

## **Communication from Public**

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Clergy & Laity United  
for Economic Justice

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*As CLUE, we educate, organize, and mobilize the faith community to accompany workers and their families in their struggle for good jobs, dignity, and justice.*

Council File: 14-1371-S13

May 16, 2023

Dear honorable members of the Los Angeles City Council's Economic and Community Development Committee,

On behalf of Clergy & Laity United for Economic Justice, I am writing to express our strong support for the motion introduced by Councilmember Curren D. Price, Jr. and co-sponsored by Councilmember Katy Yaroslovsky to amend the Los Angeles Living Wage Ordinance and the Los Angeles Hotel Worker Minimum Wage Ordinance in order to increase the minimum wage for tourism workers in the City of Los Angeles to \$25 an hour immediately, rising to \$30 an hour by 2028, and also to require quality health care and worker protections as a matter of economic justice, housing justice, and public safety.

CLUE is a community of faith-rooted leaders from Southern California's diverse and vibrant faith traditions, who show up together in solidarity with workers and the labor movement to pursue economic and racial justice. We organize faith communities throughout the City of Los Angeles and beyond for worker justice campaigns in collaboration with labor unions, and advocate for immigration and racial justice as well.

CLUE is in full support of this proposed ordinance because the faith leaders and congregations that we organize throughout Southern California, who represent diverse faith traditions and neighborhoods, understand not only that their own sacred values and teachings emphasize the cause of justice for workers, but also that tourism and hospitality workers are inseparable and integral members of their communities. They deserve the opportunity to live and work with dignity, and their struggle for fair wages and sustainable healthcare will support the cultural vibrancy and quality of life of everyone in our city.

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Our tourism workers are heads of households, many of them are single parents, and they're our neighbors, friends, and family members. Our diverse faith-rooted justice communities ask that you support, develop, and advocate for these transformative policies that will ensure that Los Angeles remains a place where workers and their families and communities can thrive.

Sincerely,

Reverend Jennifer Gutierrez  
Executive Director  
Clergy & Laity United for Economic Justice

## Communication from Public

**Name:** LAX-Area Democratic Club

**Date Submitted:** 05/16/2023 11:38 AM

**Council File No:** 14-1371-S13

**Comments for Public Posting:** Council File: 14-1371-S13 May 16th, 2023 LAX-Area Democratic Club is in LA City Council District 11, and we are writing in strong support of the motion introduced by Councilmember Curren Price and co-sponsored by Councilmember Katy Yaroslovsky to amend the Los Angeles Living Wage Ordinance and the Los Angeles Hotel Worker Minimum Wage Ordinance requiring \$25/hr now & \$30/hr by 2028, quality health care, and worker protections, as a matter of economic justice, housing justice, and public safety. LAXADC is in full support of this Ordinance and strongly believes in its benefit to the Community. The tourism industry has made a recovery from the pandemic with billions of dollars of public investment and is assured a future of growth with major events like the Olympics attracting visitors from around the world to our beautiful city. It's time for the workers at LAX and hotels to get their fair share of the profitable tourism industry that wouldn't be possible without them. If our community members are not making enough money to afford rent, they will continue to be displaced or risk losing their homes. LA already has the highest number of unhoused people in the nation, and it's unacceptable that the workers who are the backbone of a major economic engine are disproportionately rent-burdened. With the current state of the housing crisis and rising cost of rent, families need to earn enough money to live where they work. Tourism workers were among many frontline workers and communities of color who bore the brunt of the pandemic, yet many still lack quality health care. We're calling for the Council's support to ensure our tourism workers receive family-sustaining wages, quality health care, and workplace protections. Our tourism workers are heads of households, many of them are single parents, and they're our neighbors, friends, and family members. Los Angeles should be a place where everyone can thrive. Submitted by: LAX-Area Democratic Club

# LAX Area Democratic Club

Council File: 14-1371-S13

May 16<sup>th</sup>, 2023

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Submitted by: LAX-Area Democratic Club

## **Communication from Public**

**Name:** Nella McOsker  
**Date Submitted:** 05/16/2023 11:54 AM  
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May 16, 2023

Councilmember Curren Price  
Chair, Economic and Community Development Committee  
200 N Spring Street  
Los Angeles, CA 90012

**RE: Potential Amendments to the Los Angeles Living Wage Ordinance and the Los Angeles Hotel Worker Minimum Wage Ordinance (CF: 14-1371-S13)**

