

Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 02/20/2021 03:19 PM

Council File No: 21-0113

Comments for Public Posting: It's absolutely shameful that the city is allowing unhoused individuals to die on the streets everyday during a pandemic when there is a way for them to be housed. Utilize the FEMA relief that is being offered and serve your constituents— not just the wealthy ones who can contribute to your campaigns but also those living in cars or on the streets. Seize the hotels.

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Name: Amanda Halloway

Date Submitted: 02/20/2021 03:24 PM

Council File No: 21-0113

Comments for Public Posting: I am writing to urge City Council and Mayor Garcetti to take advantage of FEMA reimbursement and commandeer hotels to shelter our unhoused neighbors in Los Angeles. This is a public health emergency fueled by COVID-19 and an unprecedented housing crisis. 165 unhoused people died in Los Angeles in January 2021 alone. This is unacceptable. Unhoused people are your constituents too, and you have the resources to keep them from dying. It's time to use those resources. Seize the hotels!
Sincerely, A Los Feliz resident

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Name: Madeline Dupre
Date Submitted: 02/20/2021 02:35 PM
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Comments for Public Posting: Seize the hotels immediately for unhoused people to stay in.
People are dying. Do your fucking job.

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Name: Micki Boden

Date Submitted: 02/20/2021 01:34 PM

Council File No: 21-0113

Comments for Public Posting: Dear Nury Martinez and the rest of the Council - We have been PLEADING with you to pass the FEMA motion. People are dying and it is free money! FREE MONEY! We need to seize the hotels now, people are dying. This needs to go into effect immediately. Seize the hotels and save Los Angeles!

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Name: Rachel Hastings Saunders

Date Submitted: 02/20/2021 12:07 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: Now that FEMA has agreed to fully reimburse the city, there is no reason that Council and the Mayor shouldn't immediately seize hotels to provide shelter to our unhoused neighbors during the ongoing pandemic. It's free and will save actual lives.

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Name: Alaina Dexter

Date Submitted: 02/20/2021 12:25 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: People are dying, the Mayor can take actions against this, Sieze the Hotels.

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Name:

Date Submitted: 02/20/2021 12:32 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: Use the free FEMA money to put homeless people into our empty hotels. This problem is not as difficult to solve as you make it seem like it is.

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Name: Minhy

Date Submitted: 02/20/2021 12:41 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: There are many Angelenos living on the streets in tents, in cars and RVs, bunking up with friends/families due to economic distress, which has been more dire this past year due to the covid-19 pandemic & corresponding economic downturn who need housing. it makes no sense that one month after the federal govt announced fema would cover the costs, that we have not utilized this. do LA leaders not understand that there is immediate relief & safe shelter that can be provided now, that will be 100% covered by the federal govt? we need LA leadership to be committed to our most vulnerable community members & act immediately to use fema funds to provide shelter people in need. seize the hotels.

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Name: Cyndi Otteson

Date Submitted: 02/20/2021 12:48 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: I support Councilmembers Nithya Raman & Mike Bonin's motion to save lives and expand Project RoomKey and shelter our unhoused neighbors. There is federal funding available for this so what is the hold up? Nury Martinez, you have the power to call a special meeting and hold a vote for this motion. 5 unhoused Angelenos die every single day. Why aren't you acting with urgency? This is THE opportunity to move quickly. During this pandemic, our unhoused population are the most vulnerable. Seize the hotels! Do it now! Call a special meeting! Force a vote! Use the power and position you were elected to save people's lives.

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Comments for Public Posting: PLEASE SEIZE THE HOTELS. NOBODY SHOULD BE FORCED TO STAY OUTSIDE WHEN THERE IS A SOLUTION AVAILABLE. THIS IS INHUMANE

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Name: Gina Raschella

Date Submitted: 02/20/2021 01:14 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: Seize the hotels!!! You HAVE the funding!! People are dying in the street and you have the power to help them, so do your jobs and seize the hotels!!! It's not too late to do the right thing!

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Name: Kristina Meshelski

Date Submitted: 02/19/2021 01:41 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: This motion must be agendized and passed, it is urgent! Five people per day are dying on the streets while hotel rooms sit empty. If government cannot act swiftly in the face of an emergency then people lose all trust. Please treat this as an emergency and rise to the occasion. Do not allow special interests to hold up the process, it is not for the hotel owners to decide it is the responsibility of you, our elected leaders, to preserve human life and keep our city strong during an unprecedented pandemic.

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Name: Karen Fenswick

Date Submitted: 02/19/2021 03:15 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: 1000s of hotel rooms sit empty. 5 people are dying a day on the streets. The federal gov is reimbursing 100% of the leasing costs to house the unhoused in those rooms. @cd6nury stop holding up this life saving effort! People are dying each day you choose to delay this motion. I am calling for immediate action in this matter.

