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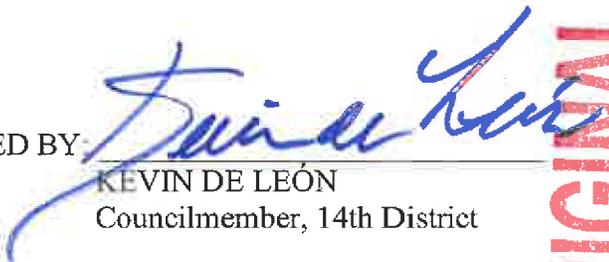
As part of the City's response to the homelessness crisis, the City has opened thousands of interim and permanent housing units through programs such as the State's Project Roomkey and Project Homekey programs, and through the opening of Tiny Home Villages. While good progress has been made, there remains a significant need for new housing solutions. The City and Council District 14 must continue to take advantage of opportunities to develop housing to address unsheltered homelessness.

Currently, there is an opportunity in the Skid Row area of downtown that would allow the City to enter into a Master Lease with the Cecil Hotel apartments. This arrangement includes different scenarios to provide homeless services, and to manage and fund the units, including connecting some of the residents with housing vouchers to subsidize the lease cost in eligible units.

Given the overwhelming need to address unsheltered homelessness in the City, including in Skid Row, the City should evaluate and outline a potential program with the Cecil Hotel to create temporary homeless housing.

I THEREFORE MOVE that City Council direct the City Administrative Officer, with the assistance of Los Angeles Housing Department, the Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority, the Department of General Services, and other City Departments as needed, to provide a report outlining a program for a temporary homelessness shelter agreement at the Cecil Hotel that would provide for placement of individuals in the hotel's housing voucher program.

PRESENTED BY:


KEVIN DE LEÓN
Councilmember, 14th District

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Re: Community Impact Statement on CF 22-0794: Cecil Hotel / Skid Row / Temporary Homeless Housing / Council District 14 / Master Lease Agreement

To Whom It May Concern:

At our regularly held public meeting on August 9, 2022 the Board of Directors of the Downtown Los Angeles Neighborhood Council ("DLANC") voted to provide the following comments below:

The Downtown Los Angeles Neighborhood Council submits this Community Impact Statement **in support** of Council File 22-0794: Cecil Hotel / Skid Row / Temporary Homeless Housing / Council District 14 / Master Lease Agreement

The Cecil Hotel is a significant cultural and community resource that has long sat vacant and underutilized, footsteps away from unhoused Angelenos desperately in need of housing and services. DLANC supports efforts to subsidize housing via vouchers and enter into a Master Lease Agreement with the Cecil Hotel to house those in need of housing.

However, with any such action, we request that the City and third-party program administrators create robust safety and security guidelines to ensure that safe living arrangements are in place for future tenants and the surrounding community.

In addition, we ask the City to work with the Department of City Planning, Office of Historic Resources, and The Cecil Hotel, to ensure that the important "character-defining features," including ghost signage, remain intact and preserved to ensure that this important landmark can be enjoyed in perpetuity by its future inhabitants and the community-at-large.

*** SUBJECT TO APPROVAL BY DLANC BOARD OF DIRECTORS ON AUGUST 9, 2022***

Sincerely,

Claudia Oliveira
President,
DLANC

Jehan Reagan,
Chair,
Government Liaison Committee

Cc: Council District 14 (via email)