

Communication from Public

Name: Jessica O'Malley

Date Submitted: 03/02/2021 08:22 AM

Council File No: 21-0113

Comments for Public Posting: I wholeheartedly support acting immediately to expand Project Roomkey. This is an emergency and demands an urgent response.

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Name: B Roscoe-Graff
Date Submitted: 03/02/2021 09:10 AM
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Comments for Public Posting: With the changes made by the Biden admin making reimbursement possible now, we must do what we can to help this vulnerable population, which will also aid the larger population by slowing the spread of COVID.

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Name: Jason Goodman

Date Submitted: 03/02/2021 07:07 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: I strongly urge the Council to pass this motion. Our unhoused neighbors deserve shelter and safety, and the homelessness crisis has only been magnified by Covid-19. The Council should act with urgency to provide every affordable opportunity for our neighbors to find housing, and the leasing of hotel rooms, with funds from FEMA and the state, is a necessary start.

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Name: Carolyn “Jiyoung” Park

Date Submitted: 03/03/2021 09:17 AM

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Comments for Public Posting: Given that the cost of sheltering unhoused Angelenos is 100% reimbursable by FEMA, there is no valid excuse for not providing shelter to our unhoused neighbors in vacant hotel rooms. If LAPD can be funded in the billions, the City can find the upfront costs that will be reimbursed. There’s a way. Five unhoused people are dying every day that government does not act. Please execute the will of the people to shelter the unhoused in vacant hotel rooms.

Communication from Public

Name: claire savage

Date Submitted: 03/03/2021 10:44 AM

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Comments for Public Posting: Get Black women in Skid Row into hotel rooms and housing NOW. The federal government has guaranteed a 100% reimbursement for these purposes and we want to center Black women in the fight to #SeizetheHotels. City Council continues to say Black Lives Matter for months and it rings hollow without real 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 is centuries past the time to do what's right. Prioritize the lives of Black women. Exhaust every hotel room adjacent to Skid Row to house women. This is the only way to get the number of units and amenities that our community deserves. When the FEMA money expires, Black women must be prioritized in the transition to permanent housing. We've seen how folks are kicked out of Roomkey or offered options on the other side of the county, you need to plan ahead. Get people in hotels now, but make plans for the transition to permanent housing options. Real options. Not tents, not shelters, not sheds. Prioritize the needs of Black women. Prioritize their safety and their health. Make sure money is directed to community residents and groups who are actually doing the work to support our most vulnerable folks. Stop pouring money into the racist institutions. Stop pouring money into anti-Black practices like the Coordinated Entry System. We know that's not working. Organizations like LA CAN have been identifying, transporting, and supporting women during the past few weeks amidst Garcetti's "I love Black women" declaration. LAHSA's data has revealed their systems are broken. City Council has declared so in the past. Why is it impossible for City Council to actually work on the ground with Skid Row organizers to place Black women in actual housing or hotels? This is real work, needs to be compensated, and we should demand no less. Fund Black-led community organizations doing the work to support Skid Row.