



## Proposed Travelodge Project Homekey Frequently Asked Questions

### OPERATIONS

- **Will there be any rules or criteria for staying at this site and how will they be enforced?** Yes, there will be some requirements such as a curfew, and no substances allowed on site. I will also convey the concerns of our community to the service provider that is selected.
- **Are there going to be any rules regarding the consumption of alcohol outside the building?** Alcohol cannot be consumed on the premises and we already have open container laws prohibiting the possession and consumption of an open container of alcohol in public places.
- **Will these units be interim or permanent or both?** Interim for first 3-5 years and then some form of permanent housing after.
- **How soon will the Travelodge site be available for people to move in?** To comply with the agreement with Judge Carter, the facility must be ready before April 2021. The deadline under the State, which drives funding for this site, is sooner.
- **Will the project be substance free housing?** Yes.

### SECURITY

- **Who will provide security?** The service provider will contract with private security company.
- **Will there be 24/7 onsite security?** Yes.
- **Can LAPD be required to post weekly crime stats of this area and surrounding areas for the first year?** Absolutely. And my public safety deputy will be in constant contact with LAPD to monitor what is happening so we can keep the community apprised.

### SERVICES

- **What type of support staff will be onsite and what kinds of services will be provided?** Provider staff will be onsite 24/7. These individuals are experienced with facility operations, resolving conflicts, and other types of issues related to behavior and facility rule compliance. Case management staff and caseworkers providing more specialized services will be available during daytime and early evening hours. All Project Homekey sites would also have County Department of Mental Health and Health Services staff present.

- **Do those staying here have to agree to accept drug or mental health services?** These services will be provided, but it has to be the choice of the client. We cannot require someone to accept services or participate in treatment programs. Over time, studies have shown that living in a more stable environment is a contributing factor in a person's willingness to accept services.

## OUTREACH

- **Who can stay at this facility?** Target population is unhoused from CD12 with priority for those living near freeways, those who are at least 55 years old, or those who have previous health issues.
- **Will local residents be prioritized?** Yes

## FINANCES

- **How is this project being funded?** Most of this project would be funded by the Federal Coronavirus Relief Funds allocated by states. Special homeless grant funding are being used for any necessary safety and ADA upgrades.
- **Are we buying or leasing the motel?** City would purchase the property.

## OTHER

- **Is this instead of or in addition to the Topanga Apartments project?** This project is completely different from the proposed Topanga Apartments project in Chatsworth near Topanga and Devonshire. I strongly oppose that project and will continue to because what is being proposed is not suitable for that site.
- **This site has 72 rooms. What other projects are you working on to address homelessness in CD12?** We are always exploring other possible locations and sites and as things come to fruition, I will bring it to the community as soon as I can.
- **How do we know people will go when they did not take advantage of Project Roomkey during COVID-19?** Actually, Project Roomkey was hugely popular. There was more demand than there were rooms available. One of the benefits of Homekey is more people will be eligible for room, unlike Roomkey which was just for people who are highest risk for COVID-19 (people who are 55+ and/or have pre-existing health conditions).
- **Why can't the city purchase the Motel 6 near Roscoe and the 405 for this project?** The property was sold to a private developer before the agreement with Judge Carter and the creation of Project Roomkey/Homekey.
- **What is interim housing?** Interim housing is what the city is most in need of right now. Interim housing is intended to be a shorter-term solution, serving as a stop-gap measure until individuals are able to find long-term housing. The San Fernando Valley Rescue Mission is an example of interim housing. Interim housing usually has supportive services available for individuals seeking assistance.

- **How is interim housing different from supportive housing?** Supportive housing, or permanent supportive housing, is permanent housing that provides long-term residency, with intensive supportive services built in.

## **COMMUNITY**

- **What can community members and businesses do to support the residents who will be living here?** There will be many opportunities to provide support to this project and to the residents. However, right now, I really need everyone's help to make sure our community is hearing accurate information about this project. Bad information circulating in our communities continues to fuel myths and negative perceptions about projects like these and about our unhoused residents. And whether you agree with this proposal, I think we can all agree that truth matters and facts matter. If you need more information or have a question, please contact my office.