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# Mayor Lurie Celebrates New Recovery and Treatment Centers Serving Clients

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Approximately 200 New Beds Will Add Comprehensive and Compassionate Recovery Services, Creating Pathway to Stability for People Struggling with Homelessness and Behavioral Health Issues; Continues Rapid Expansion of Interim Housing Capacity and Treatment Resources Under Mayor Lurie's Breaking the Cycle Initiative

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**SAN FRANCISCO** – Mayor Daniel Lurie today celebrated the launch of three new recovery-focused interim housing programs, which are beginning to serve clients on their journey from homelessness and addiction to long-term stability. The new programs opening to clients include approximately 70 beds at the Eleanora Fagan Center (formerly the Kean Hotel) which has already started serving clients, approximately 60 beds at Hope House (formerly the Sharon Hotel) opening September 2, and approximately 65 beds at Wells Place (formerly the Marina Inn) launching in early September. The three locations will continue ramping up services in the coming months.

Mayor Lurie's latest step to add beds with recovery and treatment services represents a key component in his <u>Breaking the Cycle plan</u>, providing interim housing and services targeted at the right level and type of care for people struggling to exit homelessness and striving to regain a healthy life. Under his plan, Mayor Lurie is transforming the city's response to the behavioral health and homelessness crisis—<u>creating integrated neighborhood-based street outreach teams</u>, launching the <u>Breaking the Cycle Fund</u> with \$37.5 million in private funding, <u>opening a 24/7 police-friendly stabilization center</u>, significantly expanding the city's <u>recovery and treatment bed capacity</u>, and introducing new policies to <u>connect people to treatment</u>.

"Our administration is fundamentally transforming the city's response to the homelessness and behavioral health crisis, and under our Breaking the Cycle plan, we are standing up the right kind of beds that connect people to the recovery and treatment services they need to get off our streets and truly get better," said **Mayor Lurie**. "As the doors of the Hope House, the Eleanora Fagan Center, and Wells Place open to clients, we are taking more critical steps to solve the drug use and behavioral health crisis."

"By pairing housing with onsite treatment and supportive services, we are breaking the cycle and setting a new standard for how cities address homelessness and addiction," said **San Francisco Department of Public Health (DPH) Director Daniel Tsai**. "Our mission is to make recovery attainable and accessible for every San Franciscan, the moment they are ready. These programs provide a full continuum of care—from getting people off the street and into immediate stabilization to post-treatment recovery housing—creating a responsive system that connects individuals facing homelessness, addiction, and mental health challenges to the treatment, support, and stability they need for a healthy future."

"The openings of Hope House, Wells Place and the Eleanora Fagan Center mark a compassionate step forward in our commitment to addressing homelessness in our community," said **Department of Homelessness and Supportive Housing (HSH) Executive Director Shireen McSpadden**. "We believe that everyone deserves a supportive and dignified place to stabilize, and through this collective effort, we are excited to offer a nurturing environment where individuals can safely and successfully start the journey of rebuilding their lives."

Hope House, the Eleanora Fagan Center, and Wells Place will provide new recovery and treatment options and improve the flow of individuals through the city's shelter and housing system—part of Mayor Lurie's plan to offer different types of services to strengthen the continuum of care in San Francisco. As part of the work to add flow to the city's system, San Francisco has opened a short-term stabilization center at 822 Geary to assist individuals in crisis, and a site at James Baldwin Place to host individuals for longer stays. To fill the gap in the middle, Hope House and the Eleanora Fagan Center will offer 90-day sober living options for individuals as they get off the street and transition into recovery. The opening of Wells Place will add another longer-term, drug free post-treatment recovery center.

DPH and HSH are partnering with seasoned nonprofit providers with proven track records to open the new recovery housing sites. Westside Community Services will operate the Eleanora Fagan Center, and The Salvation Army will operate Hope House and Wells Place—organizations that are leaders in designing and managing behavioral health services and recovery housing to unhoused and formerly unhoused adults who struggle with addiction and mental health challenges.

DPH, HSH, and partners will continue to work with neighbors and community groups to ensure the new sites positively contribute to neighborhoods. All service partners are required to implement and follow the HSH and DPH Good Neighbor policies.

"Hope House and the Eleanora Fagan Center are crucial steps forward in pivoting San Francisco's homelessness response toward drug-free and recovery-oriented options—and moving beyond exclusively drug-tolerant models," said **District 6 Supervisor Matt Dorsey**. "These programs recognize that many of the people exiting homelessness want safe, stable, and drug-free environments where they can pursue or maintain their recovery journeys, or simply avoid drug-related nuisances and harms. This is an evidence-based model that will better serve everyone—from program participants to neighbors and taxpayers—and I'm grateful for the collaboration of trusted partners like The Salvation Army and Westside Community Services for making it possible. As a recovering addict myself, I'm proud to host these programs in my district, and I'm confident they'll be a blueprint for continued success with recovery housing options citywide."

"As a leading provider of recovery and housing services, The Salvation Army has helped thousands of people overcome addiction and reclaim their lives," said **Steve Adami, Executive Director of the Salvation Army's The Way Out.** "We are excited to launch the city's first abstinence-based shelter at Hope House and to expand our recovery housing with the opening of Wells Place. Our programs provide the perfect blend of opportunity and accountability to help break the vicious cycle of homelessness and drug addiction. We applaud the city's commitment to expanding abstinence-based models, where people can receive the support they need to achieve their recovery goals and rebuild their lives."

"Open air drug dealing and using has to stop on our sidewalks. We are losing too many of our brothers, sisters, and children to a poison that was never meant for our streets," said **Cedric G. Akbar, Co-Founder of Positive Directions Equals Change and Director of Forensic Services at Westside Community Services**. "This isn't just about drugs—it's about healing our people, restoring our neighborhoods, and breaking a cycle that's stolen too many futures. Today, we rise together—with hope, with strength, and with a commitment to bring our community back from the edge."

**Hope House**: In partnership with The Salvation Army, HSH is opening a recovery-focused shelter with approximately 60 beds for adults in recovery who are experiencing homelessness at 226 Sixth Street. Onsite services include case management, treatment, housing placement assistance, and support groups. This program model will help participants maintain stability and sobriety as they move forward in their recovery journey and out of homelessness.

**The Eleanora Fagan Center**: In partnership with Westside Community Services, DPH is opening a new health respite program at 1018 Mission Street with approximately 70 beds to provide rapid

connections to care for people exiting homelessness and beginning their recovery journey. The short-term (30-60-day) health respite beds will provide individuals with immediate support, including access to urgent health care, behavioral health support, peer support, and treatment for mental health and substance use. Once stabilized, they can work with case managers to take the next steps in their recovery journey, which could mean connecting to longer-term treatment, community living, or supportive housing.

Wells Place: In partnership with the Salvation Army, DPH is opening a new, transformative two-year recovery housing facility at 3110 Octavia Street to support long-term health, stability, and independence for people in recovery. The program offers approximately 65 beds with up to 24 months of drug-free, post-treatment recovery housing for adults who have completed residential substance use disorder treatment. The program goals are to empower participants to achieve lasting recovery by providing a supportive environment that prioritizes stability, financial independence, and personal growth. Onsite supportive services will include case management, permanent housing assistance, family reunification, career and workforce development, life skills, and financial education.

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