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Summary: The North Westwood Neighborhood Council expresses our support of Project Roomkey, a collaboration by the state, the county, and LAHSA that plans to secure 15,000 hotel and motel rooms for unhoused populations across LA County during COVID-19. As of May 15, 2020, the county has only secured 3,200 rooms. - Project Roomkey, first and foremost, is a demonstration that we value the livelihoods of those who may suffer the greatest impacts from this pandemic in our shared city. Secondly, the initiative is necessary to minimize the spread of COVID-19 everywhere and is more effective from a public health lens than solely increasing and maintaining handwashing stations or expanding intake at recreation centers. The closely packed shelters have already demonstrated widespread and rapid transmission, resulting in some shelters with more than 35% positive COVID-positive cases, a concern for housed and unhoused community members alike. Hotels and motels have lost significant revenue due to the pandemic, but can earn income from leasing rooms. The Federal Emergency Management Agency will reimburse 75% of their costs and their solvency will benefit our City Treasury. - We urge our City Councilmembers to do everything in their power to secure vacant rooms at hotels across the City, especially in downtown L.A., near the epicenter of the homelessness crisis. We are in a circumstance that measures the humanity and character of our City officials and citizens. We ask that your actions display your commitment to both the represented and underrepresented members of our society.