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Council File Number: 21-0113 Agenda Date: 02/11/2021

Item Number: 6f

Summary: We, the Atwater Village Neighborhood Council, are requesting that you support Council File 21-0113. Project Roomkey, which temporarily housed vulnerable Angelenos in hotels during 2020, was a literal lifesaver for many of the residents that it served. The biggest issues with the programs were that it never grew to meet the scale of the crisis due to cost, and had to be wound down too early. Due to the Biden administration's new policy though, FEMA would continue to reimburse the city for hotel room usage, and increase the percentage of reimbursement from 75% to 100%. This is a rare opportunity to address the homelessness crisis that the city must not pass up. This motion put forth by councilmembers Raman and Bonin which would reinstate and expand Project Roomkey would help the city address homelessness during this crisis without incurring any cost to the city, and City Council should support it wholly.