

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Annedell Walker

**Date Submitted:** 02/19/2021 11:30 AM

**Council File No:** 21-0113

**Comments for Public Posting:** Use the fund approved by FEMA for public housing now. Seize available hotels and house our people. 8 houseless people die a day on LAs streets and we have the money to keep them safe now. Provide urgent, immediate housing to reduce virus spread, keep people safe and keep people warm. Use the funds immediately to begin housing people.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** whitney

**Date Submitted:** 02/19/2021 01:40 PM

**Council File No:** 21-0113

**Comments for Public Posting:** I work with unhoused people that are desperately looking for shelter. It's cold, there's a pandemic and the shelters are full. Thousands of luxury apartments remain on the market for thousands of dollars a month while our homeless numbers rise, why are we treating the people in our community this way? 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, city council must act urgently to take advantage of this moment and house thousands of people.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Carolyn “Jiyoung” Park

**Date Submitted:** 02/19/2021 02:07 PM

**Council File No:** 21-0113

**Comments for Public Posting:** The City has the authority to shelter the unhoused in empty hotels, and FEMA funds available toward that effort. It is the charge of public servants to serve the entire citizenry and not just one privileged segment of the population. It is a moral imperative that you use your power bestowed to you by the votes of your constituents to use your power for good and to help the most vulnerable in the midst of a global crisis that is the pandemic. How will you write your history? Do the right thing, councilmembers.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Erik Deurmeier

**Date Submitted:** 02/19/2021 07:00 PM

**Council File No:** 21-0113

**Comments for Public Posting:** As a homeless services provider it is absolutely imperative that every conceivable housing opportunity be made available to the most vulnerable population in our region. Those experiencing homelessness also experience food scarcity, physical disabilities, mental health struggles, risk of exploitation and abuse, domestic violence, trafficking, violence, racism, homophobia, and police violence. Housing is and should be the first intervention to respond to the inherent dignity and worth of each of our unhoused brothers and sisters.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** jay brissette

**Date Submitted:** 02/19/2021 07:15 PM

**Council File No:** 21-0113

**Comments for Public Posting:** use the money fema has already allocated and make sure you are not actively people who are houseless in los angeles. because make no mistake, by not opening these empty hotel rooms to folks who are living on the street you are killing 5 people a day. every day. that should as unacceptable to you as it is to them.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Alice Fox

**Date Submitted:** 02/19/2021 07:17 PM

**Council File No:** 21-0113

**Comments for Public Posting:** Seize the Hotels!!! 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. Stop holding up this life saving effort! People are dying each day you delay this motion. Alice

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Judith Schomp

**Date Submitted:** 02/19/2021 07:26 PM

**Council File No:** 21-0113

**Comments for Public Posting:** I work in Covid testing for the unhoused population in our city, and I'm appalled at just how little relief and resources are provided to such a large population. 5 unhoused people die on the streets everyday. These aren't just numbers, they're real people who have been abandoned by our local government. LA City Council should focus on maximizing the number of hotel rooms and using the FREE FEMA MONEY to address the COVID crisis. It's shameful to see firsthand how big the need is, and how leaders in Los Angeles are truly turning a blind eye. Please think of ALL citizens in this county, and do the right thing.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Katherine J. Russell

**Date Submitted:** 02/19/2021 08:26 PM

**Council File No:** 21-0113

**Comments for Public Posting:** People are dying on the streets, 5+ every day. FEMA has offered money that can save countless lives. Please, accept it.



## **Communication from Public**

**Name:**

**Date Submitted:** 02/19/2021 08:43 PM

**Council File No:** 21-0113

**Comments for Public Posting:** Seize the hotels.People are dying.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** George

**Date Submitted:** 02/19/2021 09:11 PM

**Council File No:** 21-0113

**Comments for Public Posting:** A request to city council to please authorize a seizure of unoccupied hotel rooms for use as emergency housing. This will save lives. It would be cruel to deny.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** David Su

**Date Submitted:** 02/19/2021 09:26 PM

**Council File No:** 21-0113

**Comments for Public Posting:** These hotels would be put to much better use as homeless shelters in order to combat the homelessness crisis in Los Angeles.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Kirby Oren

