

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Wendy Miranda  
**Date Submitted:** 02/24/2021 10:22 AM  
**Council File No:** 21-0113

**Comments for Public Posting:** Considering the current pandemic and racial inequities that we see with this pandemic, we need to get Black women in Skid Row into hotel rooms and housing NOW. The City Council continues to say Black Lives Matter for months but does not take any action to save Black lives. You are letting Black people perish on the streets of LA at 4 times the rate of everyone else. It's way overdue for you all to do what's right. Prioritize the lives of Black women. Many hotels are vacant right now and it is completely wrong to let them continue to be vacant while people are living in the streets. We need to get people in hotels now, but make plans for the transition to permanent housing options. Real options. Not tents, not shelters, not sheds, but actual permanent housing. Prioritize the needs of Black women. Prioritize their safety and their health.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Richard

**Date Submitted:** 02/19/2021 09:18 PM

**Council File No:** 21-0113

**Comments for Public Posting:** Using FEMA funding to provide immediate shelter to our unhoused neighbors should be an absolute priority at this moment. I urge the city council to seize this opportunity and help those who are most vulnerable in our city.

## 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:** CCA  
**Date Submitted:** 02/24/2021 06:51 AM  
**Council File No:** 21-0113  
**Comments for Public Posting:** Comment letter attached.



February 23, 2021

Mayor Eric Garcetti  
200 N. Spring Street  
Los Angeles, CA 90012

**Re: CF 21-0113 - Project Roomkey & Authority to Commandeer**

Dear Mayor Garcetti,

The undersigned Los Angeles regional business groups commend you and the Los Angeles City Council for your work to slow the spread of COVID and provide relief for all those that are impacted by the pandemic, including our vulnerable homeless population. Project Roomkey has been a bright spot during the pandemic as it helped house more than 4,000 people in the City of Los Angeles that were most at risk of contracting and suffering serious consequences from COVID-19.

Project Roomkey is a prime example of how government can provide immediate support to those who need it most by working across jurisdictions and partnering with the private sector. With the recent announcement that the Federal Emergency Management Agency will reimburse 100% of costs, there is a real opportunity to aggressively expand this program and exceed stated goals by working with willing private sector partners. **We wholeheartedly support Project Roomkey and its objective; however, we wish to make clear that we do not support the City, or any other government agency, commandeering properties to achieve program expansion.** Project Roomkey's success depends upon willing private sector partners, a nimble government response and highly skilled homeless service providers. This initiative's demonstrated success proves that solutions can be scaled when there is coordination and cooperation across the public, nonprofit, private, labor and business sectors.

Los Angeles' businesses continue to navigate uncertain times as our communities experience ongoing, compounding health, social and economic impacts. Each business, including hotels and motels, needs the flexibility to make operational decisions that are appropriate for their unique business models and circumstances. For some hotel operators, this will likely mean participating in the Project Roomkey expansion. For other operators, this option may not be feasible due to factors including contractual obligations. **Project Roomkey can and should expand with willing partners.** We greatly appreciate your consideration and our ongoing partnership to house the homeless and promote economic recovery.

Sincerely,

Central City Association (CCA)  
Greater San Fernando Valley Chamber of Commerce  
Hollywood Chamber of Commerce  
Los Angeles Area Chamber of Commerce  
Los Angeles Business Council  
Valley Industry & Commerce Association (VICA)

cc: Council President Nury Martinez  
Councilmember Mark Ridley-Thomas, Chair, Homelessness & Poverty Committee  
Honorable members of the Los Angeles City Council

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Riley Byrne

**Date Submitted:** 02/24/2021 09:49 AM

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**Comments for Public Posting:** I am writing to urge city council to support the Bonin/Raman motion and get people housed. Unhoused residents of Los Angeles are already in a vulnerable position and the pandemic has only made it worse. Getting them safe housing must be a top priority for city council. They also must stop giving money to anti-black practices like the coordinated entry system which has been proven to not work. City Council must work with organizations like LA CAN who have been transporting Black woman to safer shelters during this time. Unhoused Black women must also be a priority for long term stable housing. Lawyers have confirmed that the City of LA and the mayor have the power to seize property during a crisis. This is one of the greatest crises of our time. You all must use this authority to turn the hotels along skid row an in other parts of LA into affordable housing for those already living in the area. With the promise of 100% reimbursement funding from FEMA, there is no excuse for you not to do this.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Rylee

**Date Submitted:** 02/24/2021 08:22 PM

**Council File No:** 21-0113

**Comments for Public Posting:** Move the motion to expand Project Roomkey with FEMA dollars on the agenda so city council can vote on it! It has been a month since the news that the city would be reimbursed 100% for the cost of sheltering people. What are we waiting for? Unhoused people continue to face dire conditions and can't wait any longer. Los Angeles needs to take the FREE money and help as many people as possible. Don't delay the vote any longer!