

Communication from Public

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Comments for Public Posting: Dear members of the Los Angeles City Council: I urge you to vote in favor of the Olympic Wage Ordinance. This is an opportunity to greatly improve the lives of working women and men and their families. Furthermore, as the City-commissioned economic analysis shows, because the majority of workers live locally, the increase will be a significant boost to our economy since workers will have a propensity to purchase goods and services nearby. This is not the first time that LA City has undertaken to raise standards in the tourism industry. in 1997, as City Controller, I spoke in favor of the Living Wage Ordinance (authored by then-Councilwoman Jackie Goldberg), one of the first of its kind in the nation. These new standards changed the lives of thousands of working families, while contrary to industry predictions, tourism in Los Angeles continued to flourish. This is an historic vote. Years from now, when younger members of your family and friends ask you what you did for people during your times as an elected official, you will be proud to point to your vote for the Olympic Wage Ordinance. Yours truly, Rick Tuttle
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