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LETTER OF SUPPORT FOR COUNCIL FILE 21-0040

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The Echo Park Neighborhood Council strongly supports this motion from Councilmembers De León and Rodriguez.

By directing the CAO, in coordination with LAHSA, to develop a framework for prioritizing hotels and motels in Los Angeles for lease and acquisition opportunities—based on cost and long term viability—this motion sets up necessary groundwork for the optimal utilization of the 100% FEMA reimbursement provided by the federal government for non-congregate sheltering.

With a focus on properties that can be acquired and converted into Permanent Supportive Housing through a lease-to-own model, this motion also acknowledges the importance of prioritizing sites that can provide long-term support to our unhoused neighbors. Leveraging this model alongside the FEMA reimbursement could also provide an opportunity to reduce overall acquisition costs faced by the City and County for Project Homekey—treating these federal funds as a form of down payment rather than as simply a temporary resource.

Finally, the motion directs the Department of General Services to contact every hotel and motel within Los Angeles to determine their viability for Project Roomkey and Project Homekey based on the aforementioned criteria. This large scale outreach is absolutely necessary if we are to determine the full scope of options and opportunities available to us in our pursuit of creating housing for our unhoused neighbors. This process will certainly take some time, so the sooner this can get started, the better.

Signed,

Echo Park Neighborhood Council

RESOLUTION

On February 23, 2021, the EPNC Board of Governors held a Brown Act noticed-meeting, at 7pm through zoom. With a quorum of 17 board members present and vote count of 17 yeas, 0 nays, and 0 abstentions, the Board resolved to write a letter of support for the application as set forth above.

Nick Marcone
Secretary, Echo Park Neighborhood Council