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Dear San Dimas Community,

I first want to wish you and your families health and safety during these unprecedented times. As Our Community begins to rebuild and recover from this pandemic, it is truly unfortunate that San Dimas residents and businesses are now faced with a State and County program that will change the fabric of Our Community.

The County of Los Angeles and the local Motel 6 are currently in discussions to make Motel 6 part of the Project Roomkey program. Project Roomkey is a program that will provide housing for people experiencing homelessness who are vulnerable to the COVID-19 virus. The current proposal between the County and Motel 6 is to displace any current residents from the Motel 6 and utilize all 118 rooms to house vulnerable homeless individuals from throughout the County in Our Community, with a vague plan on how they will relocate these individuals back to their home regions after their stay. You can find additional information on Project Roomkey at <https://covid19.lacounty.gov/project-roomkey>.

The City understands the homeless crisis and continues to do its part in providing homeless programs and housing opportunities for our local homeless individuals. However, moving a disproportionate number of homeless individuals from outside our neighboring communities is irrational and something to be concerned about.

I OPPOSE the proposed agreement between the County and Motel 6 and am making every effort to ensure the safety of this Community. I support the City working with the County on potential measures to find an equitable solution. I appreciate your support and will continue to put our Community first.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Emmett Badar'. The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, sweeping initial 'E'.

Emmett Badar
Mayor
City of San Dimas