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## **Supervisors Approve Conditional Use Permit for Jet Inn Motor Motel**

For more than a decade, residents of the affluent View Park, Windsor Hills and Ladera Heights communities have been at odds with the Jet Inn Motel, asserting the small facility was a source of blight to the area; to that end, they sought to have the building shut down during the summer 2010.

Tuesday, the Board of Supervisors approved a compromise that allows the 53-year-old business to remain open, as long as it completes significant aesthetic improvements to the property and engages in ongoing discussions with neighbors.

Among improvements required by the permit, the owners must paint the façade, install new carpeting, renovate the lobby and room interiors, and erect new street signage in order to continue operating for another 20 years.

The motel's swimming pool also will be removed and replaced with new landscaping; damaged security cameras must be fixed within 24 hours, and additional parking spaces and an elevator must be installed in compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act. All improvements are to be completed within six months.

Supervisor Mark Ridley-Thomas, who represents the Second District where the motel is located, said approving the permit was an important first step towards revitalizing the Slauson Corridor.

“These improvements to this motel are long overdue and necessary for the Jet Inn to keep pace with the comprehensive strategy underway for the corridor” the Supervisor said.

”More importantly,” he continued, “We’ve laid the foundation for better communication and cooperation with the surrounding community.”

Thirty-year resident and long time advocate for the Windsor Hills-View Park community Sally Hampton said she is looking forward to the motel renovations.

“The Jet Inn has created a significant blight on Slauson for many years, so I am happy to see the county imposing conditions that will improve the property and its operation,” Hampton said.

Hampton, who is also a member of the grassroots organization, the Empowerment Congress, said she would like to see the property become a resource for nearby residents as the entire corridor undergoes a substantial redevelopment.

“Starting east of Fairfax, Slauson is not what one would expect in a community of beautiful homes - some sections are a downright embarrassment,” she said. “Hopefully, this will change in the next few years as Slauson is developed and residents can enjoy shopping and doing business close to home.”

Three task forces convened by the Supervisor and comprised of business owners and residents, are currently devising plans to make Slauson Avenue a greater asset to the surrounding communities, with retail shops and restaurants, instead of merely a transit corridor and throughway.

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