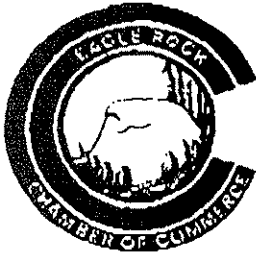


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# Eagle Rock Chamber of Commerce

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July 22, 2009

Eric Garcetti, President Los Angeles City Council  
Los Angeles City Hall Rm. 470  
200 N Spring Street  
Los Angeles, California 90012

Re: L.A. Ordinance No. 180175

Dear President Garcetti & Council Members,

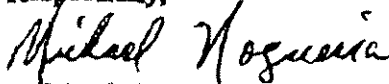
Speaking on behalf of the Chamber Board of Directors with regards to the above mentioned ordinance: 1. We do not believe in the conversion of tourist hotels/motels to low income residential housing - this is not the answer to the affordable housing crisis. More importantly, this is a lack of respect and rights, to the hotel/motel owners, and to the communities at large. All the stakeholders involved in a project/proposal such as this should be on board. Do we not live in a free democracy?

2. We are asking for a full review of the New LA Ordinance which should include the so called "faulty findings" which identifies various "findings" that support its decision to allow the LAHD to convert hotels into "residential" hotels. While some of the findings are true, it appears that one of the key findings is misleading, inaccurate, and relies on faulty data. Please review the "Survey", specifically with regards to unfair fees - pay or face legal prosecution - And questions to guests on length of stay and purpose, is this not an invasion of privacy? What happened to "Extended Stay"?

3. Last but not least - It is "laws" such as these that make it very difficult for our , and I emphasis OUR, City of Los Angeles to attract and retain viable businesses . It is "laws" of this nature that are an extreme burden on the business community, especially when the ordinance has a major impact on small businesses.

As our City Council, PLEASE review everything, hear what we are saying, and think long and hard before you vote. Thank you for your time and consideration in this matter of utmost importance.

Respectfully,

  
Michael Nogueria,  
President

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cc: Councilmember Jose Huizer , LAHD



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July 22, 2009

Councilmember Jose Huizar  
City of Los Angeles, 14<sup>th</sup> District  
200 N. Spring Street Room 465  
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Re: Hotel Owners and Los Angeles City Ordinance #108175

Dear Councilman Huizar,

On May 11, 2009 The Eagle Rock Community Preservation and Revitalization board members met and reviewed a request by area Hotel and Motel owners to discuss the new ordinance put in place for low-income housing and residential status of the locations. Presenting the information was President of the North East Los Angeles Hotel Owners Association (NELAHOA), Ray Patel. After hearing the concerns, the ERCPR board is asking the City of Los Angeles and the appropriate branches of the City to sit with the NELAHOA and its representatives to review this ordinances, as we believe there are many unfair practices. We urge the City to go over its processes, the collection of surveys, the determination of residential status, the appeals process and all points of the ordinance that have severely impacted the owners of the independent hotels and motels targeted.

We also understand that attempts were made to secure a speaker from the Mayor's office and the Los Angeles Housing Department, and both declined.

This ordinance could have a long term negative effect on the businesses, the land and the over all value of the property if owners and their hotels are deemed to be residential hotels that require housing low-income residents and potential limiting of income revenue. It will also have a direct and immediate impact of the quality of life in certain residential areas that abut many of these locations. The ERCPR has worked very hard over the last decade to revitalize the business district in Eagle Rock. Our district is in close proximity to its residents, and having residential hotels with low income housing certainly will effect our revitalization efforts.

The ERCPR is asking that the Mayor's office file a report as to any and all meetings with the NELAHOA and any action taken or proposed.

Sincerely,

  
Linda M. Allen  
President ERCPR