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The Los Angeles Police Department's Nuisance Abatement Unit has identified numerous motels and hotels throughout the City that contribute to increased criminal and gang activity including the sale and use of narcotics and prostitution. The true potential of such properties as a source of affordable housing could be realized through the provision of targeted City housing development incentives.

The City is in the midst of a housing crisis and is in search of strategies to increase the supply of affordable housing. As a means of mitigating the negative affects of crime inducing motels/hotels and increasing the supply of affordable housing, the City should pursue a housing assistance program where identified property owners are offered development incentives to demolish their nuisance properties and convert them to new affordable multi-family rental housing units.

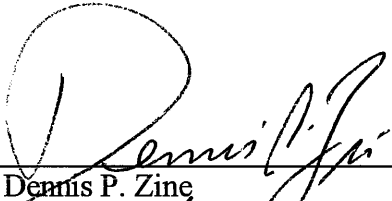
An incentive program consisting of, but not limited to, an expedited City permitting processing, development financing assistance and project technical assistance could be offered to affected property owners. Such a program would mitigate the affects of such nuisance properties, provide the property owner with a reliable stream of revenue from rental income and realize the potential of their property.

In order for the City to meet the dual goals of removing blighting criminal activity and increasing the supply of affordable housing, the Council should request the Los Angeles Housing Department to review the feasibility of this new program.

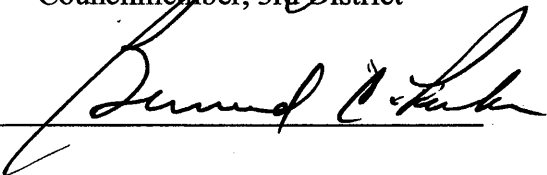
**I THEREFORE MOVE** that the General Manager, Los Angeles Housing Department, with the assistance and cooperation of the Community Redevelopment Agency and the Los Angeles Police Department, be instructed to report on the feasibility of: (a) developing a new affordable housing development program to assist owners of motels/hotels, identified by the Los Angeles Police Department as contributing to increased neighborhood criminal or gang activity, and (b) converting or rehabilitating such properties to affordable multi-family housing units.

**I FURTHER MOVE** that such analysis be submitted to the City Council within 60-days.

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