Dear Councilmember Price,

Established in 1924, Central City Association (CCA) is committed to advancing policies and projects that enhance Downtown Los Angeles' vibrancy and increase opportunity in our region. DTLA is critical to tourism in the city: it's home to the Los Angeles Convention Center, LA LIVE and Crypto.com Arena and welcomes over 17 million visitors per year. The tourism industry has also not fully recovered from the impacts of the pandemic as hotel stays have not yet returned to 2019 levels. **Before moving forward with potential amendments to the Los Angeles Living Wage Ordinance and the Los Angeles Hotel Worker Minimum Wage Ordinance, we request that the City hire an independent consultant to analyze potential impacts of the proposed changes to DTLA, the city's economy and tourism industry, particularly amid the lingering economic effects of COVID.**

Prior to the pandemic, DTLA saw over 22 million annual visitors and hotels were approximately 80% occupied on average. Currently, DTLA receives about 5 million less visitors and hotels are below 70% occupied. The tourism industry and our neighborhood have not fully recovered, a challenge that has been compounded by decreased foot traffic due to an increase in work from home and growing concerns about public safety.

Despite these challenges and the important role that DTLA plays in the city's tourism industry, the City Council recently acted on the DTLA 2040 Community Plan Update to make it more difficult to build a hotel in DTLA by requiring any new hotels to obtain one-off discretionary approvals and prohibited hotels in many areas of DTLA. We request that the City Council consider the potential impacts of amendments to the Los Angeles Living Wage Ordinance and the Los Angeles Hotel Worker Minimum Wage Ordinance comprehensively amid this policy context, and that there be a citywide commitment to DTLA to support the tourism industry's recovery and improve visitor experience.

Sincerely,

Nella McOsker  
President & CEO  
Central City Association

CC: Honorable Members of the Economic and Community Development Committee

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Esperanza Community Housing

**Date Submitted:** 05/16/2023 12:18 PM

**Council File No:** 14-1371-S13

**Comments for Public Posting:** Esperanza Community Housing (located in Council District 9) is in strong support of the motion introduced by Councilmember Curren Price and co-sponsored by Councilmember Katy Yaroslovsky to amend the Los Angeles Living Wage Ordinance and the Los Angeles Hotel Worker Minimum Wage Ordinance requiring \$25/hr now & \$30/hr by 2028, quality health care, and worker protections, as a matter of economic justice, housing justice, and public safety. Esperanza works with low-income communities of color, who live at the intersection of social justice issues affecting South Central Los Angeles's communities – upholding the pillars of health, public health, housing, economic justice, environmental justice, racial and immigrant justice, and supporting local arts and culture – to achieve comprehensive, long-term equitable community development in the Figueroa Corridor of South Central Los Angeles. We are in full support of this ordinance. Tourism workers, many of whom live in low-income communities, contribute largely to this city. However, as with so many low-income workers and other frontline workers, they face high rent, high utilities, and more which puts them and their families at risk of displacement and becoming unhoused. The communities that we serve and advocate for deserve a living wage that allows them to be able to live in this city. The tourism industry has made a recovery from the pandemic with billions of dollars of public investment and is assured a future of growth with major events like the Olympics attracting visitors from around the world to our beautiful city. It's time for the workers at LAX and hotels to get their fair share of the profitable tourism industry that wouldn't be possible without them. If our community members are not making enough money to afford rent, they will continue to be displaced or risk losing their homes. LA already has the highest number of unhoused people in the nation, and it's unacceptable that the workers who are the backbone of a major economic engine are disproportionately rent-burdened. With the current state of the housing crisis and rising cost of rent, families need to earn enough money to live where they work. Tourism workers were among many frontline workers and communities of color who bore the brunt of the pandemic, yet many still lack quality health care. We're calling for the council's support to ensure our tourism workers receive family-sustaining wages,

quality health care, and workplace protections. Our tourism workers are heads of households, many of them are single parents, and they're our neighbors, friends, and family members. Los Angeles should be a place where everyone can thrive. Thank you for your consideration of this issue. We strongly urge you to support this motion.



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May 16, 2023

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Thank you for your consideration of this issue. We strongly urge you to support this motion.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Nancy Halpern Ibrahim", followed by a long horizontal flourish.

Nancy Halpern Ibrahim  
Executive Director

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Miracle Mile Democratic Club

**Date Submitted:** 05/16/2023 04:29 PM

**Council File No:** 14-1371-S13

**Comments for Public Posting:** The Miracle Mile Democratic Club strongly supports the motion introduced by Councilmember Curren Price and co-sponsored by Councilmember Katy Yaroslavsky to amend the Los Angeles Living Wage Ordinance and the Los Angeles Hotel Worker Minimum Wage Ordinance requiring \$25/hr now and \$30/hr by 2028, quality health care, and worker protection, as a matter of economic justice, housing justice, and public safety.



