

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Alejandra Ramirez-Zarate

**Date Submitted:** 01/27/2021 02:38 PM

**Council File No:** 20-1609

**Comments for Public Posting:** My name is Alejandra Ramirez-Zarate and I live in District 12. I'm writing to express my strong support for the emergency, temporary ordinance of \$5.00 hazard pay for grocery workers in the City of Los Angeles. Grocery and drug retail workers have risked their lives to keep our communities fed and connected to the critical resources they have needed throughout the pandemic. Many grocery and drug retail workers are BIPOC women and have become the primary earners in their households as families struggle under the combined weight of COVID-19 and widespread unemployment. Working Angelenos, especially families of color, have also not been able to shelter in place throughout the pandemic because they are more likely to hold essential jobs and thus face an increased exposure to the virus. Members of UFCW770 and grocery workers across the city of Los Angeles have been calling on grocery store corporations to reinstate hazard pay as companies see record profits. Major grocers quietly let the hazard pay they once offered at the start of the pandemic expire as COVID rates soar and Intensive Care Unit capacities are at a breaking point. Yet, workers continue to face hazardous working conditions and risk their health in order to provide life saving resources for our communities. This is the right policy for this unprecedented moment. Los Angeles must lead as it always has in fighting for the rights and dignity of working people. Thank you for your leadership.

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**Name:** Anisha Hingorani  
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## Communication from Public

**Name:** Danielle Dixon

**Date Submitted:** 01/27/2021 04:30 PM

**Council File No:** 20-1609

**Comments for Public Posting:** I support hazard pay for grocery workers. They are as important as any other front line worker. Our communities would be devastated without them putting their lives in the line everyday. Please consider helping to take care of our groceries and the workers that commit to going to work every day so we can eat.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Dan Braun

**Date Submitted:** 01/27/2021 04:46 PM

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**Comments for Public Posting:** I'm a resident of Echo Park, CD 13. I'm writing to support local hazard pay for grocery and drugstore workers. They are inherently putting their and their families' health on the line so that the rest of us can get the food and supplies we need. They deserve so much more than a few dollars an hour, but it's a start. This is also one of the best things we can do economically, to make sure that a tiny bit more money is going to families, neighborhoods, and communities across Los Angeles – and in particular working class communities of color. Thank you, stay safe.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Lauren Akins

**Date Submitted:** 01/27/2021 05:11 PM

**Council File No:** 20-1609

**Comments for Public Posting:** My name is Lauren Akins and I live in District 13. I'm writing to express my strong support for the emergency, temporary ordinance of \$5.00 hazard pay for grocery workers in the City of Los Angeles. These workers are risking their lives to keep us fed while retailers are making record profits but have halted or reduced hazard pay. Given most of grocery and retail workers are BIPOC many of whom are helping provide for their family this is a crucial justice issue. Thank you for your attention to this matter and please vote YES.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** helen eigenberg

**Date Submitted:** 01/27/2021 03:03 PM

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**Comments for Public Posting:** Hello, I live in CD4. I'm writing to express my strong support for the emergency, temporary ordinance of \$5.00 hazard pay for grocery workers in the City of Los Angeles. Grocery and drug retail workers have risked their lives to keep our communities fed and connected to the critical resources they have needed throughout the pandemic. Many grocery and drug retail workers are BIPOC women and have become the primary earners in their households as families struggle under the combined weight of COVID-19 and widespread unemployment. Working Angelenos, especially families of color, have also not been able to shelter in place throughout the pandemic because they are more likely to hold essential jobs and thus face an increased exposure to the virus. Members of UFCW770 and grocery workers across the city of Los Angeles have been calling on grocery store corporations to reinstate hazard pay as companies see record profits. Major grocers quietly let the hazard pay they once offered at the start of the pandemic expire as COVID rates soar and Intensive Care Unit capacities are at a breaking point. Yet, workers continue to face hazardous working conditions and risk their health in order to provide life saving resources for our communities. This is the right policy for this unprecedented moment. Los Angeles must lead as it always has in fighting for the rights and dignity of working people. Thank you for your leadership. Kindly Helen Eigenberg 611 Lillian Way LA 90004

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Nick Fuller

**Date Submitted:** 01/27/2021 03:10 PM

**Council File No:** 20-1609

**Comments for Public Posting:** My name is Nick Fuller and I live and teach in Mike Bonin's City Council District. I'm writing to express my strong support for the emergency, temporary ordinance of \$5.00 hazard pay for grocery workers in the City of Los Angeles. Grocery and drug retail workers have risked their lives to keep our communities fed and connected to the critical resources they have needed throughout the pandemic. Many grocery and drug retail workers are BIPOC women and have become the primary earners in their households as families struggle under the combined weight of COVID-19 and widespread unemployment. Working Angelenos, especially families of color, have also not been able to shelter in place throughout the pandemic because they are more likely to hold essential jobs and thus face an increased exposure to the virus. Members of UFCW770 and grocery workers across the city of Los Angeles have been calling on grocery store corporations to reinstate hazard pay as companies see record profits. Major grocers quietly let the hazard pay they once offered at the start of the pandemic expire as COVID rates soar and Intensive Care Unit capacities are at a breaking point. Yet, workers continue to face hazardous working conditions and risk their health in order to provide life saving resources for our communities. This is the right policy for this unprecedented moment. Los Angeles must lead as it always has in fighting for the rights and dignity of working people. Thank you for your leadership.

