



# Motion to submit CIS in support of Council File 20-1360 re: Homelessness Funding

**Agenda Item:** GB021821-04  
**Date:** February 18, 2021  
**Proposed By:** Land Use Committee  
**Include motion in Consent Agenda?** Yes

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## Background

The LA Alliance for Human Rights case against the City and County of Los Angeles requires the government to adequately address the homelessness crisis facing this region. The County made a payment in the amount of \$17.66 million to the city, but only \$8.36 million of these funds have been allocated. This motion aims to expedite the allocation of the remaining \$9.32 million in County funds in order to support widespread homelessness services, interim housing, and safe parking.

## Proposed Motion

Submit a CIS in support of Council File 20-1360.

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## Considerations

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**Committee review:** Votes For: 7 Against: 0

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### Arguments for:

Homelessness has skyrocketed during the pandemic and this money should be used as it is already earmarked for this specific use.

### Arguments against:

This motion will likely pass even without support from the NC.



February 18, 2021

Re: Council File: 20-1360

Title: Homelessness Funding

Position: Support

Statement:

We, the South Robertson Neighborhoods Council, support the allocation of remaining County funds into Homelessness Efforts expeditiously in order to meet the housing requirements of the LA Alliance for Human Rights lawsuit against the City of Los Angeles, and to ensure unhoused individuals are placed into adequate and substantial housing. The size of our unhoused population will only increase as the COVID-19 pandemic continues to batter the economy, and limited resources are available to SORO stakeholders experiencing homelessness.

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# Motion to submit CIS in support of Council File 20-0200 re: Allowable Rent Increases

**Agenda Item:** GB021821-13  
**Date:** February 18, 2021  
**Proposed By:** Land Use Committee  
**Include motion in Consent Agenda?** No

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## Background

Los Angeles renters are among the most rent burdened in the country. More than half of LA renters spend more than 30% of their income on rent. To make rent, people are forced to sacrifice food, medicine, and other essentials. A huge impediment to rent relief is the Costa-Hawkins Rental Housing Act of 1995, which severely limits the ability of municipalities to establish or expand rent controls. But under Costa Hawkins, LA can take a step to protect renters by adjusting the formula by which rents are allowed to increase annually for units covered by the city's Rent Stabilization Ordinance (about 600,000 rental units, more than 40% of total units and about 70% of all city rental housing).

## Proposed Motion

Submit a CIS in support of Council File 20-0200.

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## Considerations

**Committee review:** Votes For: 4 Against: 2

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### Arguments for:

Renters would receive immense relief.  
Cost of living increases can't keep up with annual rental increases.

### Arguments against:

Many units are considerably below market rent.  
This cap fails to account for most landlords that pay for some amount of utilities that don't have an increase cap from the City even if a rental cap is in place.



February 18, 2021

Re: Council File: 20-0200

Title: Allowable Rent Increases

Position: Support

Statement:

We the South Robertson Neighborhoods Council support this motion. As Los Angeles is among the most rent-burdened cities in the country, and as almost 2/3 of LA households rent, this motion will help keep renters in their homes, make rent increases fairer, and bring them more in line with changes in other costs of living. In the last three decades, rent has been allowed to rise faster than other prices in most years. Taking these steps to modify our allowable rent increases for rent stabilized units would put Los Angeles in line with other cities in California and the rest of the country with similar policies, while balancing the interests of both landlords and tenants. Passing this motion is all the more urgent during the current pandemic and economic downturn.

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# Motion to Submit Letter in Support of Mixed Use Development Project at 9500 Pico Blvd

**Agenda Item:** GB031821-04  
**Date:** March 2, 2021  
**Proposed By:** Land Use Committee  
**Include motion in Consent Agenda?** No

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## Background

The proposed mixed use development at 9500 W Pico Blvd is located at the intersection of Pico & Beverly. It is currently a single story car wash on a 26,000 square foot site. The applicant's goal is to create a mixed-use building that serves the neighborhood with ground floor retail and dining options, as well as five stories and 67 units of much-needed housing at a major public transit stop, including 7 affordable units in an area with a high median income and dearth of market rate housing options.

The project seeks Density Bonus exemptions and FAR, Height, and Parking Incentives. The C4-1VL-O Zone typically allows a FAR of 1.5, which was originally intended and optimized for non-residential development. The proposal is a mixed-use, mixed-income project with multifamily residential, restaurant, and retail uses.

## Proposed Motion

Submit a letter in support of mixed use development at 9500 Pico Blvd.