May 16, 2023  
Los Angeles City Council

**RE: Support Council File**

**14-1371-S13**

Dear Los Angeles City Council

Council File: 14-1371-S13

(Today's Date)

**The Miracle Mile Democratic Club** is in council district #5 and we are writing in strong support of the motion introduced by Councilmember Curren Price and co-sponsored by Councilmember Katy Yaroslovsky to amend the Los Angeles Living Wage Ordinance and the Los Angeles Hotel Worker Minimum Wage Ordinance requiring \$25/hr now & \$30/hr by 2028, quality health care, and worker protections, as a matter of economic justice, housing justice, and public safety.

The Miracle Mile Democratic Club creation was led by young leaders fighting for their future ability to live, work and play in the Miracle Mile. Good paying jobs connected to an abundance of housing creates livable communities for all, so we strongly support the motion.

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For these reasons, **Miracle Mile Democratic Club** supports this ordinance.

Sincerely,

**Mark R. Edwards**  
**President**



## Communication from Public

**Name:**

**Date Submitted:** 05/16/2023 05:11 PM

**Council File No:** 14-1371-S13

**Comments for Public Posting:** The work of the Thai Community Development Center (Thai CDC) is primarily in Council District 13 which includes Hollywood and Thai Town both of which are high tourist destinations. Therefore, we write in strong support of the motion introduced by Councilmember Curren Price and co-sponsored by Councilmember Katy Yaroslavsky to amend the Los Angeles Living Wage Ordinance and the Los Angeles Hotel Worker Minimum Wage Ordinance requiring \$25/hr now & \$30/hr by 2028, quality health care, and worker protections, as a matter of economic justice, housing justice, and public safety. Thai CDC's support of this motion is quintessential to what our organizations stands for: "To advance the social and economic well-being of low- and moderate-income Thais and other ethnic communities in the greater Los Angeles area through a broad and comprehensive community development strategy including human rights advocacy, affordable housing, access to healthcare, promotion of small businesses, neighborhood empowerment, and social enterprises." The tourism industry has made a recovery from the pandemic with billions of dollars of public investment and is assured a future of growth with major events like the Olympics attracting visitors from around the world to our beautiful city. It's time for the workers at LAX and hotels to get their fair share of the profitable tourism industry that wouldn't be possible without them. If our community members are not making enough money to afford rent, they will continue to be displaced or risk losing their homes. LA already has the highest number of unhoused people in the nation, and it's unacceptable that the workers who are the backbone of a major economic engine are disproportionately rent-burdened. With the current state of the housing crisis and rising cost of rent, families need to earn enough money to live where they work. Tourism workers were among many frontline workers and communities of color who bore the brunt of the pandemic, yet many still lack quality health care. We're calling for the council's support to ensure our tourism workers receive family-sustaining wages, quality health care, and workplace protections. Our tourism workers are heads of households, many of them are single parents, and they're our neighbors, friends, and family members. Los Angeles should be a place where everyone can thrive.



## THAI COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT CENTER

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May 16, 2023

Los Angeles City Council  
Economic and Community Development Committee  
200 N Spring St.,  
Los Angeles, CA 90012

### **RE: Letter of Support to Amend the Los Angeles Living Wage Ordinance and the Los Angeles Hotel Worker Minimum Wage Ordinance**

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Sincerely,

Chanchanit Martorell  
Executive Director

## Communication from Public

**Name:** LA Area Chamber of Commerce  
**Date Submitted:** 05/16/2023 05:19 PM  
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**Comments for Public Posting:** Letter Attached



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CHAMBER OF COMMERCE



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CENTRAL CITY  
ASSOCIATION  
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May 16, 2023

The Honorable Curren D. Price Jr., Chair  
Economic and Community Development Committee  
City of Los Angeles  
200 N. Spring Street  
Los Angeles, CA 90012

**RE: Council File: 14-1371-S13: Los Angeles Living Wage Ordinance (LWO) / Los Angeles Hotel Worker Minimum Wage Ordinance (LA HWMO) / Wage Increase / Health Care Credit / Public Housekeeping Training / Amendments**

Honorable Curren D. Price Jr. and Committee Members:

On behalf of the LA Tourism and Jobs Coalition, a project of the Los Angeles Area Chamber of Commerce that supports the Los Angeles tourism community, we write to you to support your objective to increase wages in the tourism industry. We understand that wages must keep up with inflation and the high cost of living in Los Angeles. We would like to request that you consider conducting an independent economic analysis on the proposed wage increases to understand the impacts of this policy on the tourism community and regional economy. We would like to understand the impacts of the "Tourism Wage Increase" motion on small businesses and workers in the City of Los Angeles before advancing this motion any further in the process.

