

Communication from Public

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Comments for Public Posting: Dear Housing and Homelessness Committee, I am writing to you today to address the urgent need for affordable interim housing bed rates in the City of Los Angeles. It is clear that our city faces significant challenges related to housing and homelessness, and I believe that by adopting a multifaceted approach, we can develop meaningful solutions that benefit our most vulnerable communities. To achieve the goal of making interim housing accessible and sustainable, I suggest the following strategies:

1. **Increased Funding and Financial Support:** It is essential to advocate for enhanced funding from city, state, and federal sources dedicated to interim housing solutions. Furthermore, identifying grants and subsidies from non-profit organizations and private sector partnerships can reinforce our commitment to affordable transitional housing initiatives.
2. **Cost-Benefit Analysis:** A thorough analysis of existing bed rates compared to operational costs could help pinpoint efficiency gaps that would allow us to reduce rates without sacrificing the quality of services provided.
3. **Partnerships with Non-Profits and Community Organizations:** Collaborative efforts with established non-profit organizations specializing in housing and social services could yield innovative practices that enhance service delivery and reduce operational costs.
4. **Sliding Scale Payment Models:** Implementing a sliding scale fee system based on income can ensure that those with greater financial capacity contribute to subsidizing costs for lower-income individuals, creating a fair and supportive system for all residents.
5. **Utilizing Public and Private Land:** We should explore zoning changes that facilitate transitional housing development on underutilized public and private properties. This approach would not only increase available resources but could also lower housing costs.
6. **Streamlined Regulations and Processes:** Simplifying permitting and regulatory processes is vital for expediting the establishment of interim housing, ultimately decreasing the overhead costs incurred by lengthy approvals.
7. **Community Engagement and Input:** To effectively address housing needs, we must engage our communities and include their feedback in the decision-making process. This engagement fosters unity and ensures that the services provided align with local needs.
8. **Investing in Support Services:** By offering wraparound services, such as mental health

support and job training, we can help residents transition out of interim housing more quickly, maximizing the available resources. 9. Innovative Housing Solutions: Exploring creative housing models—like tiny home villages or modular housing—provides us an avenue for establishing cost-effective and durable solutions for our housing crisis. 10. Policy Advocacy: Advocating for supportive housing policies— including rent control measures and inclusionary zoning—will further our aim of maintaining affordable housing options in our city. By implementing these strategies, the City of Los Angeles can take significant strides toward making interim housing bed rates more affordable while ensuring we maintain the quality of services and effectively address the needs of residents experiencing homelessness. Thank you for your time and consideration of these proposals. Sincerely, Monisha Parker