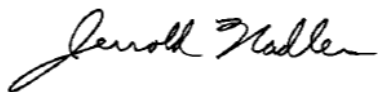
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