



May 18, 2018

The Honorable Marqueece Harris-Dawson, Chair
Homelessness and Poverty Committee
Los Angeles City Council
200 North Spring Street, Room 450
Los Angeles, CA 90012

RE: 1533 Schrader Boulevard Temporary Bridge Housing Facility (CF 18-0352)

Dear Councilmember Harris-Dawson:

On behalf of the Hollywood Chamber of Commerce and the more than 800 members it represents, I am writing to express our support for the development of a temporary bridge housing facility at the proposed 1533 Schrader site.

As you know, the City of Los Angeles has experienced an almost 20 percent increase in the homeless population over the past year. While addressing the homelessness crisis will require innovative and long-term solutions, finding suitable temporary housing must also be a priority for the city. Council District 13, where the proposed shelter would be located, is in desperate need of transitional and temporary housing for the growing homeless population. With the closing of the People Assisting the Homeless (PATH) shelter in July 2016, there has not been a shelter in the Hollywood/CD-13 area to house these individuals. This has forced residents and business owners to refer those seeking a bed to shelters in Downtown and neighbouring areas. A better option must be made available within our own community, and 1533 Schrader presents the city with a viable solution to this pressing issue.

The Hollywood Chamber would like to thank Councilmembers O'Farrell and Rodriguez for introducing the motion to establish this centrally-located facility. We are pleased to hear that the proposal will include 24/7 security at the site. As your Committee further defines the logistics of this facility, we encourage you to ensure that adequate storage is also available for the residents.

The Chamber looks forward to working with you as the city moves forward with this critical initiative to bring temporary bridge housing to Hollywood.

Best Regards,

Leron Gubler
President & CEO

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Councilmember Mike Bonin
Councilmember Jose Huizar

Councilmember Curren D. Price, Jr.
Councilmember Mitch O'Farrell