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## Considerations

**Committee review:** Votes For: 4 Against: 0

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### Arguments for:

Adds ample housing in an area with high public transit frequency that needs more market rate housing.

### Arguments against:

Not enough affordable units.



Department of City Planning  
200 N. Spring Street  
Los Angeles, CA 90012

March 18, 2021

Re: 9500 W. Pico Blvd., Los Angeles, CA 90035  
Case Number CPC-2020-5837-DB-CU-SPR-VHCA

To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing on behalf of the South Robertson Neighborhoods Council ("SORO NC") to comment on the request for Density Bonus exemptions and FAR, Height, and Parking Incentives within a forthcoming mixed-use development at 9500 W Pico Blvd.

At a duly-noticed meeting of the General Board on [DATE], SORO NC voted xx yes / xx no / xx abstain to recommend that the applicant's permit be (approved/opposed).

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions about this comment letter.

Sincerely,

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Cc: Office of Council Member Paul Koretz  
Charlie Stein, SORO NC President

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# Motion to partner with CD 5 and CD 10 for COVID-19 Local Vaccination Clinics

**Agenda Item:** GB031821-06  
**Date:** March 18, 2021  
**Proposed By:** Executive Committee  
**Include motion in Consent Agenda?** YES

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## Background

The COVID -19 Pandemic has created havoc for Los Angeles, and in particular the South Robertson area. The quickest path to restoring normalcy to the lives of our stakeholders is through vaccination. Charlie Stein and Terrence Gomes were notified of the ability for our stakeholders to be vaccinated locally. Due to the urgency, Charlie Stein authorized Terrence Gomes to outreach to the community to get stakeholders signed up for vaccinations locally. Originally the SORONC was offered 29 slots to have our Stakeholders vaccinated. Due to the demand, we were able to get 59 stakeholders vaccinated. All the stakeholders were either Phase 1 or Phase 1B eligible.

As the County of Los Angeles moves to the Severe Health Conditions Phase, the SORONC needs to work more closely with CD 5 and CD 10 to get more Stakeholders vaccinated.

With the County

## Proposed Motion

For the South Robertson Neighborhoods Council to authorize predetermined Boardmembers to work with CD 5 and CD 10 to outreach to the SORO community to notify them of the availability of local vaccination sites and the ability to sign up those stakeholders that qualify for the COVID-19 vaccination.

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## Considerations

**Committee review:** NA  
*(highly recommended)*

**Amount previously allocated in Committee's working budget:** NA  
*(applies to funding motions only)*

**Arguments for:** Arguments against:

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Helps Boardmembers identify problems and create solutions for the SORO

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community to reduce homelessness and to be able to make sound recommendations to our City partners based on the needs of the SORO community.





# Motion to Send Letter to Council for CAO Report on Tiny Houses

**Agenda Item:** GB031821-07  
**Date:** March 18, 2021  
**Proposed By:** Homelessness Committee  
**Include motion in Consent Agenda?** YES

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## Background

The SORONC wants to weigh in on [CF 20-0841-S4](#), but cannot take a position until we study the CAO report. The motion was created on December 15, 2020 and a report back was due 30 days later. The SORONC needs this information to make an informed decision for a CIS.

## Proposed Motion

For the South Robertson Neighborhoods Council to write a letter to Councilmember Koretz and Councilmember Bonin to strongly advise that they demand the report from CAO and BOE that was requested by [CF 20-0841-S4](#).

CC: Councilmember Ridley-Thomas, Bel Air-Beverly Crest Neighborhood Council, Mid-City Neighborhood Council

See attached letter

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## Considerations

**Committee review:** 6-0  
*(highly recommended)*

**Amount previously allocated in Committee's working budget:** NA  
*(applies to funding motions only)*

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**Arguments for:** **Arguments against:**

Need the report back to make an informed decision.

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Re: CF 20-0841-S4

Dear Councilmember Koretz and Councilmember Bonin,

We, the South Robertson Neighborhoods Council (SORONC), are writing to you about your motion, Council File 20-0841-S4 regarding the creation of tiny home villages to house the homeless in the City of Los Angeles.

In the motion, you requested that the City Administrative Officer (CAO), the Bureau of Engineering (BOE), the Department of Building and Safety, and any other relevant departments and agencies review the Pallet Shelter tiny home village program and develop alternatives which can bring the per unit cost down to the \$17,000-\$22,000 range. CAO and BOE were to report back in 30 days with recommendations for reducing costs of tiny home villages. The motion was introduced on December 15, 2020. Thirty days have long passed since the introduction and the council file has not been updated with the report.

