

Communication from Public

Name: Charles Morris
Date Submitted: 02/18/2021 04:20 PM
Council File No: 21-0113
Comments for Public Posting: SEIZE THE HOTELS AND PUT HOUSELESS PEOPLE IN
THE HOTELS WHAT THE HELL ARE YOU WAITING FOR
THE MOMENT IS NOW THE PEOPLE ARE YOU STOP
TWEETING AND DO YOU GODDAMN JOB

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Name: Rev. KC Slack

Date Submitted: 02/18/2021 04:31 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: 165 unhoused people died in LA County in January, averaging over five people a day. This is a public health emergency, as well as a failure on the part of powerful people in one of the wealthiest states and cities in the country to care for our most vulnerable fellow citizens. City Council could and should use their influence to urge Mayor Garcetti to commandeer hotels to house every unhoused Angeleno immediately. The Mayor has the legal authority to commandeer hotels under eminent domain and emergency powers due to the COVID pandemic but has refused to do so, leading to, again, 165 deaths in the month of January alone. The 100% FEMA reimbursement is time-limited and Angelenos are dying on the streets—our city must immediately make use of vacant hotels and motels to save lives. 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. This is your job, but this is also the ethical response to the severe crisis facing our city.

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Name: Sabrina Johnson

Date Submitted: 02/18/2021 04:37 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: I am urging you to act quickly on this and use your power to pressure Mayor Eric Garcetti to take immediate control of hotels for the purpose of housing those who do not have adequate shelter. Our City is facing a housing crisis that's been decades in the making, and is now compounded by the COVID-19 pandemic. None of this is the fault of those living on the streets--the blame for homelessness rests squarely on the shoulders of those developers and hoteliers who have ravaged the City's affordable housing stock and on those of the lawmakers who have not only made this easier through legislation designed to kill rent control, but also handed out massive tax breaks and incentives to displace people. It's your responsibility to fix this, now. Now means right the f*ck now.

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Name: Tara Adler

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Comments for Public Posting: The lack of urgency the city of LA has had when it comes to the humanitarian crisis of homelessness is shameful. I am not blind to fact that there are very real and powerful obstacles to providing shelter for all who need it. However, they are not insurmountable nor are they a valid excuse to delay for even a day. We MUST provide non-congregate shelter for all Angelenos and with the FEMA reimbursement plan being announced nearly a month ago it is unacceptable that we have not yet done so. Please adopt this motion and move forward with using hotel rooms to house people.

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Comments for Public Posting: Our unhoused neighbors are still our neighbors. How can we leave citizens of Los Angeles sick and alone in the streets? We need to use the hotels that are sitting empty to help them out! This is a humanitarian crisis yet we treat the unhoused like they aren't humans. We need to use the hotels to house those in need! And with FEMA reimbursement, now is the time to seize the hotels. Please these neighbors need our help!

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Name: Claire Phillips

Date Submitted: 02/18/2021 05:00 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: It is unthinkable how bad the housing situation is in Los Angeles. That the Mayor and/or City Council has not used FEMA money to help people become housed proves that our present leadership is inadequate and unable to work properly for its residents. We are all impacted in Los Angeles County by the state of Los Angeles city. You are failing so loudly, so often and so painfully, you have lost our confidence. If there were a larger threat than Covid, how would you cope? Who would survive? The hatred for working people, who are not rich and conniving, or born with a silver spoon is more than evident.

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Name:

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Comments for Public Posting: This is an extremely urgent motion and should be passed by the full council with unanimous support. For years, the city has been complaining that they aren't getting enough support from the federal government to address the crisis of homelessness in LA. Almost one month ago, the President wrote you all a blank check to save the lives of tens of thousands of people living unsheltered in Los Angeles in the middle of a public health pandemic. We have never had time to waste and particularly not right now. This motion is only one step of the process, but scaling up project roomkey, seizing hotels, housing people, is so extremely important, and the whole city benefits. Hotels also have the potential to be converted into permanent social housing, which we've seen the success of project homekey (which council should continue to work on doling after these rooms come online). There should be no debate only action.

