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Summary: The Zapata King Neighborhood Council (ZKNC) is deeply concerned about the plight of the unhoused and low-income residents in our community and supports 20-0197 Social Housing / International Models / Construction / Government-Owned Properties / Funding Sources. As highlighted in the MOTION, the plight of unhoused and lower-income residents in our communities has reached a catastrophic level. Due to the urgency of this issue, we urge the city to expedite this report in light of our unprecedented housing crisis.

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RE: Social Housing / International Models / Construction / Government-Owned Properties / Funding Sources Council File: 20-0197

**Los Angeles City
Council City Hall
200 North Spring St.
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Honorable members of the Los Angeles City Council,

The Zapata King Neighborhood Council (ZKNC) is deeply concerned about the plight of the unhoused and low-income residents in our community and supports 20-0197 Social Housing / International Models / Construction / Government-Owned Properties / Funding Sources.

Councilmember Bonin has recently reiterated his request that City agencies such as the CLA, CAO, and HCIDLA study and report on the types and models of social housing used in European communities, Singapore and other prominent international examples for inclusion in the City of Los Angeles. The Motion requests that City agencies report back on funding sources for social housing such as State and Federal funds, new revenue sources, and/or a public bank to facilitate financing. These funds could be used to 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.

Social housing is the share of housing that is treated as a social resource for the community, rather than as a for-profit commodity. Rents are calculated through cost-based or income-based formulas. It is a state-supported approach to providing housing outside of the market, free from the ravages of inflation and speculation. As you will see in studying what other countries and cities have done, homelessness is largely prevented, and millions of very-low to moderate-income people have long term access to high quality housing.

L.A.'s homelessness catastrophe is compounded by the COVID-19 pandemic, continues to be plagued by systemic racism, and will greatly worsen when hit with a tsunami of evictions in 2021. We cannot wait

any longer for a comprehensive solution. The City Council's November 4, 2020, request for a report on types of government-owned social housing used in other countries and for recommendations on their implementation in Los Angeles gives our city a valuable opportunity to bring our unhoused neighbors indoors and keep others from losing their homes. We urge you to act courageously and with the utmost urgency. It is time to step away from the costly and wasteful private-ownership, for-profit approach to housing. Instead, we must recognize housing as a human right and a matter of public good, like mass transit, libraries, or schools.

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In conclusion, the ZKNC is in support of this motion.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "C. McElwee".

Chelsea McElwee, President
Zapata-King Neighborhood Council

