

Communication from Public

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Comments for Public Posting: Dear members of the Economic Development and Jobs Committee: 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 the 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 Council has undertaken to raise standards in the tourism industry. In 1997, as City Controller, I spoke in favor of the Living Wage Ordinance -- 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 a historic vote. Years from now, when younger family members and friends ask what you did for people during your time as an elected official, you will be proud to point to your yes vote on the Olympic Wage Ordinance. Yours truly, Rick Tuttle, Los Angeles City Controller 1985-2001. Volunteer, Clergy and Laity United for Economic Justice. (CLUE)