

From: [Board of Supervisors, \(BOS\)](#)
To: [BOS-Supervisors](#)
Cc: [Wong, Linda \(BOS\)](#)
Subject: FW: Stop the Plan to Shut Down the SIP Hotels
Date: Monday, December 14, 2020 2:31:30 PM

From: Maria Arribas de la Calle <info@email.actionnetwork.org>
Sent: Monday, December 14, 2020 2:13 PM
To: Board of Supervisors, (BOS) <board.of.supervisors@sfgov.org>
Subject: Stop the Plan to Shut Down the SIP Hotels

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Board of Supervisors,

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Cc: [Wong, Linda \(BOS\)](#)
Subject: FW: SIP
Date: Monday, December 14, 2020 1:22:03 PM

From: Nurit Baruch <nuritvenus@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, December 14, 2020 12:40 PM
To: Peskin, Aaron (BOS) <aaron.peskin@sfgov.org>; Mar, Gordon (BOS) <gordon.mar@sfgov.org>; Breed, Mayor London (MYR) <mayorlondonbreed@sfgov.org>; Yee, Norman (BOS) <norman.yee@sfgov.org>; Board of Supervisors, (BOS) <board.of.supervisors@sfgov.org>
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Pls don't let people become destitute tomorrow with the SIP agenda.
Yours,
Nurit Baruch.

Sent from [Mail](#) for Windows 10

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Subject: FW: Stop the Plan to Shut Down the SIP Hotels
Date: Monday, December 14, 2020 11:40:29 AM

From: jo adell <info@email.actionnetwork.org>
Sent: Saturday, December 12, 2020 5:32 PM
To: Board of Supervisors, (BOS) <board.of.supervisors@sfgov.org>
Subject: Stop the Plan to Shut Down the SIP Hotels

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Dear Mayor Breed,

I am a 65 year old disabled homeless woman. I am fortunate enough to have a place to shelter. If I didn't, I would be a tenant in a SIP hotel.

But you want to put us on the street to freeze and die.

I work. I pay taxes. And I donate to political campaigns. I will support the candidate who supports me

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Homeless

Homeless, California 94952

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Cc: [Wong, Linda \(BOS\)](#)
Subject: FW: Haney's Emergency Ordinance to keep Shelter-in-Place (SIP) Hotels Open - SUPPORT
Date: Monday, December 14, 2020 5:07:49 PM
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[SIP Hotel Support 12 14 20 BOS.pdf](#)

From: Calder Lorenz <CLorenz@stanthonysf.org>
Sent: Monday, December 14, 2020 3:17 PM
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City Hall, 1 Dr. Carlton B. Goodlett Place, Room 244
San Francisco, CA 94102-4689

Subject: Haney's Emergency Ordinance to keep Shelter-in-Place (SIP) Hotels Open - SUPPORT

Dear Supervisors,

I am writing on behalf of St. Anthony Foundation to respectfully request that you support Supervisor Haney's Emergency Ordinance (File: 201328) to keep SIP Hotel units open, to utilize for placements of unhoused San Franciscans, all for the purpose of finding housing exits for the thousands without a house.

Through the program, approximately 2,359 unhoused San Franciscans have been able to gain safety, stability, access to food, water, sanitation, and hygiene, while also being provided important services and resources. Some residents shared that these hotels provided them their first opportunity to shower in years and saved their lives. Some of these residents are even being transitioned into permanent supportive housing and other forms of long-term support.

The residents of these hotels are San Franciscans and:

- 47% are COVID vulnerable and have high medical needs
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While only 36% of the SIP Hotels unanimously legislated for were ultimately secured, these hotel rooms helped San Francisco avert a cataclysmic public health crisis by providing safety and stability from the streets, but also by protecting thousands from COVID-19. The outbreak at MSC-South, where over hundred residents and staff tested positive for the virus solemnly reminded us all of the need to act swiftly in securing hotel rooms. Subsequent outbreaks in Seattle, San Diego, San Jose, and other municipalities across the country continue to show the danger of congregate shelters and the crucial role hotels played in San Francisco's COVID-19 response.

The Department of Homelessness and Supportive Housing (HSH) new plan begins to navigate people through the City's homelessness response system and transition over 2,200 people to permanent supportive housing and

other forms of robust housing subsidies. Such an effort is a massive undertaking comparable to efforts in Houston, Texas and few other locations. Such an effort may be possible with the appropriate spending of Prop C (2018) money on securing units, moving people into these units, and ensuring consistent funding to Rapid Rehousing and other similar subsidies. In the meantime, it makes fiscal sense to use SIP Hotels that were secured while FEMA continues to reimburse them. Haney's legislation allows us to fill units emptied by HSH with some of the +7,000 unhoused who continue to seek refuge in their cars, tents, and on the street.

A pandemic should never have been needed to remind us that no person should spend their life without a home. A pandemic should never have been needed for us to act. But a pandemic did occur. The question now is will we act and will we house people? We must seize this moment and all available resources in our effort to respond to the homelessness crisis in San Francisco. The scale of this problem may be daunting to some, but this legislation offers us something to aspire to- to believe in- and ultimately something we must all fight to enact.