**Date Submitted:** 02/19/2021 09:35 PM

**Council File No:** 21-0113

**Comments for Public Posting:** Thousands of hotel rooms sit empty. Five people are dying a day on the streets. The federal gov is reimbursing 100% of the costs to house the unhoused in those rooms. Stop holding up this life saving effort! People are dying each day you delay this motion. You have an opportunity to help people with real impact.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Shervin Aazami  
**Date Submitted:** 02/19/2021 09:35 PM  
**Council File No:** 21-0113

**Comments for Public Posting:** I am a public health activist and resident of the San Fernando Valley, and I am imploring city officials to act immediately to shelter our unhoused community members. On January 21, President Biden authorized the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) to provide cities with 100% federal reimbursement to shelter their unhoused community members in hotels for the duration of the pandemic. The City of Los Angeles has yet to take advantage of this opportunity to address the basic needs of tens of thousands of Angelenos. Meanwhile, LAPD and city officials continue to displace, assault, and criminalize our unhoused with frequent sweeps and arrests. Housing for all is both an issue of racial justice and economic justice. COVID-19 has disproportionately impacted our low-income, houseless, and communities of color. Black Angelenos represent 8% of our city's population, but 34% of our unhoused. It is inexcusable for city leaders to delay housing our community members, especially with FEMA providing full reimbursement. Roughly five unhoused Angelenos die per day in Los Angeles. We must act now, and act swiftly.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Jacob Barker

**Date Submitted:** 02/19/2021 10:10 PM

**Council File No:** 21-0113

**Comments for Public Posting:** Allow unhoused people to sleep in empty hotels. Act like a human being who cares if other human beings live or die.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Izzy Bronstein

**Date Submitted:** 02/20/2021 09:07 AM

**Council File No:** 21-0113

**Comments for Public Posting:** Thousands of hotel rooms sit empty. An average of 5 people are dying a day on the streets. The federal government is reimbursing 100% of the costs to house the unhoused in those rooms, and the Council must stop holding up this life saving effort! People are dying each day you delay this motion. Please advance CF 21-0114 today!

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Emily Saldich

**Date Submitted:** 02/20/2021 10:22 AM

**Council File No:** 21-0113

**Comments for Public Posting:** I'm writing to urge city council to take advantage of the federal money promised by FEMA and to vote on (and pass) the CF 21-0113 motion to ramp up the use of hotel rooms to house people during this pandemic. The hotel rooms are sitting empty, and will continue to sit empty, and we need to take advantage of this money to save thousands of lives during this deadly pandemic. Please take care of your constituents and start utilizing these hotel rooms now!



## Communication from Public

**Name:** Jillian

**Date Submitted:** 02/20/2021 11:29 AM

**Council File No:** 21-0113

**Comments for Public Posting:** People are dying on the streets of LA every day and there are tons of unused hotel rooms going to waste. Please put the FEMA motion CF 21-0113 on the agenda NOW.

## Communication from Public

**Name:**

**Date Submitted:** 02/20/2021 11:29 AM

**Council File No:** 21-0113

**Comments for Public Posting:** By declining to use hotels to house those in dire need after authorization of FEMA repayment and the drafting of an actionable way forward, LA City Council Member Martinez 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 the elements. 145 preventable deaths and counting. Everyday that City council wastes not putting their energy into passing this motion costs lives and is unacceptable. What's stopping you?

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Neiki

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

**Council File No:** 21-0113

**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 @CD6Nury must act urgently to take advantage of this moment and house thousands of people. #SeizeTheHotels

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Tiara Jackson

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

**Council File No:** 21-0113

**Comments for Public Posting:** Hotels are underutilized right now, providing the city the opportunity to expand affordable/social housing stock. Federal funding is available and we DEMAND that City Council President Nury Martinez, use this opportunity to house the hundreds of thousands of unhoused people in the city of Los Angeles. Pass the FEMA motion CF 21-0113! Use this free money to house the people that the city has placed on the streets!! Deny your relationship with the wealthy hotel developers and take care of ALL your constituents!! House our neighbors!!!!!! Why are you withholding this aid from the people who need it the most?!!!

