

Communication from Public

Name: Kevin McDermott

Date Submitted: 09/15/2023 10:21 AM

Council File No: 24-1100-S2

Comments for Public Posting: Hello, I don't think placing homeless persons in vacant hotel rooms is a good idea. This idea has been tried in other cities and in many cases it has been a disaster. Homeless person are damaging hotel rooms, drinking doing drugs and other irresponsible actions. We should not burden hotels with this issue. Many hotels are struggling to survive and they will lose business if paying guests are forced to stay in a hotel with homeless persons there. It is unfortunate the homeless are living on the streets but in most cases it is their choice. They want to live on the streets and drink alcohol and do drugs. New York reduced homelessness substantially by having homeless shelters where they could live and still drink and do drugs. Not ideal but it helped the situation. Thank you.

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Name: Jozef Essavi

Date Submitted: 09/15/2023 11:02 AM

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Comments for Public Posting: This issue of putting unhoused by forcing the hospitality industry of providing them shelter is well intentioned but a very bad idea. Los Angeles hospitality industry is currently recovering from covid. this will simply destroy the quality of life and safety of those visiting our beautiful city. The issue of safety, and exposure of paying guests and their loved ones, aswell as our hard working employees comes first. The landlords will also have to deal with liability issues. The industry will also face mass resignations of their hardworking employees for safety reasons. Please vote NO on this file

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Name: Mercedes Simonian

Date Submitted: 09/14/2023 01:05 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: This is a dangerous and unfair request. How and why should private hotel businesses be responsible for what the city should do on a city level. A private hotel business does not have the resources to deal or handle the mental and substance abuse issues that come with housing the homeless. Furthermore, there is grave concern for the safety of hotel staff and other hotel guests. The homeless population comes with a large and complicated array of problems that private hotels cannot and should not have to deal with.

Communication from Public

Name: Annie Saville

Date Submitted: 09/14/2023 04:18 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: Please do not approve this bill that will put undue stress on our associates and likely have a very negative impact on our revenue. It is unlikely that our guests will choose to stay here if hotels down the street from us outside of LA City do not have this same condition. In this case, our occupancy will be reduced and could cause ownership to reevaluate the business altogether after still working to come back financially from the pandemic. Not to mention there are not enough resources to support the needs of the unhoused population when spread across so many locations in Los Angeles, especially considering we do not have enough resources now. Plus, what are we supposed to do if we are sold out the following night and a non-guest does not want to leave? With a police force stretched thin, we are well aware that we will not be getting help in removing someone from the property. What will be the financial impact when we cannot sell that room? Or when a room is negatively impacted by an unhoused individual by either an imposing scent or damages? This is an issue that was allowed to get out of control. Why would it be the responsibility of the business owners that provide financial support to the city to resolve?

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Name:

Date Submitted: 09/14/2023 05:13 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: I strongly oppose this measure. If enacted, this will have a severe, negative impact on the hospitality industry and our ability to attract business to the area. This will have negative consequences not only for our guests but for our employees. As a consequence of this ridiculous idea, hospitality workers will not only be impacted by having their workplace turned into a shelter but will very likely end up having their hours and income reduced as a result of guests choosing other cities to visit. If hotel guests wanted to stay in a shelter - they would! Hospitality workers are not trained and/or equipped to deal with this type of scenario NOR SHOULD WE HAVE TO BE! If we wanted to deal with a situation like this, we would have become healthcare workers, social workers and/or went into law enforcement.

Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 09/15/2023 04:20 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: Dear Councilmembers, As a local hotel operator, I am writing to express my strong opposition to the Los Angeles Responsible Hotel Ordinance. This ordinance involves complicated areas of policy and proposes concepts that are totally unexplored and untested. One of the many problems with this proposal is that it fails to contemplate and provide the wraparound care that would be necessary to administer a program like this. With no actual funding for the concepts proposed in the ordinance, I fear that the lack of case management expertise could lead to unsafe condition for workers and guests in hotels across our City. As much as our industry respects the rights of unsheltered individuals, it doesn't take much thought to realize that this proposal will place an unfair and undue burden on hotel employees. The hospitality industry has experienced tremendous hardships over the past several years. For those who work in our industry, emotions have been running high for an extended period of time. This is primarily due to the fact that we've been forced to deal with so much uncertainty during and since the Covid-19 pandemic. As I look at this proposed ordinance, I am sincerely concerned by the level of additional uncertainty that it will create for the future of our industry and the future of our community. The LA City Council recognized that this was not a viable policy solution to address the issue of homelessness and wisely rejected it when it came before them last summer. We sincerely hope that this proposal is also rejected by voters so we can collectively pursue long-term comprehensive solutions that will help address the root causes of homelessness in a more wholistic and equitable manner.

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Name: Javier Cano

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Name: Sam Chang

Date Submitted: 09/15/2023 04:38 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: Homelessness in Los Angeles is a major issue, but this is not a good idea. Paying customers will be discouraged from staying at the hotel and employees of the hotel will be placed in an awkward and potentially dangerous work environment.

Communication from Public

Name: Cynthia

Date Submitted: 09/15/2023 04:49 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: I am a hotel employee and I oppose this measure. It will bring crime and put room attendants in a dangerous situation if faced with drug use or someone who is not mentally stable.

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