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RE: AMENDING THE LOS ANGELES MUNICIPAL CODE TO FACILITATE THE PRESENTATION OF  
IDENTIFICATION BY INDIVIDUALS USING EMERGENCY VOUCHERS FOR LODGING

At the meeting of the Council held JANUARY 9, 2008, the following action was taken:

Attached report adopted .....	_____ X _____
Attached motion (-) adopted .....	_____
Attached resolution ( - ) adopted .....	_____
Mayor concurred .....	_____
To the Mayor FORTHWITH .....	_____
Motion adopted to approve committee report recommendation(s) .....	_____
Motion adopted to approve communication recommendation(s) .....	_____
Ordinance adopted .....	_____ X _____
Ordinance number .....	_____ 179533 _____
Posted date .....	_____ 01/28/08 _____
Effective date .....	_____ 03/08/08 _____
Mayor approved .....	_____ 01/23/08 _____
Findings adopted .....	_____

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PUBLIC SAFETY

Committee

reports as follows:

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE REPORT and ORDINANCE relative to amending the Los Angeles Municipal Code (LAMC) to facilitate the presentation of identification by individuals using emergency vouchers for lodging.

Recommendation for Council action, as initiated by Motion (Zine - Greuel), SUBJECT TO THE APPROVAL OF THE MAYOR:

PRESENT and ADOPT accompanying ORDINANCE amending LAMC Section 41.49 to facilitate the presentation of identification by individuals using emergency vouchers for lodging.

Fiscal Impact Statement: None submitted by the City Attorney. Neither the City Administrative Officer nor the Chief Legislative Analyst has completed a financial analysis of this report.

SUMMARY

On October 5, 2007, Council considered Motion (Zine - Greuel) relative to developing an identification process for homeless individuals to facilitate their use of emergency vouchers for lodging. The LAMC currently prohibits hotel and motel operators from renting a room without identification documents. This requirement has inadvertently created problems for the City's emergency shelter providers. Many homeless persons do not have proper identification documents. Motion movers recommend that the City Attorney and Police Department develop an acceptable documentation and identification process to enable the use of emergency housing vouchers. Council referred Motion to the Public Safety Committee for consideration.

In a report to the Public Safety Committee dated December 12, 2007 (attached to the Council file), the City Attorney recommends that in lieu of requiring identification, that hotel or motel operators maintain a record of guests using vouchers for emergency housing. The Police Department does not object to the proposal provided that identification still be required for guests using rooms for a period of less than 12 hours. Support for the City Attorney's proposal has also been expressed by the Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority and by homeless service providers.

At its meeting held December 17, 2007, the Public Safety Committee recommended that Council approve the accompanying Ordinance amending the LAMC to facilitate the use of emergency housing vouchers by homeless persons.

Respectfully submitted,

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

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**ADOPTED**

JAN 09 2008

LOS ANGELES CITY COUNCIL

<u>MEMBER</u>	<u>VOTE</u>
WEISS	YES
SMITH:	YES
PARKS:	ABSENT
ZINE:	YES
REYES:	ABSENT

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