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Name: Jacob

Date Submitted: 02/19/2021 08:12 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: SEIZE THE HOTELS Every day you don't you are *choosing* to let people die on the streets.

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Name: stevie

Date Submitted: 02/19/2021 08:27 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: SEIZE THE HOTELS. PEOPLE ARE DYING EVERY DAY.

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Name: Monique

Date Submitted: 02/19/2021 09:27 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: Please make homelessness a smaller footprint in Los Angeles. If there are empty hotels that can be used for housing, then a best practice should be to house people in need to who want to be housed. Housing is hard to come by and your political body can be the rescue for our city. Thank you for listening and working for more housing for the people.

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Name: Brett Sullivan

Date Submitted: 02/19/2021 09:28 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: I urge you to seize the hotels. Five unhoused Angelenos die daily, and you could stop this. The money is free. Do it.

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Name: Trish

Date Submitted: 02/19/2021 09:28 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: Why aren't you rushing to spend that FEMA money to help Angelenos? People who are experiencing homelessness are your citizens. They're your voters. They were previously housed, and should be housed again. Half of this city's commercial real estate is sitting empty, and you are doing nothing to help people in need. I don't understand what you're waiting for. Haven't Angelenos suffered enough? Seize the hotels. Convert empty buildings in accessible areas into public housing. Do it now

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Name:

Date Submitted: 02/19/2021 11:40 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: 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.

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Name: Fiona Babakhanians

Date Submitted: 02/19/2021 11:49 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: I'm writing in support of the motion to utilize FEMA funds in order to get my unhoused neighbors into hotel rooms and then to permanent housing. Your failure up to this point can not be undone, but your actions can show growth.

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Name: Christopher Lloyd

Date Submitted: 02/20/2021 12:34 AM

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Comments for Public Posting: People are dying. Tourism in LA is nearly non-existent. Historic hotels are closing. Again, because it bears repeating, people are dying every day. They are dying because they don't have shelter. Hotels can provide that shelter. Los Angeles has the means to provide shelter. It has the means to stop the senseless deaths of marginalized people. You have the ability to fully compensate hotels for housing the unhoused through FEMA. I am begging you to use the tools that you've been given to protect people who need protecting. Please. Please act on this. You can save lives. You can make Los Angeles a better place. Commandeer empty hotel rooms, use the money available to you through FEMA to compensate the hotels, and provide a safe place for the unhoused. Every day that you delay, people die. Stop it.

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Name: Theo DeMarco

Date Submitted: 02/20/2021 06:41 AM

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Comments for Public Posting: Immediately seize all empty rooms in all tax payer subsidized hotels and house our houseless citizens. FEMA approved reimbursing 100% of funds for this purpose. We've been demanding this for months, for almost a year. The CDC advised housing everyone last spring for public safety during the pandemic. There is no excuse to let hotel rooms subsidized by the City sit empty while 5 unhoused people are dying on LA streets in the average day. It's cruel, it's criminal in its negligence and absence of compassion. End costly and violent CARE+ sweeps, stop policing and displacing unhoused people, and get them into a safe housing solution for the rest of the pandemic. Crowded, temporary shelters are not a reasonable solution with a deadly airborne virus. Building rows of carceral plastic shacks, calling them "tiny homes," and wildly overpaying developers for inhumane design is not a reasonable solution. This City's homeless population is skyrocketing because our elected officials refuse to cancel the rent and end evictions during this national emergency. Tens of thousands of new families find themselves without housing. This body must begin to see housing for all Angelenos as an absolute human right, and to hold itself responsible for ensuring that right is upheld for every constituent. This starts with accepting the free FEMA money available and immediately seizing all empty hotel rooms for emergency public housing, and housing people safely for the remainder of the pandemic while determining a permanent fair housing solution. This City does not belong to developers, it belongs to the people. You do not work for corporate real estate interests and hotel industry lobbyists, you work for the people. The people demand you serve all our neighbors, and immediately seize the hotels. We will not relent.

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Name:

Date Submitted: 02/20/2021 07:27 AM

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Comments for Public Posting: FEMA reimbursement is promised to hotels that house people. The city of Los Angeles must do everything in their power to take advantage of this resource, take the empty hotels, and house as many homeless as possible to prevent unnecessary death. This is already a time of unquestionable, unthinkable loss, and this is an action that will stop several more from dying every day.

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Name:

Date Submitted: 02/20/2021 08:56 AM

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Comments for Public Posting: Why just sit on the FEMA money while unhoused angelenos are dying in the streets every day? In the midst of a public health emergency we are abandoning our most vulnerable? The public would like to see the funds used to allow unhoused individuals to stay in underutilized hotels.

