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The Board approved this CIS by a vote of: Yea(22) Nay(0) Abstain(1) Ineligible(0) Recusal(0)

Date of NC Board Action: 05/11/2020

Type of NC Board Action: For

Impact Information

Date: 05/26/2020

Update to a Previous Input: No

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Council File Number: 20-0491

Agenda Date: 05/11/2020

Item Number: 9

Summary: The NoHo Neighborhood Council supports Councilmember Bonin's proposal to use federal stimulus funds and community development block grants appropriated under the Coronavirus Aid Relief and Economic Security (CARES) Act to purchase, or help finance the purchase of, hotels, motels, apartment buildings and other residential properties and to keep them permanently off the market to quickly provide social housing for unhoused Angelenos. This program would provide emergency housing and community development needs at a time when current efforts to build affordable housing have been slow to materialize.

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Community Impact Statement in support City Council File 20-0491

Social Housing Program

May 20, 2020

Dear Honorable Councilmembers,

At its regularly scheduled public meeting on May 11, 2020, the NoHo Neighborhood Council voted 22-0-1 (22 FOR with 0 Nays and 1 Abstention) in favor of Council File 20-0491, as proposed by Councilmember Mark Bonin, which calls on the City of Los Angeles to create a Social Housing Program.

Los Angeles remains in the grip of a housing shortage amid a calamitous rise in the population of persons experiencing homelessness, soon to be exacerbated by the economic downturn of the COVID-19 pandemic. Demand for subsidized housing currently outstrips supply, with 45,384 families on the waiting list for public housing as of a 2019 report by HACLA ¹ alongside a decade-long queue for Section 8 housing vouchers ². In order to address this humanitarian issue, the city of Los Angeles should use every tool at its disposal to add to the temporary and permanent housing stock and to facilitate affordable housing options.

Councilmember Bonin has proposed using federal stimulus funds and community development block grants appropriated under the Coronavirus Aid Relief and Economic Security (CARES) Act to purchase or help finance the purchase of hotels, motels, apartment buildings and other residential properties and to keep them permanently off the market to quickly provide social housing for unhoused Angelenos. This program, mirroring similar actions taken by Toronto and Vienna, ³ would provide emergency housing and community development

needs at a time when current efforts to build affordable housing have been slowed by high construction costs, bureaucratic red tape, and single-family zoning laws.

Housing is a Human Right, and The NoHo Neighborhood Council strongly supports this bold new proposal to make use of existing properties to provide more housing options for Angelenos.

Sincerely,
Paul Storiato, President
NoHo Neighborhood Council

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Paul Storiato". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly slanted style.

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