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Courtney Davison

**Date Submitted:** 02/20/2021 05:18 PM

**Council File No:** 21-0113

**Comments for Public Posting:** Seize the hotels! We've got a blank check from the federal government! There is no excuse to leave anyone out in the cold another night.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Marissa Ritchen

**Date Submitted:** 02/21/2021 09:03 AM

**Council File No:** 21-0113

**Comments for Public Posting:** It is fully within council's ability to take empty hotels for emergency housing and provide compensation accordingly with reimbursement. Our unhoused neighbors are suffering and it does not have to be this way. I strongly urge you to do everything in your power, including seize the hotels to create safe living spaces for our fellow angelenos

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Doug S

**Date Submitted:** 02/11/2021 07:48 PM

**Council File No:** 21-0113

**Comments for Public Posting:** Hello, I support this motion to extend and expand Project Roomkey. The homeless crisis has been exacerbated by COVID-19 and we need to make sure we take care of all citizens of Los Angeles during this crisis. To leave homeless people out with no shelter or resources to stay safe is not only bad for those who are homeless, but those who live in our community. Let's try to end the pandemic and show some compassion for those that may need more help than others.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Will Lennon

**Date Submitted:** 02/22/2021 08:53 AM

**Council File No:** 21-0113

**Comments for Public Posting:** Why do we have to post public comment for something as obvious as this? Seize the hotels. This is unbelievably urgent. 100% reimbursement? When will this happen again? What is your excuse to ignore this? I personally know of 20+ unhoused people that would love to be a part of Project Roomkey. They don't have preexisting conditions and they are not elderly (though I'm not sure if that would even help at this point). They would love to have just the tiniest sense of security, and their lives would be seriously changed immediately. Instead, the City Council just voted to ban their homes for pretty much all streets in CD1. I believe offering them some of these FREE rooms would at least be a start to atone for this unconscionable mistake. You have the opportunity to get thousands of rooms and put our most vulnerable population in them. Do your job.



## Communication from Public

**Name:** Jordan Wyner

**Date Submitted:** 02/22/2021 03:58 AM

**Council File No:** 21-0113

**Comments for Public Posting:** I am a resident of Los Angeles and I am writing in support of Councilmembers Raman and Bonin's motion to seize hotels to use the homeless using FEMA funds. This should have been done months ago. We are still in a deadly, raging pandemic which is claiming the lives of the unhoused at an alarming rate. The failure of local government to protect these people is revolting, especially considering that it is legal, practical, and incredibly necessary. The fact that Councilmember Martinez refuses to agendize this motion speaks volumes about not only her individual morality (which she apparently is lacking) but also, more importantly, where her interests truly lie - that is, with the real estate and tourism industries. People are dying and if Council does not enact Raman and Bonin's motion BLOOD IS ON YOUR HANDS.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Erich Burgdorff Friesen, AIA

**Date Submitted:** 02/22/2021 05:40 AM

**Council File No:** 21-0113

**Comments for Public Posting:** Please consider the enormous suffering occasioned on the poor by the outbreak of COVID19 and homelessness, both of which exacerbate each other. Housing the homeless in individual rooms such as exist in many hotels will save many lives. The policy choice here should be easy. We should not even be debating this.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Amelie Cherlin

**Date Submitted:** 02/22/2021 10:30 AM

**Council File No:** 21-0113

**Comments for Public Posting:** Five unhoused people a day are dying on our streets while City Council wastes time. Costs to house unhoused people are 100% reimbursable by FEMA. What in the world are you waiting for?

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Catherine D.

**Date Submitted:** 02/22/2021 10:45 AM

**Council File No:** 21-0113

**Comments for Public Posting:** Please allow 100% FEMA refund for unhoused to live in vacant hotels.... good grief. Have you no mercy?

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Lisa Beebe

**Date Submitted:** 02/22/2021 10:46 AM

**Council File No:** 21-0113

**Comments for Public Posting:** The federal government will use FEMA funds to reimburse 100% the cost of using vacant hotels as housing for people who are experiencing homelessness. PLEASE take advantage of this and immediately use vacant hotels to help Angelenos who are struggling. This is an amazing opportunity to help the people in our communities who need it most.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Valerie Hurt

**Date Submitted:** 02/22/2021 10:50 AM

**Council File No:** 21-0113

**Comments for Public Posting:** President Biden has stated that the federal government will reimburse 100% of costs to house unhoused people. People are dying on our streets. Make use of vacant hotels NOW. Our unhoused population is an ongoing monument to the failure of local government. Please do something now!

