

Communication from Public

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Comments for Public Posting: To LA City Council Members, my names is Sean and I live in council district 2 and I strongly support the emergency temporary hazard pay for grocery and drug retail workers in the City of LA. Grocery and drug retail workers have gone above and beyond during these unprecedented time and have been risking their lives providing a lifeline for our communities and keeping us fed. A vast majority of these essential heroes come from our communities who have been devastated by the pandemic. Many grocery workers have become the primary earners in their households as families and our fellow citizens face widespread unemployment. To add to the current situation, working Angelinos, 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 COVID. I strongly support the efforts of clergy, community groups, grocery and drug retail workers who have been calling on grocery and drug retail store corporations to reinstate hazard pay as companies see record profits. Meanwhile grocery store companies have seen their profits skyrocket during the pandemic, with Kroger even spent 1.3 billion on stock buybacks. While these companies have seen their profits grow and top executives receive pay raise workers such as cashiers, folks who stock the shelves, and deli workers see themselves counted among essential workers facing dangerous conditions that they could not have imagined. As COVID-19 cases are still at an alarming level, with new variants being discovered and Intensive Care Unit capacity is still at breaking point in Los Angeles, grocery and drug store workers continue to face the risk of infection and endure a hazardous working environment. This is the right policy for this unprecedented moment. Grocery and drug retail workers deserve hazard pay. Large grocery chains can afford it. Los Angeles must lead as it always has in fighting for the rights and dignity of working people. Thank you

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Name: JULISSA BLACKBURN

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Comments for Public Posting: WE WORK SO HARD DURING THIS PANDEMIC, WITH CUT HOURS AND EXTRA WORK GIVEN TO US. WE SEE HOW MUCH MONEY STORES ARE MAKING DURING THIS TIME AND IT COULDN'T OF HAPPENED WITHOUT US. WE ARE THE ONES HELPING THESE CUSTOMERS EVERYDAY. SO WE DO DESERVE AN EXTRA INCREASE TO CONTINUE TO MAKE OUR STORES AS SUCCESSFUL AS THEY HAVE GOTTEN. WE ARE ON THE FRONT LINE AND WE DESERVE IT!