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The Board approved this CIS by a vote of: Yea(11) Nay(1) Abstain(1) Ineligible(0) Recusal(0)

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Summary:

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COMMUNITY IMPACT STATEMENT: CF 20-0643

SENT VIA EMAIL

June 3, 2020

Los Angeles City Council
200 N. Spring Street
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Dear Council Members:

We declare that on June 2, 2020 a Brown Act-noticed public meeting was held by the Eagle Rock Neighborhood Council (ERNC) at which a quorum was present. The following Community Impact Statement concerning Council File 20-0643 passed with Yea [11] Nay [1] Abstain [1] vote:

A Los Angeles Times article dated April 18, 2020 stated that nearly 60,000 people were living without permanent shelter in the County of Los Angeles, and described a City-County program that seeks to house 15,000 homeless individuals in hotel rooms.

<https://www.latimes.com/homeless-housing/story/2020-04-18/coronavirus-homeless-hotel-room-lahsa-project-roomkey>

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) explains that unhoused people are more vulnerable to disease because sleeping outdoors often does not provide protection from the environment, does not provide adequate access to hygiene and sanitation facilities, nor connection to services and healthcare. In an effort to prevent a surge of coronavirus cases in the unhoused community, City and Council officials, with the guidance of the Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority (LAHSA), set the goal in March of 2020 of moving 15,000 people out of overcrowded shelters and encampments and into hotel rooms via a program termed Project Room Key. However, sheltering only 15,000 unhoused individuals is not enough to prevent the spread of coronavirus in these communities.

Due to the urgency of the COVID-19 crisis this Motion presses City leaders to move beyond the Project Room Key model and utilize a “scattered site” homeless housing approach. A scattered-site housing program places unhoused individuals in already-existing homes and apartments in the private market and provides ongoing supportive services to prevent residents from falling back into homelessness.

Brilliant Corners Flexible Housing Subsidy Pool is an example of one such “scattered-site” program. The program has housed over 7,000 people since 2014. It operates as a public-private partnership with the

Los Angeles County Department of Health Services to secure a broad range of residences, including individual apartments, blocks of units or entire buildings.

This Motion calls on the LA City Council to instruct the Housing and Community Investment Department (HCID) with the assistance of LAHSA and City Administrative Officer (CAO) to study the feasibility of supplementing hotel shelters with a “scattered site” homeless housing program. It also instructs these agencies to study how underused or unused privately owned single family and multi-family residences throughout the City could be used for this purpose, and to determine any sources of funding available to support the proposed program.

The Eagle Rock Neighborhood Council supports this Motion which can be found at this link:
http://clkrep.lacity.org/onlinedocs/2020/20-0643_mot_05-20-2020.pdf

Please place this letter in the council file, and acknowledge its receipt via email to: **executive@ernc.la**.
Thank you.

Respectfully,



Jesse Saucedo

President, Eagle Rock Neighborhood Council

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