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Brittan Dunham  
**Date Submitted:** 02/22/2021 10:51 AM  
**Council File No:** 21-0113  
**Comments for Public Posting:** The federal government will reimburse 100% of costs to house unhoused people. Why is this not happening already? We need to protect our most vulnerable. Make use of this reimbursement now!

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Mike Dickerson  
**Date Submitted:** 02/22/2021 10:58 AM  
**Council File No:** 21-0113

**Comments for Public Posting:** Homelessness is an emergency. This is a once in a blue moon opportunity to take a ton of federal dollars and pump them into solving our homelessness crisis. Council President Martinez, stop playing procedural games with this motion. It passed the H&P committee. Many councilmembers are on the record supporting it. They've been calling you. Activists have been calling you. Regular people have been calling you. And you've stonewalled everyone. Pass the motion, take the money, and commandeer the hotels.



## Communication from Public

**Name:** Mary

**Date Submitted:** 02/22/2021 11:10 AM

**Council File No:** 21-0113

**Comments for Public Posting:** Hello, I am writing to urge you to accept the FEMA money intended to reimburse use of hotels to house our unhoused neighbors. 5 unhoused folks die EVERY DAY due to City Councils neglect and outright violence structured through laws/ordinances and enforced by cops. The failure of Los Angeles in terms of homelessness is so embarrassing. You have the opportunity to show you give even the tiniest fuck by accepting this FREE money and saving lives!!!! It's the absolute least you can do. Please put this item on the agenda to get the ball rolling. Your constituents support this and let me remind you that you work for US.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Kate Grodd

**Date Submitted:** 02/22/2021 11:21 AM

**Council File No:** 21-0113

**Comments for Public Posting:** The federal government will reimburse 100% of costs to house unhoused people. People are dying on our streets. Make use of vacant hotels NOW! This is an emergency. Act like it!

## Communication from Public

**Name:**

**Date Submitted:** 02/22/2021 10:13 PM

**Council File No:** 21-0113

**Comments for Public Posting:** The federal government will reimburse 100% of costs to house unhoused people. People are dying on our streets. Make use of vacant hotels NOW.

## Communication from Public

**Name:**

**Date Submitted:** 02/22/2021 03:10 PM

**Council File No:** 21-0113

**Comments for Public Posting:** The federal government will reimburse 100% of costs to house unhoused people. People are dying on our streets (more than 5 a day). Make use of vacant hotels NOW. There is no time to waste.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Foster Wilson

**Date Submitted:** 02/22/2021 06:04 PM

**Council File No:** 21-0113

**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. What are you waiting for, Council President Martinez? Time is of the essence.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Corey Klemow

**Date Submitted:** 02/22/2021 07:22 PM

**Council File No:** 21-0113

**Comments for Public Posting:** Please pass the above noted motion and accept FEMA funds for housing the homeless now. Leaving people on the street will only prolong this pandemic. And giving homeless people housing gives them a chance to get back on their feet. What are you waiting for?

## Communication from Public

**Name:**

**Date Submitted:** 02/22/2021 08:17 PM

**Council File No:** 21-0113

**Comments for Public Posting:** CF 21-0113 was passed in the Homelessness and Poverty Committee on FEB 11, 2021. It has been almost 2 weeks since the motion passed, and it has yet to be on the full council agenda, so I am writing this to urge the City Council to get this motion realized. Public comments have been called in. Direct representatives have been contacted. The Council President has been contacted regarding the urgency of the matter. No response. No answers. The Council President Nury Martinez has not mentioned it. UNSHELTERED ANGELENOS ARE **\*\*NOT\*\*** PIECES OF HORSE SHIT THAT NEED TO BE CLEANED UP AS ERIC GARCETTI CLAIMS. THEY ARE OUR NEIGHBORS, THEY ARE US, THEY ARE MEMBERS OF OUR COMMUNITY WHO NEED SOCIAL SERVICES INCLUDING HOUSING, NOT MORE POLICING. PLEASE SEIZE THE HOTELS AND STOP THE SWEEPS IMMEDIATELY. SEIZING THE HOTELS USING FEMA FUNDS AS PROPOSED UNDER PROJECT ROOMKEY BY MIKE BONIN AND NITHYA RAMEN (CF 21-0113) WOULD PROVIDE MUCH NEEDED SHELTER TO UNSHELTERED ANGELENOS WHO ARE SOME OF THE MOST VULNERABLE MEMBERS OF THE COMMUNITY. THE LOS ANGELES COMMUNITY NEEDS SERVICES INCLUDING HOUSING, NOT SWEEPS. THESE SERVICES ARE NEEDED ESPECIALLY DURING A PANDEMIC AND NATIONAL RECESSION WHERE 500,000+ AMERICANS HAVE DIED AND MORE CONTINUE TO SUFFER AND DIE FROM THE VIRUS.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Mia

