

HOMELESSNESS AND POVERTY COMMITTEE REPORT relative to opportunities for renewing and expanding Project Roomkey (Project), and ways to improve the Project's operations and participation.

Recommendations for Council action, pursuant to Motion (Bonin - Raman - Harris-Dawson):

1. INSTRUCT the Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority (LAHSA), the Chief Legislative Analyst (CLA), and City Administrative Officer (CAO) to report back on opportunities for renewing and expanding Project Roomkey, with a goal of providing interim non-congregate shelter for tens of thousands of people; as well as the opportunities for additional uses for these reimbursable funds for non-congregate shelters, including master leasing of hotels and motels, including those with fewer than 100 rooms, and vacant apartment units.
2. DIRECT the LAHSA and CLA to consult with members of the unhoused community and service providers and report back on ways in which Project Roomkey operations could be improved and made more successful.
3. DIRECT the LAHSA to report on Project Roomkey program requirements that could be modified to induce greater participation from hotels and motels.
4. REQUEST the City Attorney to report to the City Council on what steps need to be taken, and by which agency, body, or person, to begin commandeering hotels and motels for use as homeless housing.
5. DIRECT the CLA, and other relevant departments, to consult with the hotel/motel operators and industry on how the Project Roomkey program could be improved, as amended by the Homelessness and Poverty Committee.

Fiscal Impact Statement: Neither the CAO nor the CLA has completed a financial analysis of this report.

Community Impact Statement: Yes.

For: Mid City West Neighborhood Council
Del Rey Neighborhood Council
Atwater Village Neighborhood Council
Echo Park Neighborhood Council

For if Amended: East Hollywood Neighborhood Council

(Ad Hoc on Covid-19 Recovery and Neighborhood Investment Committee waived consideration of the above matter)

SUMMARY

At a regular meeting held on February 11, 2021, the Homelessness and Poverty Committee considered Motion (Bonin - Raman - Harris-Dawson) relative to opportunities for renewing and

expanding Project Roomkey. Councilmember Nithya Raman offered an amendment for the Committee's consideration. After providing an opportunity for public comment, the Committee recommended to adopt the Motion as amended, as detailed above in recommendation no 5. This matter is now submitted to the Council for consideration.

Respectfully Submitted,

HOMELESSNESS AND POVERTY COMMITTEE

<u>MEMBER</u>	<u>VOTE</u>
RIDLEY-THOMAS:	YES
DE LEON:	YES
BUSCAINO:	YES
RODRIGUEZ:	YES
RAMAN:	YES

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