

Subsequent to the March 13, 2020, Nationwide Emergency Declaration for Coronavirus 2019 (COVID-19), the U.S. Department of Homeland Security's Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) began reimbursing local governments providing non-congregate shelter for vulnerable, unhoused populations.

The City, County, and the Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority (LAHSA) quickly established Project Roomkey, an initiative central to the effort to serve unhoused community members most vulnerable to Covid-19 infection. President Biden subsequently extended the program via executive action to reimburse cities for 100% of funds spent on non-congregate shelters through July 1, 2022.

The 72-room Project Roomkey site located at 7047 Franklin Ave in Council District 4 has been scheduled to demobilize on June 28, 2022. With that date in mind, and in coordination with LAHSA, it was expected that all clients would be moved out of the hotel and into permanent placements or alternative interim housing.

64 clients remain in the Project Roomkey site, however. Of those remaining, 28 have been matched to a permanent housing resource such as an Emergency Housing Voucher or Rapid Rehousing, but have been unable to secure a permanent placement. The remaining 36 residents are still waiting to be matched to permanent housing resources. To prevent any Project Roomkey residents from falling back into unsheltered homelessness while longer-term housing plans are developed, funding for the Franklin Ave Project Roomkey site must be extended.

The City and LAHSA must also take stock of the fact that the situation faced at the Franklin Ave Project Roomkey site is not unique. Other Project Roomkey sites around the City are facing similar challenges in demobilization. The time has thus come to develop a comprehensive demobilization plan to ensure that no Project Roomkey resident is discharged to the street from any site across the City.

**I THEREFORE MOVE** that the City Council approve the following actions to keep the Project Roomkey site located at 7047 Franklin Ave in Council District 4 open through August 31, 2022:

1. AUTHORIZE the extension of the Project Roomkey site Highland Gardens at 7047 Franklin Ave, in Council District 4 with 72 rooms to August 31, 2022, with an expenditure deadline of December 31, 2022;
2. AUTHORIZE a Reserve Fund Loan in the amount of \$1,494,77.49 for the Project Roomkey Fund No. 100/56, Account No. 000957, Project Roomkey COVID-19 Emergency Response. The loan will front-fund 90% the extension of the City's Project Roomkey Program through August 31, 2022 with expenditure authority for this program through December 31, 2022. This loan will be repaid upon receipt of reimbursement from the Federal Emergency Management Administration (FEMA);
3. APPROVE up to \$166,086.39 from the AHS-GCP Fund No. 100/56, Account No. 000931, Additional Homeless Services to Project Roomkey Fund No. 100/56, Account No. 000957,

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Project Roomkey COVID-19 Emergency Response for 10% costs associated with City's Project Roomkey Program extension from July 1, 2022 to December 31, 2022;

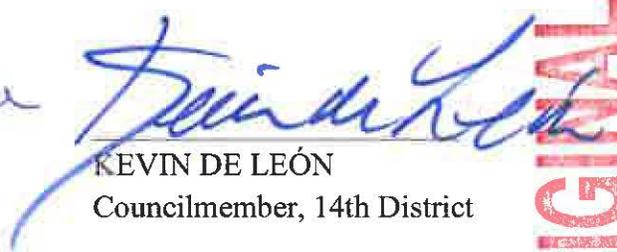
4. TRANSFER up to \$1,660,863.88 from Project Roomkey Fund No. 100/56, Account No. 000957, Project Roomkey COVID-19 Emergency Response for the costs associated with City's Project Roomkey Program extension from July 1, 2022 to December 31, 2022 as follow;
  - a. Up to \$933,100 to GSD Fund 100/63 to Account No. 000026, Project Roomkey Leasing for CBRE contractual expenses through December 31, 2022;
  - b. Up to \$132,446.88 to the Personnel Department and City Clerk; and
  - c. Up to \$595,317 to LAHSA;
5. APPROVE up to \$196,534.08 from the AHS-GCP Fund No. 100/56, Account No. 000931, Additional Homeless Services to Fund No. 100/56, Account No. 000957, Project Roomkey COVID-19 Emergency Response for the extension costs associated with Disaster Service Workers servicing the County operated PRK site located at Cadillac in Council District 11 from July 1 2022 through September 30, 2022;
  - a. TRANSFER up to \$196,534.08 from Project Roomkey Fund No. 100/56, Account No. 000957, Project Roomkey COVID-19 Emergency Response to the Personnel Department for the extension costs associated with Cadillac; and
6. AUTHORIZE the CAO to prepare Controller Instructions or make necessary technical adjustments, including to the names of the Special Fund accounts recommended in order to effectuate the intent of this Motion, and authorize the Controller to implement these instructions.

**I FURTHER MOVE** that the City Council instruct the Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority (LAHSA) to report to the Homeless and Poverty Committee on July 28th, 2022, with a comprehensive, written plan for the demobilization of all Project Roomkey sites in the City of Los Angeles that ensures that no Project Roomkey resident will be discharged onto the street.

**I FURTHER MOVE** that the City Council instruct the Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority (LAHSA), after July 28th, 2022, to provide bi-weekly, written progress updates on the Project Roomkey demobilization to the Homelessness and Poverty Committee until all Project Roomkey sites have been fully demobilized.

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