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The Board approved this CIS by a vote of: Yea(20) Nay(0) Abstain(0) Ineligible(0) Recusal(0)

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Summary: At its regularly scheduled public meeting on June 8, 2020, the NoHo Neighborhood Council voted 20 [YEA]- 0 [NAY] with no abstentions in favor of Council File 20-0488, a request for transparency and updates on the strategic rollout of PROJECT ROOMKEY and to demonstrate general support for the project.

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Community Impact Statement in support City Council File 20-0488

Project Roomkey

June 8, 2020

Dear Honorable Councilmembers,

At its regularly scheduled public meeting on June 8, 2020, the NoHo Neighborhood Council voted 20 [YEA]- 0 [NAY] with no abstentions in favor of Council File 20-0488, a request for transparency and updates on the strategic rollout of PROJECT ROOMKEY and to demonstrate support for the project.

In early April, 2020, Governor Gavin Newsom launched PROJECT ROOMKEY to house persons experiencing homelessness in hotel and motel rooms across the state, with priority given to elderly and vulnerable persons. In Los Angeles, that initiative has been led by LAHSA (Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority).

As of June 8, 2020, only 3,288 of the promised 15,000 rooms have been filled, even as overall regional hotel occupancy rates fell. The project has been hampered by staffing shortages and barriers to entry by limiting participation of hotel providers to those having more than 100 rooms.

This council requests additional clarity on the City's strategy to reach the 15,000-room goal, as well as information on whether there are plans to extend the Project's timeline past the summer, in anticipation of further outbreaks. Additional reporting is also requested on the City's plans to transition individuals from hotel and motel rooms to Bridge and Supportive housing.

This council supports bold efforts to provide emergency housing relief to unsheltered Angelenos in the wake of the COVID-19 pandemic, and requests additional transparency regarding the future of this program.

Sincerely,
Paul Storiato, President
NoHo Neighborhood Council

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Paul Storiato". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style with a large initial "P".