Sincerely,

Nils Behnke, CEO

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To: [BOS-Supervisors](#)
Cc: [Wong, Linda \(BOS\)](#)
Subject: FW: Public Comment - My Concerns Regarding the SIPs and Homeless Residents in SF
Date: Friday, December 18, 2020 8:44:33 AM
Attachments: [My Concerns Regarding the SIPs and Homeless Residents in SF \(1\).pdf](#)

From: Jamieson Zhen Tamondong <jtamondong@mail.sfsu.edu>
Sent: Thursday, December 17, 2020 11:53 PM
To: Board of Supervisors, (BOS) <board.of.supervisors@sfgov.org>
Subject: Public Comment - My Concerns Regarding the SIPs and Homeless Residents in SF

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Hello, my name is Jamieson Tamondong and I am leaving a public comment as part of a project for school. Attached are my concerns about the shelter-in-place hotels in the city and our homeless population.

Thank you for your time.

Hello, my name is Jamieson Tamondong and I am leaving a public comment as a part of a project for school.

Homelessness is still such a pervasive issue, especially in our city of San Francisco. Whenever I ask people what comes to mind when they think of the city, the discussion of homelessness always comes up. I remember a doctor's conference being cancelled over concerns of the conditions of our homelessness population. The city has a long history of homelessness that has especially been exacerbated with gentrification and ineffective policies. Every mayor has tried to address this crisis, yet it still remains. But housing the homeless seems to be a step in the right direction. Housing the homeless during this current covid-19 pandemic has allowed us to slow down infection and mortality rates and gives our immunocompromised and vulnerable homeless residents a safe place to be. But not only that, it allows people to have a place to call home and where they are allowed a fresh start. That is why we must continue to house the homeless. First, I plan to discuss a barrier in housing our homeless residents. Then, I will talk about how housing them is beneficial for everyone.

Let's get into an issue that shelter-in-place hotels are facing. One issue is the uncertainty of how long these shelter-in-place (SIP) hotels are going to stay open. Although the mayor's decision to close them down has been overruled, we do not know how long this pandemic is going to last. I am also concerned that the people currently staying in these hotels are just going to be displaced once again when things start winding down. According to an article by SFWeekly detailing this issue, "KQED recently reported that at least 2,300 unhoused people have exited SIP hotels in seven Bay Area counties, not including San Francisco, and that only 15 percent of them have moved into permanent supportive housing." (Schneider)¹ I understand that the city has plans to move SIP residents into more permanent housing but seeing these statistics has made me doubtful of how much the city is going to do for these residents. As of now, it has only been extended until the pandemic ends, although the City says they will require "Department of Homelessness and Supportive Housing to prepare publicly available reports on the progress of placements from SIP Hotels into stable housing." (12/15/20 Board Agenda)² I know that these SIPs are not meant to be permanent but possibly extending the duration of these hotels even further will allow people time to adjust and to get their bearings. For many, this is the first that they've had a place to stay in a long time.

I'm sure you all are aware but housing the homeless has many benefits. Like I have mentioned for this pandemic, we were able to lower our rates of death and infection cases and also provide housing for our vulnerable homeless residents. In addition, housing our homeless population

¹ Schneider, Benjamin. "Hotels for the Homeless Winding Down... Maybe ." *SF Weekly*, 3 Dec. 2020, www.sfweekly.com/news/hotels-for-the-homeless-winding-down-maybe/.

² "Board of Supervisors City and County of San Francisco Agenda." *Board of Supervisors*. San Francisco, CA., December 15, 2020.

lowers instances of drug addiction, mental illness, sickness, and unemployment. It is also cost effective. A study from University of New Mexico, researching economic benefits to housing Albuquerque's homeless population, found that "during the two to three-year study period, Heading Home (name of their program) participants cost about \$1 million LESS than before entering the program." (Hilf)³ They used a "Housing First" strategy that gives immediate housing to homeless residents, instead of traditional methods that have many requirements (such as employment, recovered from addiction, etc.). Not only is housing the homeless cost effective, but it is also much more effective in combating this issue. Another study focusing on the potential of the Housing First approach is the Pathways to Housing initiative in New York City. This particular one focused on providing immediate assistance to homeless residents with mental disabilities. "After five years, 88 percent of the program's tenants remained housed, whereas only 47 percent of the residents in the city's residential treatment system remained housed." (Tsemberis & Eisenberg)⁴ Housing the homeless can only serve to benefit everyone involved and it is a step in providing more time, money and care effective approaches to solving our homelessness issue.

Although the SIPs are not a permanent solution for our homelessness crisis, it is beneficial to keep them running into the near future. As there are many upsides in having people housed and it serves as a transition to move people into more permanent housing. Housing the homeless allows residents to start taking steps to live better lives and saves cities money. Motivate the audience to do something about your problem: Instead of continually trying to hide our homelessness issue, we should try to embrace it and start caring more for our homeless residents.

Thank you for your time.

