

Communication from Public

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Comments for Public Posting: Hello Councilmembers, My Name is Andrew Corona. I grew up in Pico-Union and have been living here since the 1960s. My wife and I have been involved in safety and quality of life issues in Pico-Union and surrounding areas since the early 90s. We've worked closely with LAPD Rampart Division and Council District 1 Councilmember, Hernandez, Reyes, Cedillo, and now with our current Councilmember Hernandez. I have seen the ups and downs and the hardships in this community. My wife and I have accumulated many awards and certificates that can fill two large rooms. And, I've had the honor of being selected Firefighter/Paramedic of the Year several times in Battalion 11. I retired as a Firefighter/Paramedic from the City of Los Angeles with a total of 36 years in the fire service of which 34 years were as a Paramedic. I worked 16 years in the City of Alhambra, and in 2002 I was hired by the LAFD where my heart always wanted to work. I worked for 20 years. Out of the 20 years, 5 plus years were at Fire Station 46 and 13 years at Fire Station 13. Both of these fire stations are some of the busiest in the City. I chose to work at 13 because it was in the district that I live in. What better way to service the residents of the City than by living in the district that you live in and leading by example? Now that you have my history background, I would like to say that I oppose the Mayfair acquisition on the grounds that I and my coworkers would go there on many incidents during Project RoomKey. Most of the incidents were drunks in public which classifies them as Alter Level of Consciousness (ALOC), overdoses via alcohol or drugs, and chest pains with shortness of breath (SOB). A lot of them were caused by Meth or some over types of drugs. We also witnessed people hanging around the streets urinating, defecating, and shooting up. Then, I'd turned to my partner and say, " There's our next run." The Mayfair Hotel is located in Fire Station 11's district and is the second busiest station in the city with close to 12,000 runs a year in 2022. Therefore if the city does acquire the Mayfair Hotel for interim housing, then the incident will increase. I strongly suggest that an amendment be added to include that a new larger Fire Station 11 shall be built that would accommodate two fully staffed fire engines, one fully staffed truck, one pump, three ALS, and three BLS ambulances. This is what this area will need with the addition of the Mayfair Hotel since the call load will

probably increase to 14,000 or 16,000 per year. Remember this area is the densest west of the Mississippi River.