### **An Industry in Recovery**

The tourism industry is a major economic engine in the City of Los Angeles. With over 528,198 Angelenos who work in tourism-related careers. The pandemic was devastating for workers and business owners in the City. The motion put forth describes an industry that has benefitted from "massive bailouts" during the pandemic, a completely inaccurate depiction. In fact, the Paycheck Protection Program (PPP) was not a tourism industry-specific initiative, nor was it a "bailout." PPP was a Federal program offering SBA-

backed loans to businesses across virtually every sector of our nation's economy and was specifically designed to help keep Americans employed during the COVID-19 crisis, despite devastating financial losses to business of all types and sizes. The program further offered loan forgiveness for qualifying businesses, but only if they could prove that they had used PPP funding specifically to retain workers.

Of the roughly 1,200+ hotels in Los Angeles County, 64% have fewer than 300 rooms. These are predominantly small, independently owned and operated properties, with a significant amount of minority and family ownership. Operating margins vary widely across the sector depending on property size and type.

### **Concerns**

Under the previously approved Los Angeles Hotel Worker Minimum Wage Ordinance, hotels were already required to increase the minimum wage to \$19.73 an hour this year. The proposed hourly rate of \$25 an hour for 2023 represents a 38.9% increase in the cost of labor in a single year, which we believe could be untenable financially and will likely result in the loss of hotel jobs, since properties will be unable to maintain the same staffing levels with such a disproportionate single year increase.

From 2020-2022, the Los Angeles hotel community saw a cumulative loss of (\$3.5) billion. While it is true that hotel rates have fully recovered vs. 2019, this is a somewhat misleading statistic since international visitation and individual business travel – two of the most important customer segments for Los Angeles – are projected to take another 24 to 36 months to return to pre-pandemic levels. Even with forecasted gains in 2022 and 2023, the hotel sector will still post a cumulative loss of approximately (\$3.2) billion from 2020 through 2023. (Source: Oxford Economics)

We are concerned that this proposed ordinance will increase the cost of doing business exponentially, killing new development, and existing property investment and improvements. The City's own Tourism Master Plan study found that Los Angeles hotels to not have enough hotel rooms to meet current demand, or service the convention center.

Increasing the cost of doing business in Los Angeles will lead to higher prices for goods and services – driving tourism to other surrounding cities. It will mean additional costs for guests and travelers, resulting in more visitors staying in hotels in surrounding cities or staying in short term rentals in the middle of residential neighborhoods. Increasing demand for STRs removes additional homes out of the rental market.

### **Requests**

The Chamber requests that the committee support a double referral of the motion to the Trade, Travel & Tourism Committee where the committee can further discuss and be presented with data on the economic impacts of the motion.

Additionally, the Chamber requests that an Independent Economic Analysis be conducted by a third party. The city of Los Angeles previously utilized a third-party

consultant to conduct the economic analysis before adopting wage regulations. There is a precedent for proceeding with an independent party to and further recommend that this study should utilize highly reputable, third-party research firms with extensive national experience in the lodging industry to ensure that all economic implications are fully evaluated.

We strongly support the Chief Administrative Officer conducting an economic analysis to better understand the impact to the city's budget including impact to loss of transfer occupancy tax revenues.

### **Closing**

We urge you to work with the tourism community to conduct the appropriate economic analysis to understand the impact on the economy and job creation in the region. The tourism community seeks to partner with the City of Los Angeles to further study and understand the direct and indirect economic impacts of this motion. With a vibrant tourism community, there can be shared prosperity that can improve the quality of life for the 528,198 Angelenos that work in the industry and their families. Should you have any questions please contact Senior Public Policy Manager Jackie Romero at [jromero@lachamber.com](mailto:jromero@lachamber.com).