For the SORONC to fulfil its mission under the Charter and to create a Community Impact Statement (CIS) based on factual data, we need the report back to study, review and share with our stakeholders to provide the City Council with feedback to combat the current crisis.

Given the urgency of Los Angeles' homelessness crisis, we strongly advise that you demand the report from CAO and BOE back immediately so that more of our unhoused neighbors can be provided with shelter in the City of Los Angeles in an expeditious manner.

Sincerely,

Charlie Stein, President  
South Robertson Neighborhoods Council

Sophia French, Homelessness Chair  
South Robertson Neighborhoods Council

Cced: Councilmember Ridley-Thomas, Bel Air-Beverly Crest  
Neighborhood Council, Mid-City Neighborhood Council



# Motion to Request CM Ridley Thomas Appoint Jon Liberman to the Health Commission and a Create a CIS for CF 20-0769-S2

**Agenda Item:** GB031821-08  
**Date:** March 18, 2021  
**Proposed By:** Homelessness Committee  
**Include motion in Consent Agenda?** YES

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## Background

The City of Los Angeles Health Commission's purpose is to determine the health needs of the people of the City of Los Angeles, determine whether those needs are being met, and to help determine the best and most cost effective ways of meeting those needs. CD 10 and the South Robertson Neighbors Council stakeholders are not currently represented on this Commission.

In addition, [CF 20-0769-S2](#) directs the office of the Chief Legislative Analyst (CLA) and the office of the City Administrative Officer (CAO), with the assistance of the Housing and Community Investment Department (HCID), and all relevant City departments, to review the delivery of health, mental health, and social services by the County of Los Angeles, to the over 41,000 unsheltered residents within the city limits, including the coordination of those services between the County, LAHSA and non-governmental partners, and report to Council with recommendations.

The Council File also requests that the Los Angeles City Health Commission, with the assistance of the CLA, CAO and City Clerk, to hold hearings focused on people experiencing homelessness and the delivery of health, mental health and social services by the County of Los Angeles, LAHSA and other non-governmental partners.

Without representation on the Los Angeles City Health Commission, the stakeholders of SORO, both housed and unhoused, will not have proper representation.

## Proposed Motion

For the South Robertson Neighborhoods Council to request that Councilmember Ridley Thomas appoint a member of the public to represent the people of CD 10 and especially the stakeholders of SORONC on the Los

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Angeles Health Commission. The SORONC also requests that the Councilmember appoint Martin Jon Liberman as the commission representative for CD 10.

For the South Robertson Neighborhood Council to create a CIS for [CF 20-0769-S2](#) in support of all relevant departments to review the delivery of health, mental health, and social services by the County of Los Angeles, to the over 41,000 unsheltered residents within the city limits, including the coordination of those services between the County, LAHSA and non-governmental partners, and report to Council with recommendations.

In addition, The South Robertson Neighborhood Council supports the Los Angeles Health Commission to hold hearings focused on people experiencing homelessness and the delivery of health, mental health and social services by the County of Los Angeles, LAHSA and other non-governmental partners.

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## Considerations

Committee review: <i>(highly recommended)</i>	4-0
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Amount previously allocated in Committee's working budget: <i>(applies to funding motions only)</i>	NA
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Arguments for:	Arguments against:
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## Letter

Honorable Mark Ridley Thomas,

The South Robertson Neighborhoods Council requests that you immediately fill the open position for CD 10 on the Los Angeles Health Commission. Without representation on the Commission for the people of CD 10 and our stakeholders in SORO, the Commission cannot determine the health needs, determine whether those needs are being met, and to help determine the best and most cost effective ways of meeting those needs for the residents you represent.

Our neighborhood council recommends that this position be filled by one of our Neighborhood Council Boardmembers. We suggest that



(Martin) Jon Liberman be appointed to this Board. Mr. Liberman has many qualities and years of service that will make him uniquely qualified for the position.

1. He is a founding Board Member of our neighborhood council. Mr. Liberman was elected to our Board in August, 2002. As we are coming up on our 20th anniversary, Mr. Liberman has been an active Board Member for over 18 years.
2. Prior to his retirement from the Insurance Industry, he had served more than 25 years as Manager of Underwriting and Product Development for both Individual and Group Life and Health Insurance lines of business. He has served on Industry task forces that have advised the Federal Government on how to draft the HIPPA laws. His expertise makes him well qualified to relate to the delivery of Health and Mental Health services.
3. Members of his family are Special Needs, so he has a unique perspective as to the needs of this subset of the unhoused population.
4. Over the past 20 years Mr. Liberman has had a demonstrated interest in the welfare of children educated by the Los Angeles Unified School District (LAUSD). He has been recognized as a Trailblazer by LAUSD in 2007. One of the Certificates of Appreciation he received at that time came from yourself in your position as Los Angeles County Supervisor. Mr. Liberman currently sits on the community advisory panels for the renovation of Alexander Hamilton High School and for Shenandoah Street Elementary School. This lengthy service to education makes him qualified to relate to the impact of homelessness on the ability of children to gain the life skills necessary to thrive in our complex society.
5. As a 76 year old retired person Mr. Liberman has served our aging population for many years.

