

Communication from Public

Name: Tieira R

Date Submitted: 02/10/2021 02:28 PM

Council File No: 21-0113

Comments for Public Posting: Regarding project roomkey, please keep an up to date receipt list on the website that shows exact breakdowns of where money was spent and for how many units/people. Right now it seems like money has been misspent and there seems to be some shady developers doing things like reselling property to themselves to overcharge the city for affordable housing, please don't allow that to happen. The city needs to do more to protect renters in community owned housing, landlords have outpriced most local residents and that isn't OK. Each city must commit to a set amount of affordable housing that local essential workers can afford.



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Affordable housing developers increased their budget on a motel renovation by buying the building, then selling it to themselves for an extra \$8 million. And court records tie this city-funded project (and 6 others) to a notorious LA real estate developer



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Name: Alyssa Boyle

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Comments for Public Posting: As a member of the LA River Walkers and Watchers and the Encino Neighborhood Council Homeless Committee, and a homeowner in the city of Encino, I am in full support of this motion. We have gone past a state of emergency and everyone is suffering. This is only the first step, however, and we must be vigilant in also getting more in-patient mental health services and dedicated social worker networks established. Structure and accountability is crucial. We cannot help people if we don't know where they are. Nor can we just give someone an apartment and think we've solved their housing problem. Let's not waste this amazing opportunity.

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Name: Samar Padder

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Comments for Public Posting: It is vital that Council file 21-0113 is supported due to the urgency of the crisis. The pandemic has had an adverse affect on homeless populations in Los Angeles, and the displacement of people only exacerbates the current public health situation because it causes people to spread the virus. I urge you to waive this motion through the COVID committee and send it to full City Council for a vote next Tuesday. I strongly believe that LA City Council should prioritize hotels as safe options for housing in order to get people off of the street, as hotels could turn into a more permanent housing solution. Even if hotels do not want to open their doors, the city council should pressure or force hotels into doing so, because this will save lives, which is the most important thing.

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Name: Dana Goldberg

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Comments for Public Posting: I am a resident of Sherman Oaks and a member of the Temple Beth Hillel Homelessness Task Force as well as a volunteer with North Hollywood Home Alliance. I strongly urge the City Council Homelessness and Poverty Committee to not only approve this motion but to find ways of expediting the expansion of Project Roomkey without having to wait for report backs. We have seen the success of Project Roomkey. We know it is an approach that works and is a much better solution than congregate settings, per the advice of public health experts and the CDC. Four people a day are dying on the streets. Everything is closed due to the pandemic and folks who are living on the streets have no options to get indoors like a library or a community center. We are decades overdue for more housing options and the need is particularly immediate right now. Please act with urgency so that more hotel rooms, apartments and housing units can be made available quickly. Thank you.

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Name: Tara Jones

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Comments for Public Posting: I urge the members of the City Council to work quickly to expand Project Roomkey using the federal funds recently made available. The increased 100% reimbursement enables Los Angeles to shelter our unhoused neighbors without additional expense at local hotels and motels which have excess capacity. The COVID-19 pandemic numbers in LA continue to be concerning and our local leaders need to address the needs of our most vulnerable citizens by housing them immediately in non-congregate settings.

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Name: Rylee C.

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Comments for Public Posting: I am writing to support passing this motion to further the city's efforts in supporting unhoused individuals during the pandemic. This motion must be considered with urgency and face a city council vote quickly. So many of our unhoused neighbors have gone without a safe place to stay during the pandemic. Now that we have the means to fund non-congregate shelter for everyone, there should be no excuses to expand Project Roomkey even beyond the previous levels. Hotels should be prioritized as housing, not congregate shelters or shacks. The health crisis demands this. In addition, the city should look into converting these hotels into social housing and providing permanent spaces for people to live by commandeering hotels.