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On August 16, 2020 The New York Times published an article: "A Private Security Company Is Detaining Migrant Children at Hotels", that details the absolutely unacceptable act of the Trump administration using hotels across the country to hold migrant children and families before expelling them.

According to the documents reviewed by The New York Times, the existence of the hotel detentions came to light last month, revealing information on which major chains are participating. Furthermore, it has exposed the fact that, *"because the hotels exist outside the formal detention system, they are not subject to policies designed to prevent abuse in federal custody or those requiring that detainees be provided access to phones, healthy food, and medical and mental health care"*. It is evident that the White House continues to violate the rights of immigrant children and families.

While the City of Los Angeles has declared itself a City of Sanctuary and has reaffirmed policies that officers will not initiate police action with the purpose of discovering immigration status, will not honor ICE Detainer requests, and will not deputize local police officers as immigration officers, the City must also denounce and oppose the Trump Administration inhumane and cruel policies and practices attacking immigrant children and families. There should be absolutely no tolerance for this in Council District 1, the City of Los Angeles, or anywhere in the entire Country.

I THEREFORE MOVE that the City Attorney be requested to prepare and present an ordinance that would prohibit, and suspend, any certificate of occupancy for any hotel in Los Angeles which is being used to house and detain migrant children and families under the direction of private security companies.

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