

January 23, 2018

RE: CF-0125-S2 (Nuisance Motels)

Public Comment from the Sylmar Advocacy Group

Directed To: City Council and Committees
Los Angeles City Hall
200 South Spring Street
Los Angeles, CA

Dear Honorable Council Members:

Sylmar is home to 13 motels. Last year, the owner of the Motel 6 in Sylmar agreed to pay \$250,000 to settle a nuisance abatement lawsuit brought by the Los Angeles City Attorney for alleged drug, gang and prostitution activity. There is concern that other Sylmar motels may fall into the same category.

The Sylmar Advocacy Group (SAG) is made up of Sylmar residents and businesses who advocate for the best interests of Sylmar that include fighting for a fair allocation of public resources and against problems that negatively impact the quality of life in our community.

We support Council Member Martinez and Wesson's motion to collect data from LAPD on the number of calls received about problem motels, how many arrests, what kind of arrests, and how many police hours are spent on calls that might be avoided if motel operators are forced to adopt better management practices.

We consider this a positive first step to determine whether a police permit regulation similar to that in Chula Vista is warranted.

Sincerely,

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