

Communication from Public

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Comments for Public Posting: Dear Los Angeles City Council Members, 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. Thank you, Clay Andrews General Manager Sheraton Grand Los Angeles