

Communication from Public

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Comments for Public Posting: I support Project room key expansion using Fema funds.

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Comments for Public Posting: Shelter in Place - Not Sweep and Displace! Commandeer the hotels Oppose the warehousing of people in large congregate shelters

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Name: Bryne

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Comments for Public Posting: Homelessness & Poverty Committee Meeting Thursday, February 11, 10:00am Item 5: FEMA Motion Pass this motion and ensure that it is met with the urgency this crisis requires. Waive it through the COVID committee and send it to the full City Council for a vote next Tuesday. Council should focus on maximizing the number of hotel rooms and using this resource to address the COVID crisis. Prioritize hotels as safe options for housing, not tiny homes, not congregate shelters. Hotels can turn into permanent social housing. General Comment Talking Points: Shelter in Place - Not Sweep and Displace! Commandeer the hotels Oppose the warehousing of people in large congregate shelters Shelter in Place - Not Sweep and Displace! This is a public health emergency. Displacing people spreads the virus. LA City suspended CARE+ sweeps due to shelter in place orders and CDC recommendations at the beginning of the pandemic. Suspending CARE+ could potentially be one of the most effective things that the City has done to prevent the spread of COVID. CARE+ sweeps force unhoused residents to move all of their belongings and relocate, which is in direct violation of the CDC's guidelines against displacement of unhoused residents during the pandemic. There have been recent cases of COVID outbreaks among LA City employees who sweep encampments. Sweeps pose an even greater risk than before, to both the housed and unhoused community. These are the things that will help manage encampments and address public health concerns: hand washing stations, laundry, garbage cans, regular trash pickup, showers, pest control Sweeps continue to destroy life saving medicine, birth certificates, and irreplaceable belongings. Stop wasting our tax dollars and inflicting harm. Focus on housing people: For the same cost as a single sweep, the Services Not Sweeps coalition provided motel rooms for 20 Hollywood residents for a week this summer. Commandeer the Hotels City Council could use their influence to urge Mayor Garcetti to commandeer hotels to house every unhoused Angeleno immediately. During an emergency, Garcetti has the legal authority to commandeer hotels under eminent domain and emergency powers due to the COVID pandemic but has refused to do so. San Francisco's City Council ordered SF's Mayor to commandeer hotels to house everyone experiencing homeless. Why hasn't LA City Council done this?

LA has 70,000 hotel rooms which will remain vacant for the next five years, according to a UCLA report. Mayor Garcetti has refused to commandeer a single hotel during a pandemic and environmental crisis. Seize the hotels - friendly negotiations do not work. We cannot count on the goodwill of hotel owners to open up their hotels to save lives. The Omni Hotel, for example, has cited that they refused to participate in Project Roomkey because of the risk of damage to their brand. By allowing hotels and landlords to opt out of participating in Project Roomkey and Covid rental assistance funds, City Council is leaving Angelenos to die from the pandemic and exposure to the elements. Seize the hotels and cancel rent. LA City Council subsidizes these hotels with public funds while they refuse to serve the public interest. Why are we still promising hotels \$1 billion in taxpayers' money during a global pandemic and homelessness crisis? The City needs to rethink its priorities and apply pressure on hotels to give back to Los Angeles. We need homes, not vacant hotel suites.

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Comments for Public Posting: Please restart project roomkey. Too many Residents of Los Angeles county are suffering from being unhoused. Many cities in Los Angeles county do not have proper shelters for the unhoused. It's inhumane and needs to be addressed immediately. These people deserve simple human dignities that are found only with shelter.