

## Reject Petition Corrupted by Deception and Other Misconduct

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Dear Los Angeles City Clerk,

On one of the last days of the petition gathering, 2 petitioners showed up at Highland Park Brewing in Chinatown and attempted to gather signatures from drunk patrons at the bar. When they approached me, they said that the petition was meant to increase minimum wage for hotel workers. When i pointed to the text of the petition that it was actually to repeal the minimum wage approved by city council, they immediately dropped the pretense and told me that the wage had to be repealed to stop inflation. To me, this tells me the petition gatherers knew from the start what they were doing and were attempting to lie to a bunch of drunk people to obtain signatures.

As a constituent, I am extremely troubled by the reports of brazen misrepresentation and violent behavior by circulators of the referendum petition seeking to overturn the ordinance increasing wages and healthcare benefits for hotel and airport workers and hotel worker training (Ordinance 188610). Circulators have claimed that the referendum would increase worker wages when it would actually eliminate a minimum wage increase.

The use of violence by circulators to prevent public education is unacceptable, and signatures obtained by misrepresenting the content of the petition do not represent the will of the voter. As the very petition process has been corrupted, we urge you to keep the measure off the ballot. At the very least, referendum petition signatures gathered by circulators who broke the law must be excluded.

I trust in your commitment to upholding the integrity of the referendum process, public safety, and local democracy. Please take this matter seriously.

Sincerely, Luna Darling 90039-2381 luckyadarling@yahoo.com