³ Hilf, Aaron. "Research Reveals Big Economic Benefits to Housing Homeless Population." *Phys.org*, Phys.org, 25 Oct. 2016, phys.org/news/2016-10-reveals-big-economic-benefits-housing.html.

⁴ Tsemberis, S, and R F Eisenberg. "Pathways to housing: supported housing for street-dwelling homeless individuals with psychiatric disabilities." *Psychiatric services (Washington, D.C.)* vol. 51,4 (2000): 487-93. doi:10.1176/appi.ps.51.4.487

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To: [BOS-Supervisors](#)
Cc: [Wong, Linda \(BOS\)](#)
Subject: FW: Stop the Plan to Shut Down the SIP Hotels
Date: Friday, December 18, 2020 2:57:06 PM

From: Victor Ubeda <info@email.actionnetwork.org>
Sent: Friday, December 18, 2020 1:58 PM
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Subject: FW: Stop the Plan to Shut Down the SIP Hotels
Date: Friday, December 18, 2020 2:58:29 PM

From: Pau Sastre <info@email.actionnetwork.org>
Sent: Friday, December 18, 2020 2:00 PM
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To: [BOS-Supervisors](#)
Cc: [Wong, Linda \(BOS\)](#)
Subject: FW: SIP Hotels
Date: Tuesday, December 15, 2020 3:39:53 PM

From: Raul Torres <raul.longshore@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, December 15, 2020 2:10 PM
To: Board of Supervisors, (BOS) <board.of.supervisors@sfgov.org>
Subject: SIP Hotels

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Hello,

I am writing on behalf of all the homeless people experiencing homelessness pretty soon.
it's important to keep housing the homeless and not kick them back out onto the streets, especially
right before Christmas,
Can you help?

Thanks

Mauro Strokes

From: [Board of Supervisors, \(BOS\)](#)
To: [BOS-Supervisors](#)
Cc: [Wong, Linda \(BOS\)](#)
Subject: FW: Stop the Plan to Shut Down the SIP Hotels
Date: Tuesday, December 15, 2020 12:38:24 PM

From: Nancy Buffum <info@email.actionnetwork.org>
Sent: Tuesday, December 15, 2020 11:55 AM
To: BOS-Legislative Aides <bos-legislative_aides@sfgov.org>
Subject: Stop the Plan to Shut Down the SIP Hotels

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Legislative Aides ,

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"Likely delay" is unacceptable, no new date has been given to hotel residents, nor have they been notified where they will be moved. All of us fear it will be the streets.

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From: Laura Fuentes <info@email.actionnetwork.org>
Sent: Friday, December 11, 2020 7:42 AM
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Subject: FW: Stop the Plan to Shut Down the SIP Hotels
Date: Tuesday, December 15, 2020 12:37:55 PM

From: Hanna Walinska <info@email.actionnetwork.org>
Sent: Thursday, December 10, 2020 8:22 PM
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Subject: FW: Stop the Plan to Shut Down the SIP Hotels
Date: Tuesday, December 15, 2020 12:36:26 PM

From: Marian Doub <info@email.actionnetwork.org>
Sent: Tuesday, December 15, 2020 12:29 PM
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with services. I also call on you to set up a listening session with SIP hotel residents and bring people directly affected into the decision-making process about the hotels.

Thank you.

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From: [Board of Supervisors, \(BOS\)](#)
To: [BOS-Supervisors](#)
Cc: [Wong, Linda \(BOS\)](#)
Subject: FW: Stop the Plan to Shut Down the SIP Hotels
Date: Tuesday, December 15, 2020 12:25:17 PM

From: Eric Marcoux <info@email.actionnetwork.org>
Sent: Tuesday, December 15, 2020 12:00 PM
To: Board of Supervisors, (BOS) <board.of.supervisors@sfgov.org>
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To: [BOS-Supervisors](#)
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Subject: FW: Stop the Plan to Shut Down the SIP Hotels
Date: Tuesday, December 15, 2020 11:57:48 AM

From: Nancy Buffum <info@email.actionnetwork.org>
Sent: Tuesday, December 15, 2020 11:55 AM
To: Board of Supervisors, (BOS) <board.of.supervisors@sfgov.org>
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Housing officials have admitted that there are not enough available housing units to meet the need.

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Thank you.

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To: [BOS-Supervisors](#)
Cc: [Wong, Linda \(BOS\)](#)
Subject: FW: Stop the Plan to Shut Down the SIP Hotels
Date: Tuesday, December 15, 2020 11:57:32 AM

From: Regina Sneed <info@email.actionnetwork.org>
Sent: Tuesday, December 15, 2020 11:52 AM
To: Board of Supervisors, (BOS) <board.of.supervisors@sfgov.org>
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More importantly, now is an opportunity to create permanent housing for this population as part of the economic recovery from the pandemic.

Thank you.

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To: [BOS-Supervisors](#)
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Subject: FW: Stop the Plan to Shut Down the SIP Hotels
Date: Tuesday, December 15, 2020 11:57:20 AM

From: Teresa Palmer <info@email.actionnetwork.org>
Sent: Tuesday, December 15, 2020 11:51 AM
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