Sincerely,



Maria S. Salinas  
President & CEO  
Los Angeles Area Chamber of Commerce

Asian American Hotel Owners Association  
California Business RoundTable  
California Hotel & Lodging Association  
California Restaurant Association  
Central City Association of Los Angeles  
Hotel Association of Los Angeles  
LAX Coastal Chamber of Commerce  
Los Angeles Chamber of Commerce  
Los Angeles County Business Federation  
Valley Industry Commerce Association  
World Flight Services

## Communication from Public

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**Date Submitted:** 05/16/2023 08:49 PM

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**Comments for Public Posting:** COMMUNITY COALITION Council File: 14-1371-S13  
Tuesday, May 1 2023 Community Coalition in the 8th Council District, we would are writing in strong support of the motion introduced by Councilmember Curren Price and co-sponsored by Councilmember Katy Yaroslovsky to amend the Los Angeles Living Wage Ordinance and the Los Angeles Hotel Worker Minimum Wage Ordinance requiring \$25/hr now & \$30/hr by 2028, quality health care, and worker protections, as a matter of economic justice, housing justice, and public safety. Community Coalition is in full support of this ordinance because our district has one of the biggest populations of tourism workers. Our members, who include low-income Black and Brown residents, depend on jobs in this industry to sustain themselves and their families. However, as Los Angeles prepares to host major international events, those same members are facing the highest risk of displacement from the only community they have known as home. The tourism industry has made a recovery from the pandemic with billions of dollars of public investment and is assured a future of growth with major events like the Olympics attracting visitors from around the world to our beautiful city. It's time for the workers at LAX and hotels to get their fair share of the profitable tourism industry that wouldn't be possible without them. If our community members are not making enough money to afford rent, they will continue to be displaced or risk losing their homes. LA already has the highest number of unhoused people in the nation, and it's unacceptable that the workers who are the backbone of a major economic engine are disproportionately rent-burdened. With the current state of the housing crisis and rising cost of rent, families need to earn enough money to live where they work. Tourism workers were among many frontline workers and communities of color who bore the brunt of the pandemic, yet many still lack quality health care. We're calling for the council's support to ensure our tourism workers receive family-sustaining wages, quality health care, and workplace protections. Our tourism workers are heads of households, single parents, and our neighbors, friends, and family members. Los Angeles should be a place where everyone can thrive. Sincerely, Alberto Retana, President and CEO



## COMMUNITY COALITION

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Sincerely,

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President and CEO

## **Communication from Public**

**Name:** DPSFV Supports Council File 14-1371-S13  
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May 16, 2023

Council File: 14-1371-S13

Representatives of the Honorable Los Angeles City Council:

On behalf of the Democratic Party of the San Fernando Valley (DPSFV), we are writing in strong support of the motion introduced by Councilmember Curren Price and co-sponsored by Councilmember Katy Yaroslovsky to amend the Los Angeles Living Wage Ordinance and the Los Angeles Hotel Worker Minimum Wage Ordinance requiring \$25/hr now & \$30/hr by 2028, quality health care, and worker protections, as a matter of economic justice, housing justice, and public safety.

DPSFV was founded in 1978 and is chartered by the Los Angeles County Democratic Central Committee. Our organization is the coordinating body for a coalition of twenty-one Democratic Clubs located in the seven Assembly Districts (40, 42, 43, 44, 46, 51 and 52) which are wholly or partially in the San Fernando Valley.

The tourism industry has made a recovery from the pandemic with billions of dollars of public investment and is assured a future of growth with major events like the Olympics attracting visitors from around the world to our beautiful city. It's time for the workers at LAX and hotels to get their fair share of the profitable tourism industry that wouldn't be possible without them. If our community members are not making enough money to afford rent, they will continue to be displaced or risk losing their homes. LA already has the highest number of unhoused people in the nation, and it's unacceptable that the workers who are the backbone of a major economic engine are disproportionately rent-burdened. With the current state of the housing crisis and rising cost of rent, families need to earn enough money to live where they work.

Tourism workers were among many frontline workers and communities of color who bore the brunt of the pandemic, yet many still lack quality health care. We're calling for the council's support to ensure our tourism workers receive family-sustaining wages, quality health care, and workplace protections.

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Your office is always welcomed to contact DPSFV if you have any questions.

Sincerely and respectfully,

Chair Sean M. Rivas  
Democratic Party of the San Fernando Valley

cc: Council President Paul Krekorian and Councilmembers Nithya Raman, Monica Rodriguez, Bob Blumenfield, John Lee.

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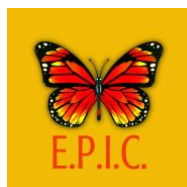
## Communication from Public

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**Comments for Public Posting:** Echo Park Immigration Center (EPIC) Council File: 14-1371-S13  
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## **Echo Park Immigration Center (EPIC)**

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