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Council File Number: 17-1432-S1

Agenda Date: Item Number:

Summary: At its regularly scheduled meeting on May 10, the NoHo Neighborhood Council voted to support City Council File 17-1432-S1 to expand the availability of transitional housing units for persons experiencing homelessness. This motion would fill a critical gap in the 2018 "Interim Motel Conversion" law to allow for the conversion of commercial office buildings into transitional housing developments. With the pandemic shifting national workplace norms, the city already has a surplus of empty office space that is underutilized, as 2020 saw a 20-year low in office space rentals in LA. An uptick in tourism will reduce the supply of available hotels and motels, which are already being tapped for temporary shelters under Project Roomkey and Homekey. The NoHo NC strongly supports the passage of the Council Motion to provide more options for ameliorating the city's lack of available housing options.

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Community Impact Statement in support City Council File 17-1432-S1

Expansion of Interim Motel Conversion Ordnance

May 10, 2021

Dear Honorable Councilmembers,

At its regularly scheduled meeting on May 10, the NoHo Neighborhood Council voted to support City Council File 17-1432-S1 to expand the availability of transitional housing units for persons experiencing homelessness.

In 2018, the City passed an "Interim Motel Conversion Ordnance" that would allow for hotels and motels to be converted into transitional housing. Since the law's passing, 42 Permanent Supportive Housing Units totaling 3500 new beds have been built, but it is still not enough to meet the needs of the unhoused population. California leads the nation in the total number of people experiencing homelessness, with one in four Americans experiencing homelessness residing in California. Moreover, the COVID-19 pandemic has worsened our homelessness crisis by putting hundreds of thousands of Californians into financial distress, and now half a million Angelenos are severely rent-burdened and housing-insecure.

This motion would fill a critical gap in the 2018 law by amending the 2018 law to allow for the conversion of commercial office buildings to transitional housing developments in addition to hotels and motels. With the pandemic shifting national workplace norms, the city already has a surplus of empty office space that is underutilized, as 2020 saw a 20-year low in office space rentals in LA. An uptick in tourism will reduce the supply of available hotels and motels, which are already being tapped for temporary shelters under Project Roomkey and Homekey.

The NoHo NC strongly supports the passage of the Council Motion to provide more options for ameliorating the city's lack of available housing options.

Signed:

The NoHo Neighborhood Council

Paul Storiale, President

