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Memorandum
Councilmember Al Austin
Eighth District

Date: July 23, 2019
To: Mayor and Members of the City Council
From: Councilmember Al Austin, Eighth District *al*
Subject: Travel Report –Trip to Sacramento

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Receive and file report on travel to Sacramento, CA on July 8, 2019 to testify in support of SB 450 (Umberg).

BACKGROUND:

On July 8th, I traveled to Sacramento to testify before the State Assembly Natural Resources Committee in support of Senate Bill 450. This bill by Senator Tom Umberg is sponsored by the City of Long Beach and would exempt the conversion of a motel into supportive or transitional housing that is linked to supportive services from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA).

Currently, many families experiencing homelessness are already temporarily living in motels through motel voucher programs, and some nuisance motels are blights in neighborhoods. While many of these motels are ideal opportunities to convert for affordable housing, the CEQA delays and costs that can be up to \$1 million, can make the projects unfeasible.

This bill will help Long Beach take a significant step to address our affordable housing needs, while working to repurpose existing nuisance properties.

SB 450 was approved by the Assembly Natural Resources Committee by an 8-1 vote on July 8th, and is now referred to the Assembly Appropriations Committee.

FISCAL IMPACT: There is no fiscal impact with the filing of this report.



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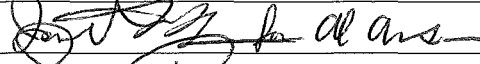


REQUEST TO ADD AGENDA ITEM

Date: July 19, 2019
To: Monique DeLaGarza, City Clerk
From: Councilmember Al Austin, Eighth District
Subject: Request to Add Agenda Item to Council Agenda of July 23, 2019

Pursuant to Municipal Code Section 2.03.070 [B], the City Councilmembers signing below request that the attached agenda item (due in the City Clerk Department by Friday, 12:00 Noon) be placed on the City Council agenda under New Business via the supplemental agenda.

The agenda title/recommendation for this item reads as follows:

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Council District	Authorizing Councilmember	Signed by
8	Al Austin	
3	Suzie Price	
4	Daryl Supernaw	

Attachment: Staff Report dated July 23, 2019