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The Board approved this CIS by a vote of: Yea(14) Nay(0) Abstain(0) Ineligible(0) Recusal(1)

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Summary: The Los Feliz Neighborhood Council strongly supports the expansion of Project Roomkey in response to the announcement that FEMA will be reimbursing 100% of the funds cities spend on non-congregate shelters through September of this year. Renting hotel rooms for our unhoused neighbors will give our most vulnerable residents shelter with a lower infection risk level for than more communal shelters and housing sites. This is not only going to help those who are on our streets now, but also the thousands of people we expect to fall into homelessness in the next year. As COVID-19 cripples the city's tourist industry, this motion also presents a great opportunity for a supportive partnership between the city and its large number of hotels. The hotels have the opportunity to earn revenue by filling rooms and to also provide a great civic service to those neighbors who are desperately in need of assistance. In addition to what is laid out in the motion, the Los Feliz Neighborhood Council also encourages the city to:

- Explore the return of Project Roomkey trailers as we saw in our own community at Friendship Auditorium
- Make a concerted effort to provide those Project Roomkey residents with wrap-around services and case management so they can better their chances at achieving stability and transitioning to more permanent housing

We are very excited to see the motion move to include unhoused community members in the consultation process. We have seen firsthand the difficulty it takes in developing permanent supportive housing for our unhoused community. The FEMA announcement gives the city a chance to take advantage of federal support to get people off the streets and into existing individualized shelter. But we must act swiftly in order to take advantage of the reimbursement offer.