

Communication from Public

Name: David Pugo

Date Submitted: 02/23/2021 03:02 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: Hello, I am submitting my comment to show support for this motion. By employing a housing first approach, we are working with the population of houseless individuals to ensure they first have housing and off the streets to then determine how best to help them. This would require a combined effort from the agencies necessary for this triage and must be a part of this project. This needs to move quickly while we have support from federal money to support this.

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Name: Anthony Dedousis

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Comments for Public Posting: Hello, Please see attached for Abundant Housing LA's letter SUPPORTING this motion. Thank you, Anthony Dedousis



February 22, 2021

Councilmember Kevin de Leon
Los Angeles City Council
200 North Spring Street
Los Angeles, CA 90012

CF 21-0040 - Project Homekey Expansion - SUPPORT

Dear Councilmember de Leon,

Abundant Housing LA is a pro-housing, nonprofit advocacy organization working to help solve Southern California's housing crisis. Our organization supports more housing at all levels of affordability and reforms to land use and zoning codes, which are needed in order to make housing more affordable, improve access to jobs and transit, promote greater environmental sustainability, and advance racial and economic equity.

We write to express our strong support for your motion promoting more leasing of hotel and motel rooms for Project Homekey. In order to determine if hotels and motels would be appropriate for temporary and permanent homeless housing, this motion calls on the City Administrative Officer to develop metrics assessing potential acquisitions' cost per unit and ability to turn temporary housing units into permanent units. The Department of General Services will also be instructed to actively contact hotels and motels to start the acquisition process.

Project Homekey, which funds the City's acquisition of hotels and motels and conversion into temporary or permanent supportive housing, is helping to turn the tide on Los Angeles' homelessness crisis and protect our most vulnerable neighbors from COVID-19. We strongly support all efforts to quickly expand this program and provide quality housing to all Angelenos who are experiencing homelessness.

Thank you for bringing this important motion forward, which we are proud to support.

Sincerely,

Leonora Camner
Executive Director
Abundant Housing LA

Anthony Dedousis
Director of Policy and Research
Abundant Housing LA

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Name: Jane Demian

Date Submitted: 02/23/2021 07:58 AM

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Comments for Public Posting: I support this Motion to study the feasibility of the City leasing, with the possibility to own, hotels and motels for the purpose of housing vulnerable unhoused individuals. This acquisition model could transform the desperate need for low income and extremely low income housing in the City of Los Angeles by reversing the emphasis on REMOVING long term housing through building hotels and short term rentals into DEVELOPING more long-term housing for residents of Los Angeles. This acquisition model could be used to provide PERMANENT SUPPORTIVE HOUSING in the short term so that vulnerable homeless individuals may be housed more quickly. Thank you. Jane Demian CD 14 resident. Co-Chair SELAH NHC - Eagle Rock Chapter.