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Name: People's City Council
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<https://twitter.com/PplsCityCouncil/status/1362558649743396864?s=20>

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Name:

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Comments for Public Posting: As a new resident of Ktown, having moved just under 2 weeks ago, I am disappointed in the City of Los Angeles. Though I grew up in the South Bay, a primarily wealthy and privileged community in the county, the suffering unhoused people go through less fortunate areas near Downtown has always been on full display. What I have seen, and see now in Ktown, is appalling. I write to you to urge you to pass this motion. Unhoused people on the streets of Ktown and beyond might not have the voice and tools necessary to relay this to you, but I do. We need shelter for our unhoused neighbors so that they may sustain themselves. Housing is a right, not a commodity. Should you choose to not pass this motion, your actions will be remembered in our history books.

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Name: Jared Widman-Flores

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Comments for Public Posting: I'm a resident of CD2. Unhoused people are dying every day. We have money granted from FEMA to help them. This should be a no brainer. We have the money to seize the hotels and house every unhoused Angeleno right now. This will save lives. Please urge Mayor Garcetti to do this. He promised to house Angelenos through project roomkey and has fallen way short of his goal due to lack of funds. Well here is a windfall from the federal government, please help him keep his promise.

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Name: Owen

Date Submitted: 02/18/2021 05:19 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: Approximately 5 unhoused people die every day in L.A. since January, this cannot stand. We can easily solve this problem by firstly properly funding Project Roomkey and to use hotel rooms that have no one staying in them to house the homeless. We must ensure that our unhoused neighbors are kept safe in these difficult times, and what better way to do that than to give them access to housing so they can stay safe. I support the motion drafted by Council Members Raman and Bonin to save the lives of some of our most vulnerable, I wish to see this get passed very soon.

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Name: Marissa Gluck

Date Submitted: 02/18/2021 05:19 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: Hotels are underutilized right now, providing the city the opportunity to expand affordable/social housing stock without hurting existing tenants. Now that federal funding is available, the city council must act urgently to take advantage of this moment and house thousands of people. Please 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. Prioritize hotels as safe options for housing, not tiny homes, not congregate shelters. Hotels can turn into permanent social housing. Thank you and thanks to Nithya for her work on this issue.

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Name: Allison

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Comments for Public Posting: Use the federal money to commandeer the hotels and get unhoused people OFF THE STREETS NOW!

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Name: Isabella Roland

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Comments for Public Posting: LA County is allowing its unhoused to die in the street instead of seizing hotels and taking free government money. Do what's right. Save lives. Stop these preventable deaths.

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Name:

Date Submitted: 02/18/2021 05:52 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: This motion should be passed immediately. People are dying every single day because of the Council's lack of urgency on this matter, with over 150 unhoused people dying in January 2021 alone. There is free money on the table and the City Council is passing this opportunity up for no reason. In addition, Project Roomkey is phasing out because of a lack of funding according to the LA Times, and it's fallen well under its goals. The Council needs to use its influence to urge the Mayor to commandeer hotels to house every unhoused Angeleno immediately. This is well within his power and the City Attorney has affirmed this. This has already been done in San Francisco and LA needs to do the same. There is absolutely no excuse for the inaction on this- LA has 70,000 hotel rooms that will remain vacant for the next 5 years according to a report from UCLA's Institute of Inequality and Democracy. Please act on this now.

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Name: Kate Corry-Saavedra

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Comments for Public Posting: City Council needs to act immediately to expand the use of hotels as housing. This is free money! For years, LACC has claimed that there isn't enough federal funding to address our housing and homelessness crisis. Well, now that the money is here- where is the willpower? Bringing people indoors is life saving, dignifying and makes it much easier for homeless service providers to actually serve people. Your unhoused constituents deserve your attention. What are you waiting for!?