The South Robertson Neighborhoods Council has full faith in the ability of Mr. Liberman to fulfill the requirements as a Commissioner on the Los Angeles Health Commission and to represent the housed and unhoused people of CD 10 and the SORO area.

Sincerely,

Charlie Stein

President, South Robertson Neighborhoods Council



## CIS

On a vote of x-x-x at a duly held General Board meeting of the South Robertson Neighborhoods Council, the South Robertson Neighborhoods Council supports/ opposes [CF 20-0769-S2](#) in support of all relevant departments to review the delivery of health, mental health, and social services by the County of Los Angeles, to the over 41,000 unsheltered residents within the city limits, including the coordination of those services between the County, LAHSA and non-governmental partners, and report to Council with recommendations.

In addition, The South Robertson Neighborhood Council supports the Los Angeles Health Commission to hold hearings focused on people experiencing homelessness and the delivery of health, mental health and social services by the County of Los Angeles, LAHSA and other non-governmental partners.



# Motion to submit CIS in support of Council File 21-0002-S30 re: Metro Fare

**Agenda Item:** GB031821-09  
**Date:** March 18, 2021  
**Proposed By:** Land Use Committee  
**Include motion in Consent Agenda?** No

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## Background

When COVID-19 hit, Metro eliminated all fares on trains and buses in order to assist essential workers who rely on public transit and were facing wage cuts. Cutting Metro fares has made it easier for working class riders to use the bus or train for free. Fares represent a very minimal amount of Metro's income (between 5% and 15% depending on calculation) but do represent a large barrier to public transit use (fare increases have outpaced cost of living increases over the last several decades).

## Proposed Motion

Submit the following CIS in support of Council File 21-0002-S30:

We, the South Robertson Neighborhoods Council, SUPPORT the motion to support and/or sponsor legislation that would provide funds to agencies to provide fare-free transit in Los Angeles. Reliable and affordable public transit supports our general economy, helps reduce car reliance, and clears our air. Transit fares are often a burden on those that can least afford it, and COVID-19 has led to service cuts at a time when people can least afford alternative transportation. Currently, Metro is considering permanent fare-free transit for its riders. Very little of Metro's operating budget actually comes from fare collection. Free Metro fare would incentivize more Angelenos to use public transit rather than cars.

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## Considerations

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<b>Committee review:</b>	Votes For: 6	Against: 0
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### Arguments for:

Incentivizes people to use public transit.

### Arguments against:

Funding sources are unspecified





# Motion to Request Councilmembers Koretz, Ridley-Thomas and Garcia to Open a Council File on Bicycle Registry

**Agenda Item:** GB031821-10  
**Date:** March 18, 2021  
**Proposed By:** Public Safety Committee  
**Include motion in  
Consent Agenda?** NO

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## Background

Bicycle thefts have become more prevalent in Los Angeles over the past few years.

The Los Angeles Police Department has partnered with Bike Index, a bicycle registry, to aid in the return of stolen bikes to their rightful owners. Bike Index is a free, non-profit bicycle registry that is available to the community and will help individuals recover their stolen or lost bicycle regardless of where it is found.

The goal of this partnership is to benefit the Los Angeles community by increasing law enforcement's ability to recover lost or stolen bicycles. Bicycle owners can voluntarily register their bikes for free with LAPD on Bike Index, and trusted law-enforcement users will be able to contact registrants when their bikes are found. Registering a bicycle with Bike Index or searching for bicycles is easy - just create a Bike Index account at [www.bikeindex.org/lapd](http://www.bikeindex.org/lapd). The only information needed to add a bicycle to Bike Index is the serial number, photos and any other identifying information.

The effectiveness of this partnership could be beneficially enhanced by the City Council opening a Council File to recommend Retailers that sell bicycles to provide customers with information on the bicycle registry partnership/program.

## Proposed Motion

- I. To request that Councilmembers Paul Koretz, Mark Ridley-Thomas and Monica Rodriguez (Chair of Public Safety) to open a Council File that recommends all Bicycle Retailers to provide information to their customers on the bicycle registry Bike Index.