## Communication from Public

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## Communication from Public

**Name:** Laura G Joseph  
**Date Submitted:** 01/27/2021 07:59 PM  
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**Comments for Public Posting:** Please support Hazard Pay for frontline grocery workers. These men and women are working so hard at great risk to themselves and their families. They deserve extra pay.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** King Cheung

**Date Submitted:** 01/27/2021 09:16 PM

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**Comments for Public Posting:** I support the temporary hazard pay of \$5 for grocery workers in Los Angeles city. They are risking their lives so that people can have food on the table during this pandemic. Members of UFCW 770, the union representing many grocery workers in Los Angeles, have called for hazard pay for a long time. They used to receive hazard pay, but now when the pandemic is even worse, they are not getting it. I urge the City Council, especially my councilmember Nithya Raman, to vote yes in support of the grocery workers.

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**Name:** Kelly  
**Date Submitted:** 01/27/2021 09:25 PM  
**Council File No:** 20-1609  
**Comments for Public Posting:** I support \$5 hazard pay for workers.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Lowell Hill

**Date Submitted:** 01/27/2021 09:34 PM

**Council File No:** 20-1609

**Comments for Public Posting:** I think hazard pay for grocery workers is a good idea, and \$5 per hour extra is just about right. They have to be in the presence of, and polite to, and breathe air exhaled by, a large number of people every day, which increases their risk way above us customers' risk. They deserve some extra to be able to purchase masks and take care of their health until they can all be vaccinated. Thanks for your consideration.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Andy Lee

**Date Submitted:** 01/27/2021 10:41 PM

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**Comments for Public Posting:** My name is Andy Lee and I live in District 10. I'm writing to express my strong support for the emergency, temporary ordinance of \$5.00 hazard pay for grocery workers in the City of Los Angeles. Grocery and drug retail workers have risked their lives to keep our communities fed and connected to the critical resources they have needed throughout the pandemic. Many grocery and drug retail workers are BIPOC women and have become the primary earners in their households as families struggle under the combined weight of COVID-19 and widespread unemployment. Working Angelenos, especially families of color, have also not been able to shelter in place throughout the pandemic because they are more likely to hold essential jobs and thus face an increased exposure to the virus. Members of UFCW770 and grocery workers across the city of Los Angeles have been calling on grocery store corporations to reinstate hazard pay as companies see record profits. Major grocers quietly let the hazard pay they once offered at the start of the pandemic expire as COVID rates soar and Intensive Care Unit capacities are at a breaking point. Yet, workers continue to face hazardous working conditions and risk their health in order to provide life saving resources for our communities. This is the right policy for this unprecedented moment. Los Angeles must lead as it always has in fighting for the rights and dignity of working people. Thank you for your leadership.

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## Communication from Public

**Name:** Margarita B

**Date Submitted:** 01/27/2021 06:23 PM

**Council File No:** 20-1609

**Comments for Public Posting:** People who are working and risking their lives should be making more than someone who is collecting UI. Most of the people risking their lives are low income and black or latino. They deserve to be compensated for keeping this city running and for needing to take precautions to keep their families safe.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Hector De Haro

**Date Submitted:** 01/27/2021 03:36 PM

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**Comments for Public Posting:** Public Comment Template: Find which district you live in by entering your address here, as well as a complete directory of L.A. City Council members here. My name is \_\_\_\_\_ and I live in District \_\_ [insert which council district you live in and/or your organization, union, or business]. I'm writing to express my strong support for the emergency, temporary ordinance of \$5.00 hazard pay for grocery workers in the City of Los Angeles. Grocery and drug retail workers have risked their lives to keep our communities fed and connected to the critical resources they have needed throughout the pandemic. Many grocery and drug retail workers are BIPOC women and have become the primary earners in their households as families struggle under the combined weight of COVID-19 and widespread unemployment. Working Angelenos, especially families of color, have also not been able to shelter in place throughout the pandemic because they are more likely to hold essential jobs and thus face an increased exposure to the virus. Members of UFCW770 and grocery workers across the city of Los Angeles have been calling on grocery store corporations to reinstate hazard pay as companies see record profits. Major grocers quietly let the hazard pay they once offered at the start of the pandemic expire as COVID rates soar and Intensive Care Unit capacities are at a breaking point. Yet, workers continue to face hazardous working conditions and risk their health in order to provide life saving resources for our communities. This is the right policy for this unprecedented moment. Los Angeles must lead as it always has in fighting for the rights and dignity of working people. Thank you for your leadership.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** ms. Baily

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## Communication from Public

**Name:** S.Fett

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**Comments for Public Posting:** I urge you to approve the \$5 emergency ordinance for Los Angeles's FrontLine Grocery Workers. According to a new UCSF study just released this week, food and agricultural workers experienced a 39% increased in mortality risk from their work this year  
(<https://www.medrxiv.org/content/10.1101/2021.01.21.21250266v1.full.pdf+html>)  
Grocery store workers have heroically kept LA fed during this terrible pandemic. What's more, many grocery workers are Latinx, a population that has experienced disproportionate covid illness and death. Front line grocery workers should have been given priority in vaccines and are now losing that possibility due to the recently announced age-determined vaccine schedule. The least LA can do is compensate the hard and courageous work of grocery store employees with this temporary hazard pay. As an appreciative customer (not a recipient of this proposed measure), I am more than happy to have my tax dollars go toward this measure.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Mia Trachinger

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**Name:** Dominique Nong

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