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Summary: We, the Mid City West Community Council SUPPORT adopting Council File Number 17-1432, a proposed Interim Motel Conversion Ordinance for the City of Los Angeles.

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Such units can be provided through the renovation of existing motel complexes into multi-unit supportive housing structures, a relatively inexpensive, and potentially faster and more adaptive manner of providing supportive housing units over building de novo units.

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Some members of the Mid City West Community Council are also active in the Midtown Los Angeles Homeless Coalition. In this capacity they have been working with Councilmember Paul Koretz and his office to try and renovate a motel for supportive housing in his district. The proposed Interim Motel Conversion Ordinance would make this project, and all other current and future motel conversion projects much easier, and less expensive to build—achieving Mid City West's, and the City's, goals on combating homelessness.



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January 29, 2018

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**Subject: Council File Number: 17-1432
Interim Motel Conversion Ordinance
(CPC-2017-3409-CA, ENV-2017-3410-ND)**

The Mid City West Community Council, an official Neighborhood Council of the City of Los Angeles, requests that the following Community Impact Statement be attached/added to Council File 17-1432 regarding a proposed Interim Motel Conversion Ordinance (CPC-2017-3409-CA, ENV-2017-3410-ND) with the following motion:

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This Community Impact Statement was voted on as a properly agendized item during the regularly scheduled Board of Directors meeting on December 12, 2017, and passed unanimously by a vote of 18 yes, 0 no, and 2 abstaining and directed that a Community Impact Statement be filed reflecting its position.

Thank you for your attention to this matter. Please feel free to contact us via email at sepstein@midcitywest.org, mberker@midcitywest.org, or knakata@midcitywest.org as needed.

Sincerely,

Scott Epstein
Chair
Mid City West Community Council

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