**Date Submitted:** 02/22/2021 07:49 PM

**Council File No:** 21-0113

**Comments for Public Posting:** The federal government will reimburse 100% of costs to house unhoused people. People are dying on our streets. Make use of vacant hotels NOW.



## Communication from Public

**Name:** Sean Broadbent

**Date Submitted:** 02/22/2021 12:54 PM

**Council File No:** 21-0113

**Comments for Public Posting:** In light of the extreme need in L.A. County, Los Angeles City Council should pass the motion brought forward by Councilmembers Bonin and Raman to make use of President Biden's 100% FEMA reimbursement to house the homeless. Our hotels sit empty and our hotel workers have been laid off or had their hours greatly reduced. Let's house all of our displaced neighbors by using these available resources! Agendize the motion and pass it!

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Dana Furuyama

**Date Submitted:** 02/22/2021 01:24 PM

**Council File No:** 21-0113

**Comments for Public Posting:** My name is Dana Furuyama and I work as a medical social worker in Hollywood. I am a long term resident of Los Angeles and am writing to express my concerns and to urge you to act immediately to use hotels to house people experiencing homelessness in Los Angeles. Over the past year that the pandemic has ravaged this city, I have had countless patients come through our doors begging us to help them secure safe shelter, pay back-due rent due to unemployment caused by layoffs, or utility assistance, amongst a list of other requests for support. I can attest first hand how we as service providers are systemically under-resourced to provide an adequate response and help to the needs we see daily. In fact, when I make calls to refer patients to Project Room Key, I am told by the operator that they cannot guarantee placement or provide a time frame for how long somebody will wait to be placed. This is unacceptable and an abject failure of our city to take care of the most vulnerable. My patients do not feel safe sheltering in traditional shelters due to the potential COVID 19 exposure they may experience as most of my patients are immuno-compromised. I demand that the city use FEMA funds to seize hotels so that un-housed people have somewhere safe to live. 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. Prioritize hotels as safe options for housing, not tiny homes, not congregate shelters. At least 70,000 hotel units will stay empty for the next 5 years. Homelessness in Los Angeles has been a growing problem for far too long and can be easily tackled if the financial supports are put in place. Please be on the right side of history. You have the power to make a tangible and lasting positive impact in the lives of thousands of Los Angelenos that could literally be the difference between life and death. Your inaction will otherwise be your legacy you leave behind.

## **Communication from Public**

**Name:**

**Date Submitted:** 02/21/2021 04:15 PM

**Council File No:** 21-0113

**Comments for Public Posting:** Let the people use the hotels please.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Amanda Roessler

**Date Submitted:** 02/22/2021 09:00 AM

**Council File No:** 21-0113

**Comments for Public Posting:** With FEMA's commitment to reimbursing 100% of the costs, we need to vastly expand Project Roomkey now! The Hotel Association of Los Angeles claims that hotels offered over 30,000 rooms for the first round of Project Roomkey, but less than 5,000 rooms have been filled at any point. This is unacceptable when we have tens of thousands of homeless Angelenos sleeping on our streets. We need our city leaders to come together to work on a solution to expand this program as soon as possible. Thousands of hotel rooms sit empty, while 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. People are dying each day you delay this motion.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Tamsin Rawady  
**Date Submitted:** 02/22/2021 12:08 PM  
**Council File No:** 21-0113  
**Comments for Public Posting:** Stop people dying in our streets. The federal government will reimburse 100% of costs to house unhoused people. Make use of vacant hotels NOW.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Jessica Craven

**Date Submitted:** 02/22/2021 01:31 PM

**Council File No:** 21-0113

**Comments for Public Posting:** I'm deeply worried about the fact that we are now losing FIVE unhoused people a day to untimely deaths here in Los Angeles. The federal government will reimburse 100% of costs to house unhoused people. Please make use of vacant hotels NOW. Thanks!