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Name: Oriana Murphy

Date Submitted: 02/20/2021 09:27 AM

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Comments for Public Posting: Thousands of hotel rooms sit empty. 5 people are dying a day on the streets. The federal gov is reimbursing 100% of the costs to house the unhoused in those rooms. It is imperative that this life saving effort is not held up any longer! People are dying each day you delay this motion.

Communication from Public

Name: Julia

Date Submitted: 02/20/2021 09:35 AM

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Comments for Public Posting: House the unhoused! How is this controversial? Don't let people die! How is this radical? Everyone deserves safe housing! Don't be heartless!

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Name: Kelsey

Date Submitted: 02/20/2021 10:00 AM

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Comments for Public Posting: CP Martinez, Pass the Raman/Bonin motion to seize the hotels NOW.

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Name: Christine DeCarlo

Date Submitted: 02/20/2021 10:14 AM

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Comments for Public Posting: Eminent domain has been utilized to help government. I think it's time government utilized it to help people.

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Name: Elisa Foster

Date Submitted: 02/20/2021 10:21 AM

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Comments for Public Posting: Please pass FEMA motion CF 21-0113 immediately. President Biden has offered 100% reimbursement for using hotels as shelter for unhoused people during the pandemic, and we need to take him up on it. Nearly a month has come and gone since the offer was made, while new, more contagious variants of the virus continue to spread out there – so why hasn't this been passed yet? Don't the lives of unhoused people matter to you? Frankly this delay seems very callous and is wholly unacceptable. This is an emergency, lives are at stake, and you need to act like it. I demand that you pass this motion immediately and House People Now.

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Name: Ted

Date Submitted: 02/20/2021 10:40 AM

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Comments for Public Posting: We need housing for people now. Taking FEMA money is a simple solution and using these hotels will save lives. Please help and make a difference for those who need it most.

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Name: Nicole Donanian-Blandón

Date Submitted: 02/20/2021 10:52 AM

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Comments for Public Posting: The people of LA are urging you to use the FEMA funds and your power to use hotels for our Unhoused neighbors. In 2019, 3 unhoused people died every day. In 2020, it was 4 a day. Not even two months into 2021 and we're averaging 5+ deaths every single day. This is a humanitarian crisis and needs to be treated like so. Use your power and FEMA funds and act NOW to prevent more deaths.

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Name: D Cano

Date Submitted: 02/20/2021 10:54 AM

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Comments for Public Posting: SEIZE THE HOTELS NOW. It's an abomination that nearly 12 months later the city has not addressed this issue in any real way. People who are unhoused are dying because of the city's criminal negligence and agenda of capitalism over people. GET YOUR ACT TOGETHER NOW AND SEIZE THE HOTELS.

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Name: Ryan

Date Submitted: 02/20/2021 10:55 AM

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Comments for Public Posting: Why hasn't Nury seized the hotels yet? She had the authority to help so many and from what I can tell chooses to placate to billionaires and celebrities instead.

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Name: Kendall Darfler

Date Submitted: 02/20/2021 10:55 AM

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Comments for Public Posting: I am a resident of West LA and a PhD student in public health, and I am writing to demand that LA city council commandeer hotel rooms during the pandemic to safely house people. FEMA will fully reimburse local governments, and at least 70,000 hotel rooms will stay empty for the next 5 years, so there is no excuse. 165 unhoused people died in LA county in January. This is a public health crisis! Agendize the Bonin/Raman motion now!

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Name: Christina

Date Submitted: 02/20/2021 11:26 AM

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Comments for Public Posting: Serious question, WHY is it so hard for you to do the right thing? Why do the people of LA have to put in so much effort and time just to get you to house the unhoused? Why is helping people so impossible for LA City Council? It is simply insane that it takes so much citizen input and pushback just for you to drag your feet and reluctantly save the citizens you represent. Please seize the hotels and in the meantime look forward to being challenged in the next election. We are awake.

