

MOTION

BUDGET & FINANCE

There are some communities in the City that have longstanding issues associated with unabated nuisance properties, which create blight and crime and adversely affect the public’s health, peace and safety of persons residing or working in the premises and surrounding area.

There is a property in Council District 8, *108 Motel*, located at 10721 S. Broadway, Los Angeles, CA 90061, that for many years continues to be a nuisance to the surrounding neighborhood.

On April 18, 2018, pursuant to Municipal Code Section 12.27.1 (*Administrative Nuisance Abatement Proceedings*), the Council declared the site to be a public nuisance and required the discontinuance of the motel use and any similar land uses at the property (Council File No. 16-0451).

In addition, five years later on June 27, 2023, the Council allocated \$28,500 to the Department of Building and Safety to fence off the property (CF 16-0451-S1), and despite this action the *108 Motel* continues to be a public nuisance, with squatters onsite leading to 15-20 daily arrests, and thereby causing a drain in public safety resources.

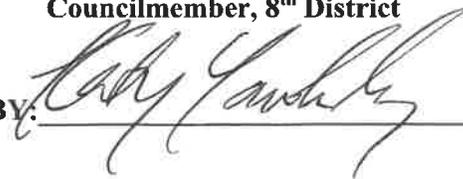
As such, the Department of Building and Safety has identified that an additional \$11,300 is needed in funding to secure the *108 Motel* (\$5,300 doors; \$4,800 windows; and \$1,200 gate).

Given the owner’s continuous failure to secure the property, the Department of Building and Safety must ensure that the *108 Motel* is fully vacated and secured as provided for in Municipal Code Section 91.9003.4.1 (*Enforcement – Noncompliance with Department Orders*), and in addition, Municipal Code Section 91.9003.4.2 (*Notification*), authorizes the Department of Building and Safety, to notify the property owner that a lien will be placed against the property to cover the cost of vacating and securing the property, and their right to a hearing.

I THEREFORE MOVE that the Council instruct the City Administrative Officer to identify funds to appropriate/transfer \$11,300 to the Department of Building and Safety, to pay for the costs to further secure the nuisance building known as the *108 Motel* located at 10721 S. Broadway, Los Angeles, CA 90061, inasmuch as the owner has not complied with prior orders to secure the property, and extension of time granted by the Department of Building and Safety, and despite the installation of the fence paid for by the City (Council File No. 16-0451-S1), it continues to be nuisance to the surrounding neighborhood, with squatters onsite leading to 15-20 daily arrests, and thereby causing a drain in public safety resources.

I FURTHER MOVE that the Department of Building and Safety, with the assistance of the City Attorney, take all actions necessary, consistent with Municipal Code Section 91.9003.4.2 (*Notification*), to notify the property owner that a lien will be placed against the property, *108 Motel* located at 10721 S. Broadway, Los Angeles, CA 90061, to cover the cost of vacating and securing the property, and their right to a hearing.

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