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Subject: I support "A Place for All" to end street homelessness
Date: Sunday, June 19, 2022 3:05:00 PM

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Hello,

I'm reaching out to express my support for Supervisor Mandelman's "A Place for All" legislation.

For too long, the city has spent more and more money on homelessness without a concrete plan and the number of people forced to live on the streets has only increased.

I believe we need to end the homelessness crisis and that we should efficiently use our city's resources to shelter as many people as possible. Supervisor Mandelman's "Place for All" would finally require the city to develop a plan to do that.

I hope you will support this plan.

Thank you.

Sent from my iPhone

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Cc: [Rudy Gonzalez](#)
Subject: RE: A Place for All program
Date: Monday, June 13, 2022 5:34:58 PM

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Dear Supervisors,

I am writing to express Unite Here, Local 2's support for the goal of the proposed A Place for All shelter program, and to express two concerns that we are asking to be addressed before the program advances.

The first concern is related to the program's goals of converting tourist hotels into short-term shelter and/or permanent supportive housing. We ask that, as program staff choose hotels for possible inclusion into this program, they consider the harmful impact of permanently eliminating the kinds of union jobs for which our members have fought and continue to fight.

In the summer of 2021, dozens of Local 2 members, some of whom had served at the Hotel Buchanan for decades, found themselves faced with the possibility of permanently losing their jobs and livelihoods as the City considered converting the Buchanan into permanent supportive housing. They testified, often late into the evening, about the devastating impact on them and their families of the jobs that offered a living wage, health care, and a dignified retirement. The loss of good union jobs harms not just the workers themselves, but their families and their entire communities. And once those jobs disappear, there is simply not a wide pool of jobs for our members to choose from that also provide a living wage, affordable health care, a dignified retirement, and respect and dignity at work.

It is *vital* to implement a plan for providing housing for our fellow human beings who currently have no other choice than to live outside. Programs that provide this housing are extremely important and deserve widespread support. But please do not choose to uplift one segment of our population at the expense of another.

Our second concern is related to the need for explicit language regarding standards for the labor of the construction and maintenance of the various kinds of housing that would be created or maintained by this program. Union construction and maintenance jobs don't merely provide a living wage and affordable health care: our siblings in the Building Trades Council could also

describe at length the safety and quality concerns that come from trying to save money by building housing using off-site, modular construction.

All San Franciscans deserve safe, quality, affordable housing, and they all deserve dignified work that pays enough to live and that provides affordable health care. As you consider the Place for All program, please do not attempt to meet one of these goals by shortchanging another.

Thank you,

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