



DRAFT OF ITEMS TO BE DISCUSSED/EDITED/REVISED AT THE JUNE 3RD MEETING

7) Discussion and possible Community Impact Statement on Council File 20-0478 regarding Project Room Key

The Central San Pedro Neighborhood Council expresses our support of Project Roomkey, a collaboration by the State, the County, and LAHSA that plans to secure 15,000 hotel and motel rooms for unhoused populations across LA County during COVID-19.

Project Roomkey, first and foremost, is a demonstration that we value the livelihoods of those who may suffer the greatest impacts from this pandemic in our shared city. Secondly, the initiative is necessary to minimize the spread of COVID-19 everywhere and is more effective from a public health lens than solely increasing and maintaining handwashing stations or expanding intake at recreation centers. Hotels and motels have lost significant revenue due to the pandemic, but can earn income from leasing rooms. The Federal Emergency Management Agency will reimburse 75% of their costs and their solvency will benefit our City Treasury.

We urge our City Councilmembers to do everything in their power to secure vacant rooms at hotels across the City to address both the crisis in housing and the risks associated with COVID-10. We are in a circumstance that measures the humanity and character of our City officials and citizens. We ask that your actions display your commitment to both the represented and underrepresented members of our society.

8) Discussion and possible Community Impact Statement on Council File 20-0147-S33 regarding alternative housing and shelter options

The Central San Pedro Neighborhood Council supports the city's desire to acquire and site tiny homes, trailers, container homes, or other alternative housing and shelter options to ensure that persons experiencing homelessness will have shelter or housing. We have read the report dated May 5, 2020, from the Chief Legislative Analyst and City Administrative Officer and are hopeful that in addition to the City Recreation Centers, Project Roomkey, and RV Safe Parking programs, the city will explore the use of container homes and acquiring large vacant megastores for the purpose of housing and servicing our community members experiencing homelessness. We implore the City Council to work swiftly on this matter.

9) Discussion and possible Community Impact Statement CIS on Council File 20-0550 regarding free Coronavirus testing at all city-funded Homeless Shelters

The Central San Pedro Neighborhood Council supports free Coronavirus testing on-site at all City-funded permanent and temporary homeless shelters as soon as possible, so that all vulnerable and at-risk homeless individuals are not unnecessarily exposed to the disease by having to travel to testing sites.

10) Discussion and possible Community Impact Statement on Council File 20-0424 regarding public transit at Homeless Shelters

The Central San Pedro Neighborhood Council supports re-allocating unused public transportation buses to assist those living in homeless shelters. We realize there are many vehicles not being used at this time due to the COVID-19 pandemic which could be used for individuals in shelters who often solely rely on public transportation for medical appointments and other essential matters. We also agree that the City should explore redirecting resources to help fill the transportation gap for the homeless service providers and their clients, particularly in regard to the movement of meals and equipment from distribution centers to shelters and housing sites as well as for the transportation of clients to shelter intake sites.

11) Discussion and possible approval of letter to CSU Chancellor Dr. Timothy White regarding the use of vacant dorm buildings to house the homeless.

Dear Dr. White,

On May 12, it was announced that the California State University system would be cancelling in-person classes for - at least - the fall semester. The Central San Pedro Neighborhood Council supports the re-purposing of vacant dorm buildings located at each of the system's 23-campuses to house those who are experiencing homelessness or seeking shelter due to issues related to domestic violence.

Considering the dorms are already constructed and meet all the state building requirements, it would be appropriate to swiftly work with local housing authorities to determine the process for housing those in need. It would also be useful to re-open the dining halls, which could easily prepare meals "to-go" so residents could then eat in their own quarters or arrange to have delivered to their rooms.