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During the height of the pandemic, California launched its Homekey Program - a statewide effort to expedite the creation of permanent and interim housing through the purchase of existing hotels, motels and apartment buildings.

Using a combination of state, federal and, in certain cases, local funds, the City purchased more than twenty buildings over three funding rounds, totaling more than 1,000 units of interim and permanent housing.

One such property includes the Ramada Inn in Venice, which was purchased by the City in December 2020. Briefly used as interim housing, the site was demobilized in October 2022 for conversion into 32 units of permanent housing by its operator and service provider, PATH. Nearly two years later, however, the site sits empty.

Given the Homekey program was presented as an expeditious alternative to new construction, which can be cost and time prohibitive, the City should understand immediately why Homekey units continue to sit empty while thousands of individuals continue to live and suffer on sidewalks outside these properties.

**I THEREFORE MOVE** that the Council instruct the City Administrative Officer, in coordination with PATH, to provide a report, within 30 days, on the status of the Ramada Inn's conversion into permanent housing. The report should include details regarding the reasons for delays in conversion, inclusive of financing and regulatory challenges, as well as the estimated start of construction and date for occupancy.

**I FURTHER MOVE** that the Council instruct the CAO, in coordination with the Housing Department and HACLA, to provide a comprehensive report, within sixty days, on the status of Homekey 1, 2 and 3 sites. The report should include the following details:

- The number of properties purchased under each Homekey round, including the date of acquisition
- The number of Homekey sites that are ready for occupancy and, of these properties, the number of units that are occupied as of the date of the report
- The number of Homekey sites and units that are not ready for occupancy, including reasons for delay, financing and regulatory challenges, and date for occupancy
- Recommendations to resolve any delays in the conversion and occupancy of Homekey 1, 2 and 3 sites

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