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Name: Steph

Date Submitted: 02/20/2021 11:31 AM

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Comments for Public Posting: To live in a city with a reputation such as Los Angeles would portray itself to have through its media market, and then to see how disgustingly they treat the people here is telling of the character of those running this place. While you shoot movies in union station during covid, FEMA funds have been delegated to mend your failures to the houseless population during pandemic and beforehand. But you're too ideologically or personally invested in being intentionally harmful to those in need that you ignore the FEDERAL recognition of your failure in our city and continue to let people die in a human rights crisis on the streets around us. At the very least you make sure you keep them there longer so their chances of dying rise. Your tactics are eugenics in response to dire humanitarian crisis. And it's disgusting to witness power yielded so callously by your blatantly flaunted privilege. You align closer with fascists than the people you serve. Especially considering you allowed a lot of these people to become houseless in the first place by ignoring the employment and housing/eviction crisis that contribute directly to that growing demographic. You create these problems for these people, you throw them to the sharks, you stomp all over them, you compare them to shit; never acknowledging that you were the arms that threw them away from safety, that the ground you set them on to stomp is ground already soaked with your own disgusting and inhumane negligence, and that you all are the shit they're being compared to. You sit here in privilege, with access to state funded wages, and maintained housing, a budget for yourself, and you do nothing to help those you destroyed by being less than mediocre at your jobs to the citizens, by completely failing at your purpose. What use is the position of government if this is how you leave your citizens? It seems like a bureaucratic gift to avoid any obligation to the position it was intended for at all. Anyone who doesn't move to use the funding set aside by FEMA to fix your continued local governmental failures are the ones that love to bathe in those failures and try to convince the rest of us it's their divine successes keeping them afloat while so many others drown around them. You're only buoyant off of those you've let down. I hope you're all ashamed deeply and personally for the time you've wasted and the harm you've caused thousands, and I hope enough of you want to do anything better that you'll stop wasting

any more time to start doing the absolute least. Use the funds for what you were told to spend them on by the federal government: housing people in the numerous and ample hotel spaces left largely empty by your other and numerous governing and city planning failures. What else are you here in this city for other than to be an eyesore for those you withhold resources from, for being a disgusting stench that anyone compassionate has to get past to distribute needed aid around the city, and for being about as useful to anyone that needs you as the horse shit you make anecdotes about on the clock to one another about rather than addressing anything that would actually aid the issue or provide any relief to the people you view so poorly. I hope you all rot in the guilt.

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Name: Chase Nelson

Date Submitted: 02/20/2021 11:43 AM

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Comments for Public Posting: Unhoused people are DYING. FEMA funds are sitting waiting to be used by the City. These funds should've been used to house folks in hotels YESTERDAY. What are you waiting for? We are watching and waiting!

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Name: Flora de Tournay
Date Submitted: 02/20/2021 11:44 AM
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Comments for Public Posting: SEIZE THE HOTELS!

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Name: Caroline

Date Submitted: 02/20/2021 11:47 AM

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Comments for Public Posting: Please seize the hotels. Unhoused people are dying every day, this is literally life or death.

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Name: Winnie Code

Date Submitted: 02/20/2021 11:48 AM

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Comments for Public Posting: It is a moral imperative that hotels be seized for the purpose of housing the unhoused during this crisis. Any decision otherwise is an embarrassment and in the not so long term, effectively murder. Please correct immediately.

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Name: Dain

Date Submitted: 02/20/2021 03:58 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: Councilmember Martinez, pass the Raman/Bonin FEMA 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 NOW. 5 people are dying every single day in LA because of the housing crisis that you have the power to solve — seize the hotels now!!!

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Name: Zoe Enscoe

Date Submitted: 02/20/2021 04:06 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: It is imperative we take action immediately now that we have the option to allocate funds in order to help the unhoused population in LA! What has always been a public health crisis has only been exasperated by the pandemic! To avoid taking the reimbursements offered by FEMA to help your unhoused constituents is monstrous!!! People are literally dying as hotel rooms lie empty for months on end!! Be on the right side of history, come on!



bit.ly/seizethehotels

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Name: Kristina Meshelski

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Comments for Public Posting: I'm worried the comment I tried to leave didn't go through. So this is my second attempt. Please act now to put people in hotels. This is an emergency and we are relying on you, our elected leaders to keep people alive. Please!

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Name: Jessica Rosen

Date Submitted: 02/20/2021 06:44 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: I live in Venice/CD 11 and provide mutual aid to my unhoused neighbors. Please support the Bonin/Raman motion to get a report back on seizing the hotels and leverage the FEMA reimbursements as a matter of urgency. Unhoused people are people too. Please help them.

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Name: Michael Berlind
Date Submitted: 02/20/2021 07:15 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. Now that federal funding is available, City Council must act urgently to take advantage of this moment and house thousands of people. Pass the Raman/Bonin FEMA 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 NOW. #SeizeTheHotels.

Communication from Public

Name: H Kornstein

Date Submitted: 02/20/2021 08:36 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: Commandeer our local hotels ASAP! This is a win-win, most importantly providing quality housing for our unhoused neighbors, but also using FEMA funds to support local businesses impacted by the pandemic. I am a constituent in LA (Council member O'Farrell's district), and every day City Council fails to act is a shame and injustice.

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Name: Mary Fagot

Date Submitted: 02/20/2021 09:25 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: Seize the hotels now! Enough waiting! Put this on the agenda. 5 people die every day. I've had two incidents of young homeless men entering my property. This is desperate. People need help. Everyday that City council wastes not putting their full energy behind this to pass this motion costs lives and is absolutely unacceptable.