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Early in the pandemic, the City, the County and the Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority quickly organized a multi-agency effort that brought more than 7,000 vulnerable people indoors in a period of a few months. Project Roomkey, the central initiative of this effort, secured more than 4,000 rooms in 37 hotels between the City and County of Los Angeles, which served more than 6,000 people. Project Roomkey was primarily reimbursed and funded with federal CARES Act relief money. With an original deadline of December 2020 to spend those funds, the City and County transitioned away from Project Roomkey to more long-term solutions.

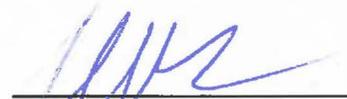
On Tuesday, November 9, **President Biden issued an executive action directing FEMA to reimburse cities for 100% of what they spend on non-congregate shelters through April 2022.** Previously, the FEMA reimbursements were through September 2021.

I THEREFORE MOVE that City Council instruct the 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.

I FURTHER MOVE that the City Council direct the Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority (LAHSA) and Chief Legislative Analyst (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.

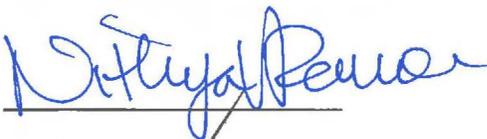
I FURTHER MOVE that the City Council direct LAHSA to report back on Project Roomkey program requirements that could be modified to induce greater participation from hotels and motels.

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