

# Fwd: LAANE letter of support Council file number 20-1609 Hazard Pay for Grocery Workers

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Dear Council President Martinez and LA City Council Members,

Please see attached letter in support of hazard pay for grocery workers from the LA Alliance for a New Economy.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any further questions.

Best,  
Amardeep Gill

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Los Angeles City Council President Nury Martinez  
200 North Spring Street, Suite 470  
Los Angeles, CA 90012

RE: Council file number 20-1609 Support for Hazard Pay for Grocery Workers

Dear Honorable Council President Martinez and LA City Council Members,

On behalf of the LA Alliance for a New Economy (LAANE), I am writing to express our strong support for the emergency, temporary ordinance of \$5.00 hazard pay for grocery workers in the City of Los Angeles. We are also a member of the Fair Workweek LA coalition which is a coalition of over 30 community groups, including health advocates, clergy, worker rights groups, as well as, grocery and retail workers from throughout the city of LA.

Founded in 1993, LAANE is a women led organization which promotes a new economic approach based on good jobs, thriving communities, and a healthy environment. For the past 25 years, LAANE has been at the forefront of Los Angeles' progressive movement, transforming conditions in key industries and improving the lives of hundreds of thousands of working families in southern California.

Together with UFCW 770, their members, as well as, grocery workers from across the city of Los Angeles we have been calling on grocery store corporations to reinstate hazard pay as companies see record profits. Major grocers, such as Kroger, which owns Food 4 Less and Ralphs, agreed to pay Los Angeles grocery store workers a \$2 an hour hazard pay increase in March, only to end it six weeks later in May. Meanwhile grocery store companies have seen their net earnings skyrocket this year, with Kroger reporting a 15.8% increase in sales and net earnings increase of just under 100% in the first three quarters of 2020 as compared to the first three quarters in 2019.

Grocery workers are the unsung heroes of this pandemic and have been risking their lives and been on the frontlines for months providing a lifeline for our communities and keeping us fed. Many grocery workers have become the primary earners in their households as families struggle under the combined weight of COVID-19 and widespread unemployment. 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.

As COVID-19 cases soar and Intensive Care Unit capacity reaches a breaking point in Los Angeles, grocery store workers continue to face the risk of infection and endure hazardous working conditions. This is the right policy for this unprecedented moment. Grocery workers deserve hazard pay. Large grocery chains can afford it. Other large cities throughout California

are poised to create similar policy solutions. Los Angeles must lead as it always has in fighting for the rights and dignity of working people.

Thank you for your leadership.

Sincerely,

*ROXANA TYNAN*

Executive Director, LA Alliance for a New Economy