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## Considerations

**Committee review:**  
*(highly recommended)*

Votes For: 7

Against: 1

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Arguments for:

Promoting the Bike Registry can help recovery of stolen bicycles

Can aid in prosecution of thieves, reducing further thefts.

Arguments against:

Retailers might be resistant

There are other more pressing matters for City Council to deal with...



# Motion to submit CIS in support of Council File 20-0995 re: short term rental ordinances

**Agenda Item:** GB031821-11  
**Date:** March 18, 2021  
**Proposed By:** Land Use Committee  
**Include motion in Consent Agenda?** No

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## Background

In 2020, the South Robertson Neighborhoods Council opposed efforts by the city to deregulate AirBnB and similar short term rental services. Sara Flocks of Better Neighbors LA reached out to the South Robertson Neighborhoods Council Land Use Committee to ask for input on a similar council file. The Blumenfeld motion in this council file moves the council to request relevant city agencies to report on the progress of implementing and actually enforcing the city's short term rental ordinances to make sure companies like AirBnB abide by established law.

## Proposed Motion

Submit the following CIS in support of Council File 20-0995:

We, the South Robertson Neighborhoods Council, SUPPORT the motion that encourages the city to report on the progress of implementing and enforcing short term rental ordinances. Unregulated short term rentals have destabilized housing stock in other cities and pose a massive threat to the LA housing supply.

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## Considerations

**Committee review:** Votes For: 6 Against: 0

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### Arguments for:

AirBnB is proven to increase rental costs in cities where it is unregulated.

### Arguments against:

Many people who cannot rent out units they own will be forced to sell them



# Motion to submit CIS in support of Council File 21-0183 re: RSO Covenants Rent Freeze

**Agenda Item:** GB031821-12  
**Date:** March 18, 2021  
**Proposed By:** Land Use Committee  
**Include motion in Consent Agenda?** No

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## Background

Affordable housing is maintained through regulatory rent covenants. When a new building is developed, a set amount of housing is set aside to remain affordable based in income levels – however, those restrictions only apply for several decades and eventually expire. The City is currently at risk of losing thousands of affordable housing units through the impending expiration of regulatory rent covenants. A recent UCLA report found that the lifting of eviction bans led to increased likelihood of COVID-19 deaths nationally — the lifting of moratoriums likely resulted in between 365,000 and 500,000 excess Coronavirus cases.

## Proposed Motion

Submit the following CIS in support of Council File 21-0183:

We, the South Robertson Neighborhoods Council, SUPPORT the motion to instruct HCID to report on recommendations for implementing an immediate rent freeze on residential units with expired or soon to be expired affordability covenants based on health and safety findings regarding undue tenant displacement during COVID-19. We encourage the city to additionally look for options to extend covenants beyond the 30-50 year range and look into options for covering rising utilities in units with covenants.

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## Considerations

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<b>Committee review:</b>	Votes For: 5	Against: 1
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### Arguments for:

The majority of our city is renters and most are struggling with rent due to COVID-related income loss.

### Arguments against:

Covenants make affordable housing difficult to profit off of for private landlords.



# Motion to submit CIS in support of Council File 21-0113 re: Project Roomkey

**Agenda Item:** GB031821-13  
**Date:** March 18, 2021  
**Proposed By:** Land Use Committee  
**Include motion in Consent Agenda?** No

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## Background

Project Roomkey is a collaborative effort by the state, county, and LAHSA to secure hotel and motel rooms for vulnerable people experiencing homelessness ie. persons over 65 or those with health risks and co-morbidities as they are especially susceptible to COVID-19 which has remained a high risk in congregate shelter settings. The program was discontinued due to city budgetary reasons. At the end of January, the Biden Administration announced that FEMA would reimburse 100% of costs associated with such programs and thus would fully subsidize hotel rooms without requiring the city to find money in its budget.

## Proposed Motion

Submit the following CIS in support of Council File 21-0113:

We, the South Robertson Neighborhoods Council, SUPPORT the motion to re-launch Project Roomkey considering the budgetary concerns which discontinued the program are no longer relevant. Project Roomkey represents a massive opportunity to place unhoused people into government care and into temporary housing that is safe during the COVID-19 pandemic.

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## Considerations

**Committee review:** Votes For: 5 Against: 0

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### Arguments for:

Five people per day die from living on the street in LA and FEMA is covering 100% of costs for this program.

### Arguments against:

The city must pay up front in order to be reimbursed by FEMA.