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**DOWNTOWN LOS ANGELES NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL
URBAN NEEDS AND RESOURCES COMMITTEE
LETTER**

Subject: Assessment of Findings and Effectiveness of the Inside Safe Program

Dear [City Council Member's Name],

Firstly, we commend the city council and the mayor for taking a proactive approach to address homelessness through the "Inside Safe" program. Homelessness is a complex issue that requires comprehensive and compassionate solutions, and the temporary placement of homeless individuals in motels, coupled with the objective of transitioning them to permanent housing, is a commendable step in the right direction.

It is heartening to see that the program also aims to provide essential services such as substance abuse and mental health counseling. These resources are crucial in addressing the underlying challenges faced by homeless individuals and can contribute significantly to their successful reintegration into society.

As concerned members of the community, we are eager to understand the findings and effectiveness of the ordinance and the "Inside Safe" program. We believe that periodic assessments are vital to ensuring that the initiatives put in place are achieving their intended goals and making a positive impact on the lives of those affected by homelessness.

We would appreciate it if the city council could provide information on the following points:

1. Progress Report: An update on the progress made since the initiation of the "Inside Safe" program, including the number of individuals transitioned to permanent housing, the success of substance abuse and mental health counseling efforts, and any challenges faced during the implementation.

2. Community Outreach: Details on the community outreach efforts undertaken to garner support and feedback from residents and businesses in the vicinity of the motels housing homeless individuals. Public engagement is key to fostering understanding and cooperation within the community.
3. Budget Allocation: A breakdown of the budget allocated for the program, including how funds are distributed among temporary housing, counseling services, and other related expenses.
4. Future Plans: Insights into the city council's future plans for addressing homelessness, building upon the lessons learned from the "Inside Safe" program.

We believe that an open dialogue between the city council and the community is essential for the success of initiatives like the "Inside Safe" program. We appreciate your dedication to creating positive change in our community and look forward to hearing more about the progress made and future plans to address homelessness in our city.

Thank you for your time and commitment to serving our community.

Sincerely,
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