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**CITY OF CHICAGO STATEMENT ON THE CONVERSION OF THE SELINA HOTEL**

**CHICAGO** – As reported publicly, the Selina Hotel at 100 E. Chestnut was not in a viable financial position and the building owner made the decision to end its relationship with the hotel, resulting in layoffs. On October 28, the City of Chicago made an offer to aid displaced workers in finding placement.

In recent years, as part of our mission to serve unhoused Chicagoans, the City has sought and utilized appropriate funding to expand shelter during the winter months. The City will temporarily use the Selina Hotel as shelter for the same purpose – shelter for the unhoused – this winter. The property will not be used to house asylum seekers.

Funding for the shelter will come from an emergency and transitional housing grant. There are 116 rooms in the hotel that will be utilized as homeless shelter for up to seven months as the City rises to the challenge of serving one of our most vulnerable populations.

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