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Below is a public comment regarding item **211236** which will be voted on during the Board of Supervisors meeting on February 15, 2022:

We are pharmacy students, and we would like to express our support for the amendment to extend the services at Hotel Whitcomb. SIP hotels have been extremely beneficial for the homeless population and the booking period should be extended until December considering the surge of COVID-19 variants. While it is important that SIP hotel guests be transferred to permanent housing, these individual hotel rooms are necessary for the social distancing of unhoused individuals and those living in congregate shelters. Upon SIP hotel closures, people who are unqualified for alternative housing may be relocated into congregate shelters which will increase the risk of COVID-19 outbreaks. In addition, residents of the SIP hotel have access to harm reduction programs and medications to help with opioid use disorders which are necessary for their recovery and to mitigate the opioid epidemic. As future healthcare practitioners, we strongly support this amendment.

Comment from Yubin Moon, Bea De Los Reyes, Micah Banawis, Thao Tang, Christine Hancock and Sherry Fu.