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Comments to be read for Item 2 ROGC 20-1818

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**CSJ Rules Committee 5/13/20 Speaking Points**

Good afternoon Mayor and Rules Committee Members. I'm Joanne Price, VP Real Estate with LifeMoves.

- We applaud all the City's efforts to date in tackling homelessness and making it a number one priority during this crisis.
- We support and are in favor of Councilmember's Jimenez memo dated April 24<sup>th</sup> recommending modifications to the Zoning code to allow additional beds in existing, legal non-conforming shelters in Industrial zoning districts as long as a physical expansion of the shelter building footprint is not necessary.
- The draft 2020 Community Plan to End Homelessness discusses increasing temporary housing and shelter options by 100% i.e. effectively doubling capacity. The Covid crisis has amplified the immediate need for more beds.
- These additional zoning modifications would facilitate both of these goals.
- Shelters and Transitional Housing typically require Special Use or Conditional Use Permits so any modifications to the Zoning Code should automatically reflect and adjust any existing CUPs or SUPs running with the property.
- In order to help meet the current demand, we also encourage Shelters and Transitional Housing up to 100 beds be permitted by-right.
- Last year we were required to work through a challenging 5-month process in order to add 25% (14) more beds at one our facilities within the existing building footprint. The process cost \$60,000 (\$30,000 in planning fees + another \$30,000 in park fees). This proposed zoning modification would have likely avoided this lengthy and costly process. At a minimum park fees should be waived.

- We appreciate your consideration of these zoning modifications to become another tool in the City's toolbox to help fight homelessness.

Thank you, be well and healthy.