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

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Sat, Jun 18, 2022 at 10:51 AM

Dear Honorable City Council Members,

On behalf of Venice Community Housing, an affordable and supportive housing developer in Los Angeles, I am writing to urge you to adopt the Hotel Worker Protection Ordinance.

Housekeepers and their allies collected 110,000 signatures from Los Angeles residents in support of this law. Overwhelmingly, Los Angeles voters stand with housekeepers. We are asking that you choose to do so as well.

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Please adopt this ordinance without further delay.

**Becky Dennison**, she/her/hers

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*VCH acknowledges our presence and work on the traditional,  
ancestral and unceded territory of the Tongva, Kizh, and Gabrielino peoples.  
VCH stands and strives to act in solidarity with the Black Lives Matter movement.*



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Sat, Jun 18, 2022 at 1:01 PM

Honorable Councilmembers,

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

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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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Sat, Jun 18, 2022 at 3:28 PM

Honorable Councilmembers,

I am writing in support of the Hotel Worker Protection Ordinance and I urge you to adopt the policy now.

Every time working people try to protect their rights, the big corporations and their lobbyists say misleading things to try to scare us. Remember when they told us the minimum wage hurt the hotel industry? Now they are at it again. Lobbyists are telling Councilmembers that we can't do this law because of the drought.

But this law PROTECTS the environment. Read Section 182.03 D of the initiative:

"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, listen to housekeepers and voters and adopt this law now.

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Sat, Jun 18, 2022 at 5:03 PM

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Thank you!  
Martha Camacho Rodríguez  
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Best regards,  
Jo Del Río



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