

## KNOW YOUR RIGHTS: HOMELESSNESS AND NYC CURFEW

Mayor Bill de Blasio has extended an emergency executive order implementing a citywide curfew through the morning of Monday, June 8th. Each day, from 8 p.m. until 5 a.m., people and vehicles are not allowed in public unless they fall into one of the categories exempt from the curfew.

### **Homeless people who choose not to sleep in City shelters are exempt from the curfew.**

Section 2 of the Mayor's Executive Order establishing the curfew states: "This Order shall not apply to police officers, peace officers, firefighters, first responders and emergency medical technicians, individuals travelling to and from essential work and performing essential work, **people experiencing homelessness and without access to a viable shelter**, and individuals seeking medical treatment or medical supplies."

In a June 2nd email, Department of Homeless Services (DHS) Administrator Joslyn Carter confirmed that **the curfew does not to apply to people "who are experiencing homelessness and have turned down [DHS's] offer of shelter."**

**You have the right to refuse to go to a shelter.** If a police officer threatens you with arrest for not going to a shelter, show them this flyer and remind them that the curfew does not apply to you. However, if your presence on the street blocks the flow of pedestrian traffic, the police can order you to move.

If you or someone else is arrested, call **1-833-3-GOODCALL (1-833-346-6322)** for free legal support 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

Please call **Coalition for the Homeless' Crisis Hotline at 212-776-2177** if you have questions about the curfew, need help finding shelter, or meeting other critical needs.