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Summary: The Central Hollywood Neighborhood Council SUPPORT adopting Council File Number 17-1432, a proposed Interim Motel Conversion Ordinance for the City of Los Angeles.

The people of LA have committed millions of dollars over the next 10 years to house and support our almost 34 thousand neighbors experiencing homelessness. Through funds raised by Measures H and HHH, the city and county have the tools and resources to address this humanitarian crisis with the urgency it deserves.

Permanent supportive housing is the linchpin of our strategy for helping those most at risk, such as families or those with chronic illnesses. Measure HHH seeks to build 10 thousand units, each costing an average of \$434,000 and years from completion. As the city's Planning Department rightly points out "[h]otels and motels present an opportunity to utilize existing structures to respond to immediate housing need," and at a significantly lower cost than new construction.

Hollywood is already home to one such conversion. The Sunset 8 was purchased in January by a non-profit with plans to turn its 27 rooms into transitional housing. The adoption of this ordinance would remove barriers to zoning code regulations to streamline the approval process for similar projects.

The owner of the Sunset 8 property has provided a security officer on site.

CHNC believes this to be a wise course of action and encourages City Council to ask that other such conversions be requested to do the same.

Mayor Garcetti has said that if each of the 97 neighborhood councils found 250 beds, we could house almost all of our homeless neighbors. With the passage of this ordinance, our council and others will have another way to answer this challenge. We look forward to partnering with City Council members Ryu and O'Farrell to identify motel properties in Central Hollywood that could be converted into supportive or transitional housing and bring us closer to our goal of providing safe, humane housing for all.