

Proposed Policy Letter to our Elected Leaders: Councilmember's Bonin, Koretz, City Council President Nury Martinez and Los Angeles Mayor Garcetti

re: Suspension of Permitting of Hotels in the City of LA, Housing Crisis

Whereas,

The City of Los Angeles is in an affordable housing crisis and the City has not met its RHNA goal for development of AFFORDABLE HOUSING in the City of Los Angeles*;

During the Covid Pandemic hotels are reporting that they have lost bookings and remain largely empty as travel into California has decreased substantially**;

As of November 2020, we are in another wave of increased Covid contagion with no expectation that it will decrease soon;

There is not expected to be a vaccination or medical intervention to control Covid and allow our economy, and travel, to return to "normal" until Spring, 2021 at the *earliest*;

There continues to be overwhelming number of filings for hotel developments in the City of Los Angeles throughout the Covid period;

There will be a great number of residents evicted from their apartments after the Covid crisis is over and there needs to be a detailed report and data about the number of residents displaced due to job losses and job reduction;

Therefore, in anticipation of a further greater need for affordable housing in the long term, the Mar Vista Community Council urges the Los Angeles City Council and the Mayor to place an interim moratorium on the development of hotels until the City meets its affordable housing RHNA goals with focus on moderate income housing.

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**Per the Los Angeles Tourism and Convention Board, Beverly Hills, West Los Angeles and the local area had an occupancy rate of 44.4% as of September 20, 2020 and in Santa Monica, Marina del Rey and Venice local area had an occupancy rate of 44.8% as of September 20, 2020, the 2 lowest occupancy rates of any area studied in our City.