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Councilmember, Second District

April 11, 2025

Honorable Curren Price
Chair, Economic Development and Jobs Committee
City of Los Angeles
200 N. Spring St.
Los Angeles CA, 90012

Re: CF 14-1371-S13 Living Wage Ordinance and Hotel Workers Minimum Wage Ordinance

Dear Chairman Price,

On December 11, 2024, you and Council President Harris-Dawson introduced a substitute motion (CF 14-1371- S13) amending the proposed Living Wage Ordinance (LWO) and Hotel Workers Minimum Wage Ordinance (HWMWO), a substitute motion I seconded, along with four of my fellow Councilmembers.

In this motion we called for a number of reports (Recommendations 8 and 9) from the Chief Legislative Analyst, with the assistance of the City Attorney, the Bureau of Contract Administration, LAPD, LAWA and the Departments of Building and Safety, Planning, Tourism and Finance. These reports are essential to our consideration of the LWO and HWMWO.

Specifically: in Recommendation 8, we requested recommendations for a "flex-cash" alternative for employees who already have an insurance policy of equal value; in Recommendation 9 we requested recommendations for incentivizing hotel construction in the city. Recommendation 8 is intended to reduce unnecessary cost while still ensuring that all employees are properly insured. Recommendation 9 is asking for ways to provide ample job opportunities for working-class Angelenos.

I believe we need to receive and review these recommendations to inform a prudent decision about amending ordinances that will impact so many Angelenos. For this reason, I request that the reports in Recommendations 8 and 9 of the substitute motion and the draft ordinance be heard together.

Sincerely,

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