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Summary: The Northwest San Pedro Neighborhood Council expresses our support of Project Roomkey, (and the newly named Project Homekey) a collaboration by the State of California, the County of Los Angeles, and LAHSA, the Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority that has a goal to secure 15,000 hotels and motel rooms for un-housed populations across LA County during the COVID-19 pandemic. As of June 30, 2020, only 3,254 rooms were secured at 34 sites with a total of 4,635 clients having been served. 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 hand washing stations. Hotels and motels have lost significant revenue due to the pandemic, but can earn income from leasing rooms. The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) 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. 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. Furthermore, we urge our City Councilmembers to support Governor Newsoms's newly announced Project Homekey which will now become the new name for Project Roomkey. Despite filling a \$54 billion budget gap next year, the state has been able to carve out \$1.3 billion for homelessness which includes \$550 million for buying – not leasing – motels which is the new goal.