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Title

PRESERVING AFFORDABLE SINGLE ROOM OCCUPANCY HOUSING

Subject

Motion - Single Room Occupancy (SRO) housing is often the housing of last resort for the thousands of people in the City of Los Angeles. Seeking ways to preserve thousands of affordable Single Room Occupancy (SRO) units throughout the City is the best thing we can do to address our serious lack of affordable housing and to prevent an increase in homelessness. Preserving affordable Single Room Occupancy's (SRO's) has proven to be a successful way of addressing the homelessness crisis in many cities, including San Francisco and San Diego. The City of Los Angeles should follow along these lines to take steps to preserve our affordable Single Room Occupancy (SRO) units. Preserving these Single Room Occupancy (SRO) units will prove to be, a cost, effective way to minimize homelessness and address our affordable housing crisis. THEREFORE MOVE that the Housing Department with the assistance of the City Attorney be directed to report to the Housing, Community and Economic Development (HCED) Committee within 30 days with recommendations on measures which the City can implement to preserve the thousands of affordable Single Room Occupancy (SRO) housing units throughout the City. The report should include a discussion of measures taken by other cities for this purpose and their applicability to the unique needs and circumstances of Los Angeles.

Last Change Date

11/02/2005

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Archive History

- 10-8-04 - This day's Council session
- 10-8-04 - Ref to Housing, Community and Economic Development Committee
- 10-8-04 - File to Housing, Community and Economic Development Committee Clerk
- 8-31-05 - For ref - Transmittal from the Mayor of a Los Angeles Housing Department report, dated August 22, 2005, relative to the preservation of single room occupancy housing.
- 8-31-05 - Ref to Housing, Community and Economic Development Committee - to Committee Clerk
- 9-27-05 - For ref - Communication from the Chief Legislative Analyst, dated September 27, 2005, relative to the preservation of single room occupancy housing.
- 9-28-05 - Ref to Housing, Community and Economic Development Committee - to Committee Clerk
- 9-30-05 - Council Action - Housing, Community and Economic Development Committee report ADOPTED *AS AMENDED (see Amending Motion):
INSTRUCT the Los Angeles Housing Department (LAHD) to:
 1. In conjunction with the Community Redevelopment Agency (Agency), the Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority, the Housing Authority of the City of Los Angeles, the Planning Department, and the Department of Building and Safety, and with the assistance of the City Attorney, to develop the necessary programmatic details and ordinance(s), including funding recommendations, needed to preserve residential hotel and SRO hotel units in Los Angeles.
 2. Report to the Housing, Community and Economic Development Committee in 120 days with a draft residential hotel and SRO hotel preservation strategy, ordinance and/or program.
 3. Include in its Residential and SRO hotel preservation strategy the following:
 - a. Recommendations to address the loss of residential and SRO units as a result of their conversion to market rate housing.
 - b. A citywide economic profile of residential and SRO hotel tenants and recommendations for maintaining and enhancing the long-term affordability of SRO units.

c. Recommendations to ensure that nuisance hotels identified in the course of enforcement activities to are brought into compliance thereby avoid closure.

4. Review residential hotel and SRO inventory data with each Council Office to ensure completeness and accuracy.

9-30-05 - Council Action - Amending Motion - Reyes Mover 2005 / Parks - ADOPTED - MOVE that the matter of report of the Housing Community and Economic Development Committee, relative to the preservation of Residential and Single Room Occupancy (SRO) hotels, Item Number 15 on today's Agenda (C.F. 04-2087), BE AMENDED to include the following additional recommendation:

"5. INSTRUCT the Los Angeles Housing Department to:

a. Report to the Housing, Community and Economic Development Committee with a Citywide policy for the distribution of Residential and Single Room Occupancy (SRO) Hotels across the City to include recommended criteria for siting of these hotel units; and

In cooperation with the Department of Neighborhood Empowerment, contact City Neighborhood Councils to obtain feedback on the policy; and return to the Housing, Community and Economic Development Committee and Council with the results of Neighborhood Council outreach and a final Citywide policy for the distribution of Residential and SRO Hotels for Council adoption."

10-28-05 - File to Housing, Community and Economic Development Committee Clerk OK

10-31-05 - File in files