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Summary: Nuisance motels are often magnets for gang activity, drug use, prostitution, human trafficking and other illicit activity. Some of Sylmar's motels have long been the source of nuisance activity. As recently as August, 2017, the City of Los Angeles was successful in settling a lawsuit with Sylmar's Motel 6 property after years of unrelenting crime and nuisance activity at this location.

We support exploring the feasibility of a regulation program for motels that includes assessing crime and calls-for-service statistics as well as identifying any and all more effective strategies that might improve the safety issues at motels in the City. In particular, the Los Angeles Police Department should be directed to provide relevant information on motels including: the amount of calls they receive about problem motels, how many arrests and what kind of arrests take place on motel properties, and how many hours officers spend on these types of calls that might be avoided if motel operators are forced to adopt better management practices. This data is also critical for analyzing the potential use of these properties for supportive and transitional housing per the Interim Motel Conversion Ordinance.