

MOTION

PUBLIC SAFETY

Nuisance motels are often magnets for gang activity, drug use and prostitution. The City of Chula Vista enacted an ordinance that allows the city to deny a lodging license if, for example, a motel is shown to have a pattern of drug or prostitution related activity, human trafficking cockroach infestations, or numerous fire code violations.

The City of Los Angeles should explore the feasibility of a regulation program like that of Chula Vista which applies to motels. Such a program would have to be based on crime and calls-for-service statistics which would support the need to regulate motels. The City should conduct a study to determine whether or not a police permit regulation similar to Chula Vista is necessary or would there be more effective strategies to improve the safety issues at motels in the City.

The Police Department should be directed to provide relevant information on motels including: the amount of calls they receive about problem motels, how many arrests and what kind of arrests take place on motel properties, and how many hours officers spend on these types of calls that might be avoided if motel operators are forced to adopt better management practices. In addition, the Board of Police Commissioners, Commission Investigation Division should also be directed to provide information on the feasibility and potential impacts of a police permit on such businesses.

I THEREFORE MOVE that the Los Angeles Police Department (LAPD) be requested to report with information on service calls to motels including: the number of calls they receive about problem motels, how many arrests and what kind of arrests take place on motel properties, and how many hours officers spend on these types of calls that might be avoided if motel operators are forced to adopt better management practices.

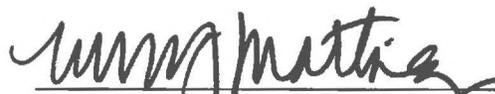
I FURTHER MOVE that the Board of Police Commissioners, Commission Investigation Division be requested to report on the feasibility and impacts a police permit will have on deterring crime at these locations.

I FURTHER MOVE that the Office of Finance be instructed to conduct an audit of the above referenced motels to see if they are current with the payment of their transient occupancy taxes.

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