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RE: PROJECT: Homekey 6531 S. Sepulveda Extended Stay America Hotel (Los Angeles City Council File 21-0112)

Mr. Greenwood,

The Neighborhood Council of Westchester/Playa (NCWPDR) objects to the release of funds by the Housing Authority City of Los Angeles for two proposed Project Homekey located at 6531 S. Sepulveda Blvd., Los Angeles, CA 90045 and 11838 Aviation Blvd., Los Angeles, CA 90045, respectively. The NCWPDR also requests a 30-day extension to the March 14, 2022 public comment period deadline.

It is outrageous that the NCWP, community stakeholders and the public were made aware of the potential acquisition of two hotels within the NCWP footprint solely via a social media post from CD11 Councilmember Mike Bonin on around March 3, 2022. As a result, no stakeholders had the opportunity for public input or comment as required by the Los Angeles City Charter: IX, Section 907, which clearly states Neighborhood Councils must be informed and given reasonable time to participate in meaningful feedback as required by law.

The proposed acquisition includes the 133-room Extended Stay America Hotel located at 6531 S. Sepulveda Boulevard and the 46-room LAX Suites at 11838 Aviation Boulevard, for persons who are chronically and at-risk of homelessness.

At an emergency NCWP meeting on Tuesday March 8, 2022, Abby Austin, staff member for Councilmember Bonin, acknowledged that the public had not been previously made aware of the proposed project and stated that the public would have the opportunity for input and comment moving forward. It is clear that the City of Los Angeles had no intention of informing the public about this project and even less intention of seeking meaning engagement and discussion about its impacts on the surrounding community. It is unfortunate that this method of operation seems to be the norm rather than the exception.

Ours is not a community that is unfamiliar with controversial projects or with development, but the most successful projects are ALWAYS the ones in which communication with the stakeholders is given a high priority. Our Neighborhood Council footprint includes Los Angeles International Airport, the Hyperion Water Reclamation Plant, Loyola Marymount University, Otis College of Art and Design, the Ballona

Wetlands, the LAWA Northside Development Project (2.5 million sq. ft. of proposed development), the Venice Dual Force Main Project and Westchester Park. It also includes Dockweiler State Beach and Playa del Rey beach, which, for many city and county residents, is the only affordable recreational beach access available to them and their families.

Many of the above-mentioned partners in our footprint have ongoing projects in which our stakeholders and NC are actively involved. We are a very engaged and participatory community, but our stakeholders are feeling disenfranchised and blindsided by the lastminute notice of this project.

There is overwhelming consensus that our community requires more time to thoughtfully understand the use and conditions of the hotels as well as to examine and evaluate the potential impacts to our community, both positive and negative.

In light of these concerns, we respectfully request an extension of at least 30 days to submit a Community Impact Statement/letter outlining the position of the Neighborhood Council. We ask this as compassionate elected stakeholders for the whole community and authorize the President to take the appropriate action to promote this position.

Thank you for your time and thoughtful consideration of our request.



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