

September 8, 1987

REPORT TO THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SERVICES AND SAFETY  
ITEM 16, MEETING OF AUGUST 5, 1987, PUBLIC COMMENT CONCERNING THE  
SINGLE ROOM OCCUPANCY (SRO) ORDINANCE AND DOWNTOWN SENIOR CENTER

The matter referenced above and covered in detail by Mr. Charles Gill's letter of August 11, 1987, has been referred to this office for comment.

Procedurally, the City Council, by amendment, can add to the interim SRO ordinance an additional exemption for projects which convert or demolish SRO hotels provided the conversion or demolition results in the development of a project for low income senior citizens operated by a nonprofit corporation. A draft of such an amendment is attached for your consideration.

The amendment would be enacted by an ordinance which would become effective 30 days after its adoption. There does not appear to be a basis for use of an emergency ordinance. Apparently, the introduction and adoption of such an amendment before the option to purchase expires in mid-November would enable the Senior Center Corporation to proceed even though the amendment would not become effective until early December if introduced in mid-October.

If such an amendment were enacted, it will be necessary to include provisions in any permanent SRO ordinance that provide a similar exemption unless the senior center project receives its building permits prior to the effective date of the permanent ordinance. In the alternative, this matter could be addressed by providing in the permanent ordinance that its provisions will not apply to a project that was exempt from the provisions of the interim ordinance.

Respectfully submitted,  
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