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Name: Kate Willis

Date Submitted: 02/18/2021 06:20 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: I am writing to urge President Martinez to put this motion on the Council's agenda, and for City Council to vote YES on the motion proposed by Councilmembers Bonin and Raman. It is urgent that vulnerable people are housed and sheltered during this pandemic, and beyond. President Biden has authorized FEMA to reimburse 100% of the city's cost in placing people in hotels. This is free money that would do enormous good and should be a no-brainer. People in Los Angeles are dying on the streets every day. Project Roomkey greatly underdelivered in its promise to solve this emergency. Now, the city has a chance to revive it for FREE with FEMA money. 165 homeless people died in January in LA County. That's more than 5 people a day and an increase of 74% compared to Jan. 2020. This is a humanitarian crisis that should be addressed urgently. Thank you.

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Name: Kate Tucci-Share

Date Submitted: 02/18/2021 06:41 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: AGENDIZE 21-0113 IMMEDIATELY. The FEMA money is a limited-time offer and every day that the City Council does not vote on it, 5 unhoused people die. The City Council MUST use their influence to urge Mayor Garcetti to commandeer hotels to house every unhoused Angeleno immediately. Mayor Garcetti has the legal authority to commandeer hotels under eminent domain and emergency powers due to the COVID pandemic but has so far refused to do so, without providing an explanation for his actions. By declining to commandeer hotels, LA City Council and Mayor Garcetti show that they care more about their relationships with wealthy hotel developers than the lives of 40,000 Angelenos who are at risk of dying from COVID and exposure to toxic air and heat. Project Roomkey, which has fallen embarrassingly short of its goals, is starting to phase out even though thousands of Angelenos are still without shelter from inclement weather AND the COVID-19 pandemic. As someone who assisted with the execution of Project Roomkey and promoted the efforts, I find it shameful that the City Council is unwilling to take this incredible opportunity to house EVERY. SINGLE. PERSON. in Los Angeles with full funding from FEMA. Every day that you don't vote on this motion from Councilmembers Bonin and Raman, people die. You already have the support of the City Attorney's office to push this motion forward into reality. Act with haste and agendize item 21-0113 NOW

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Comments for Public Posting: Hi, unhoused neighbors are dying EVERY DAY, UCLA predicted 70,000 hotel rooms will remain vacant for the next 5 years, please use FEMA funds to put people safely in hotel rooms. This is a win win for everyone. LA's housing crisis is going to get a lot worse before it gets better and this is a great way to help. Please put 21-0113 on the agenda and vote to pass it ASAP. Thank you.

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Name: Katherine Tattersfield

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Comments for Public Posting: LA City Council must take immediate action to save lives by passing motion 21-0113. Five Angelenos experiencing homelessness die every day - this constitutes a public health crisis. Mayor Garcetti possesses the authority to commandeer vacant hotel rooms and house everyone who wants shelter. These hotels are expected to remain vacant for the next five years, so there's no reason not to utilize them for housing. Councilmembers should demand Garcetti house all of their constituents for everyone's health & safety. Our city must put people over profits!

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Name: Michelle Rushton

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Comments for Public Posting: PEOPLE ARE DYING! 165 unhoused residents died in January, an avg of 5 people per day. This is unacceptable and inhumane. The hotels are subsidized by taxpayer dollars - SEIZE THEM! Commandeer the 70,000 empty hotel rooms and house your constituents! Use your power and privelege to encourage Garcetti to act while FEMA funds are still available and finally begin to course-correct after his failed roll out of project room key & HHH. THIS IS AN EMERGENCY. STOP DELAYING AND ACT!

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Comments for Public Posting: Put this motion on the council agenda! Every day that you delay, an average of 5 unhoused Angelenos die. This motion is literally to take free FEMA money to save lives! It's a no-brainer! The hotel rooms are empty! Take the FEMA money and use it to give those rooms to the most vulnerable! It's disgusting that this hasn't happened yet. Waive the motion through the COVID committee and send it to the full city council for a vote ASAP.

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Name: Griffin Rowell

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Comments for Public Posting: Hotels are underutilized right now, dramatically so, and we have a crisis caused by the commodification of housing, a basic human right. Few things in life are free, but the Council is quite literally being offered free money by the federal government to do the right thing. The moral thing. And that is to commander unused hotels to house Angelenos in need. Take the free money, house people. Now, before it is too late to act.

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Comments for Public Posting: It is way passed time to act on this issue. This should be passed unanimously.