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CITY OF WALNUT
COVID19 – OFFICIAL CITY UPDATE:
Project Roomkey at the Quality Inn in Unincorporated Los Angeles County

June, 2, 2020 – The City of Walnut is in communication with the Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority (LAHSA) and is closely monitoring Project Roomkey at the Quality Inn on Fairway Drive located in neighboring Unincorporated Los Angeles County.

Project Roomkey is a collaborative effort by the State, L.A. County, and LAHSA to secure hotel and motel rooms for vulnerable people experiencing homelessness. It provides a way for people who don't have a home to stay safe inside and prevent the spread of COVID-19 in the community.

Hotel rooms provide temporary housing for people experiencing homelessness who are not COVID-19 positive or symptomatic, but are vulnerable to complications should they become infected with COVID-19. The location closest to the City of Walnut boundaries is the Quality Inn & Suites located at 1170 Fairway Dr. in Unincorporated Los Angeles County. Project Roomkey sites do not accept walk-in or walk-up clients. Prior to arrival, individuals are pre-screened and selected by homeless services provider then transported to their assigned location.

The County has contracted with a private security firm to deploy security guards on site 24 hours per day, seven days per week. Security is meant to ensure the safety of everyone on site. At least one professional security guard is present for every 50 rooms. The sites are not being used to quarantine individuals or treat COVID-19 patients, but provide a safe and separate place for vulnerable homeless individuals that are elderly or have underlying health conditions to help prevent the spread of COVID-19.

The safety and security of the City of Walnut's community is the City's highest priority during this pandemic and the City will continue to engage closely with LA County representatives to stay informed and updated about Project Roomkey.

For updates and information about the current number of cases in Los Angeles County, the spread of the virus, testing, and other important public health information, please visit the following websites:

- Los Angeles County Department of Public Health: http://publichealth.lacounty.gov/
- CDC: https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-nCoV/index.html

Please continue to check the City's website for COVID-19 related updates at cityofwalnut.org.