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Summary: The Echo Park Neighborhood Council acknowledges the dire need for temporary housing services, yet remains hesitant to fully support the potential for congregate housing at the LA Convention Center. We urge city council to prepare for proper covid restrictions and to not use this motion to criminalize those living on the streets.

Echo Park Neighborhood Council
Community Impact Statement
Council File #20-1475
Stance: No Official Stance

The Echo Park Neighborhood Council acknowledges the great need here in the city to find shelter for those experiencing homelessness. While the goal is always permanent housing, we acknowledge the benefit shelters can provide.

Utilizing the Los Angeles Convention Center as a possible shelter location presents a number of serious concerns that we urge you to address:

The first is that congregate shelters are extremely dangerous during the COVID-19 pandemic and we have already had outbreaks occur here in Los Angeles through such environments. Additionally—and more directly related—San Diego recently had an outbreak at a convention center that had been converted into temporary shelter.

Any plan to utilize the convention center during this time must address and protect against these very dangerous risks. We hope that if the convention center plan does move forward, it includes the deployment of private enclosed spaces and storage for occupants that provide protection from the otherwise shared environment. Additionally, we hope that plans to mitigate the possible spread of COVID are developed for any shared facilities present such as bathrooms and showers.

Finally, we stand strongly against any attempt to use the creation of this or any shelter as a means to facilitate criminalization, through enforcement of LAMC 41.18, the creation of special enforcement and cleaning zones, or any other method of displacement and criminalization of the unhoused.

Signed,
Echo Park Neighborhood Council