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LA City Councilmembers, please adopt the Hotel Worker Protection Ordinance - CF# 22-1100-S3

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Fri, Jun 17, 2022 at 5:47 PM

Clerk Council and Public Services,

I am writing to urge you to adopt the Hotel Worker Protection Ordinance.

Housekeepers are the only classification in the hospitality industry that get paid like garment workers: paid based on the amount of work they do. When the minimum wage goes up, some hotels then raise the room quotas on the housekeepers, so they don't really make more money per room. This law makes sure they are fairly compensated when they clean more rooms. The Los Angeles City Council should implement this law now.

Adopting this policy will empower them to ensure the City of Los Angeles comes back from the pandemic stronger than ever.

This law was passed in Long Beach, Santa Monica, West Hollywood, and most recently, in Glendale this past Tuesday. This law has been tested and it works. The Los Angeles City Council should provide the same rights to its housekeepers that these other cities do

Please implement this law now.

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Por favor Adopte la Ordenanza de Protección de Trabajadores Hoteleros - CF # 22-1100-S3

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Clerk Council and Public Services,

Le estoy escribiendo para urgir que adopte la Ordenanza de Protección de Trabajadores Hoteleros.

Los trabajadores de hospitalidad fueron unos de los más golpeados duro por el COVID-19, pero también enfrentan desafíos únicos que existían antes de la pandemia. Las recamareras de hotel que trabajan solas en las habitaciones de huéspedes, donde no hay testigos ni cámaras, enfrentan riesgos únicos de conducta amenazante, incluida la agresión sexual y otros delitos. Muchos casos de agresión sexual no se reportan a la policía. Necesitan herramientas para protegerse.

Frecuentemente las recamareras también son asignadas cuotas de cuartos excesivas y horas extras obligatorias inesperadas, que limitan su habilidad para adecuadamente proteger la salud del público, interfiere con su habilidad de cumplir sus obligaciones familiares, y puede limitar otras protecciones de trabajo que beneficia a estos empleados. Las horas extras deberían ser voluntarias y las recamareras que tienen que limpiar pies cuadrados excesivos - más de 3,500 pies cuadrados durante un turno único - deberían ser compensadas por su sobrecarga de trabajo.

Adoptando esa póliza daría a las recamareras las herramientas para protegerse contra la agresión sexual y garantizar pago justo para cargas de trabajo pesadas. Nos empoderaría para garantizar que la Ciudad de Los Ángeles regrese de la pandemia más fuerte que nunca.

Por favor adopte esta ordenanza sin demora.

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Please Adopt the Hotel Worker Protection Ordinance - CF # 22-1100-S3

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Clerk Council and Public Services,

I am writing to urge you to adopt the Hotel Worker Protection Ordinance.

Hospitality workers were some of the hardest hit by COVID-19, but they also face unique challenges that existed before the pandemic. Hotel room attendants who work alone in guest rooms, where there are no witnesses or cameras, face unique risks of threatening behavior, including sexual assault and other crimes. Many instances of sexual assault go unreported to the police. They need the tools to protect themselves.

Room attendants are also frequently assigned excessive room cleaning quotas and unexpected mandatory overtime, which undermines their ability to adequately protect public health, interferes with their ability to meet family obligations, and can undermine other employment protections benefitting these employees. Overtime should be voluntary and room attendants made to clean excessive square footage—more than 3,500 square feet during a single shift—should be compensated for their heavy workloads.

Adopting this policy would give them the tools to protect themselves from sexual assault and ensure fair pay for heavy workloads. It will empower us all to ensure the City of Los Angeles comes back from the pandemic stronger than ever.

Please adopt this ordinance without further delay.

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Hotel Worker Protection Ordinance, CF# 22-1100-S3

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Fri, Jun 17, 2022 at 11:33 PM

Dear City Councilmembers,

As a former member and VP of the Sierra Club Board of Directors and a life-long environmental activist, I am writing to urge you to adopt the Hotel Worker Protection Ordinance, CF# 22-1100-S3.

Each time working people try to protect their rights, big corporations and their lobbyists say misleading things to try to scare us. Lobbyists are telling Councilmembers that council should not enact the Hotel Worker Protection Ordinance because of the drought. However, this law PROTECTS the environment.

Section 182.03 D of the initiative states: "This subsection does not prevent a hotel from continuing, modifying or establishing a sustainable environmental program, such as a 'green program,' under which guests are encouraged to re-use linens, bath towels or similar items, nor does it require a hotel to have any guest room cleaned when the occupant has opted-out of such service without solicitation by the hotel or when the occupant informs the hotel that they do not wish to be disturbed."

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Please adopt this ordinance without further delay.

In solidarity,

Susana Reyes (she, her)
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Sierra Club Political Team and
Former SC Board of Directors

In every walk with nature one receives far more than he seeks. ~John Muir