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Conversion of the Laguna Hills Inn (formerly Comfort Inn) to a Temporary COVID-19 Facility

LAGUNA HILLS, CA –

The City of Laguna Hills filed a lawsuit against the County of Orange and other parties to stop the conversion of the Laguna Hills Inn to a COVID-19 facility for transients. The City's objection was based on the danger of importing the virus into a community which has a high concentration of seniors, the persons most at risk, and also a community which heretofore has had an extremely small number of cases of illness. The City was also concerned about infringement of adjacent property owner rights.

The City has received a letter from Supervisor Lisa Bartlett and County Executive Officer Frank Kim with specific assurances. Those assurances include commitments that the hotel usage by the County and State is only temporary, and will close within 60 days of the rescission of the Governor's "Safer at Home" order, and that specified security protocols and levels of medical staffing will be followed.

The City of Laguna Hills acknowledges the assurances received, and has determined to dismiss its pending lawsuit.

For more information, including a copy of the letter from Supervisor Lisa Bartlett and County Executive Officer Frank Kim, visit the City's web site at www.lagunahillsca.gov.