



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

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Mon, Jun 20, 2022 at 9:44 AM

Clerk Council and Public Services,

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Mon, Jun 20, 2022 at 10:31 AM

Please see the attached letter in support of the Hotel Worker Protection Ordinance.

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As CLUE, we educate, organize, and mobilize the faith community to accompany workers and their families in their struggle for good jobs, dignity, and justice.



Clergy & Laity United
for Economic Justice

June 20, 2022

Dear Honorable City Council Members,

On behalf of Clergy and Laity United for Economic Justice, I am writing to urge you to adopt the Hotel Worker Protection Ordinance. CLUE brings together clergy and lay leaders of all faiths in support of low wage workers. Hotel workers are some of the most marginalized and least protected workers in our city, and they deserve our support.

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Sincerely,


Jennifer Gutierrez
Executive Director

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Mon, Jun 20, 2022 at 10:34 AM

Dear Honorable City Council Members,

On behalf of Hollywood United Methodist Church and Harmony Toluca Lake, I am writing to urge you to adopt the Hotel Worker Protection Ordinance.

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In Faith, Pastor Bridie C. Roberts Associate Pastor, Hollywood United Methodist Church

 **Hospitality Worker Protection Ordinance Letter of Support.pdf**
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June 20th, 2022

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Pastor Bridie C. Roberts

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Aura Vasquez <Aura@auravasquez.com>
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Mon, Jun 20, 2022 at 12:11 PM

Greetings,

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

I'm an environmental and social justice advocate, and former LADWP Commissioner.

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.

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Best,

Aura Vásquez
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Aura Vasquez

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Mon, Jun 20, 2022 at 1:02 PM

Please see attached letter from LAANE in support of the Hotel Worker Protection Ordinance CF# 22-1100-S3.

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 **LAANE letter of support for the Hotel Worker Protection Ordinance CF# 22-1100-S3.pdf**
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Los Angeles Alliance for a New Economy
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June 20, 2021

Sent via email to: clerk.cps@lacity.org

Re: Support for the Hotel Worker Protection Ordinance CF# 22-1100-S3

Dear Honorable City Council Members,

On behalf of LAANE, I am writing to urge you to adopt the Hotel Worker Protection Ordinance.

Housekeepers and their allies including LAANE 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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Sincerely,

Roxana Tynan
Executive Director
LAANE



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

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Mon, Jun 20, 2022 at 1:23 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.

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Bryant Odega <bryantodega@gmail.com>
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Mon, Jun 20, 2022 at 3:18 PM

Dear City Clerk's Office,

As an organizer with Sunrise Movement Los Angeles* and a proud UTLA* union member serving LA public schools as a teacher, I am writing to urge you to adopt the Hotel Worker Protection Ordinance.

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*Title for identification purposes only

In solidarity,
Bryant Odega



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Mon, Jun 20, 2022 at 3:40 PM

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Mon, Jun 20, 2022 at 5:15 PM

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NGO letter on Hotel Worker Protection Ordinance

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Mon, Jun 20, 2022 at 5:33 PM

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Please see attached letter on tomorrow's item. br

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 **Enviro NGO letter on Hotel Worker Protection Ordinance final.pdf**
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June 20, 2022

Los Angeles City Council
Los Angeles City Hall
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Via email: clerk.cps@lacity.org

Re: Hotel Worker Protection Ordinance (item number CF# 22-1100-S3)

Honorable Council President Martinez and Council members:

On behalf of Heal the Bay, Los Angeles Waterkeeper and Natural Resources Defense Council, we are writing to dispute allegations that a proposed "Hotel Worker Protection Ordinance" would increase water usage or impact the drought in Los Angeles County.

Heal the Bay, LA Waterkeeper and NRDC are environmental nonprofit organizations that are dedicated to safeguarding the inland and coastal waterways throughout Los Angeles County, and ensuring that the region moves towards local, climate-smart water supplies. Our organizations have been integrally engaged in efforts to promote greater water security throughout the current and many prior droughts. Specifically, we have long promoted a Reduce (water waste through conservation and efficiency), Reuse (stormwater that is captured and treated), Recycle (purified wastewater) and Restore (contaminated groundwater) approach to local water. We are proud of the leadership the City of LA has shown in these initiatives, and are also proud of our partnership with the City (and others) on the passage and implementation of the Safe Clean Water Program, Hyperion 2035/Operation NEXT, the ongoing remediation of the San Fernando Valley groundwater basin, and ongoing conservation efforts.

Everyone must do their part to reduce the region's water usage, but we do not believe this measure will have a significant impact on water use. First, the proposed law merely requires daily cleaning and sanitization of rooms, which does not require significant water usage to clean and sanitize surfaces. The US Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has found that "[t]he largest uses of water in hotels are restrooms, laundry operations, landscaping, and kitchens."¹ The proposed legislation has no impact on these important drivers of hotel water usage.

Moreover, the initiative explicitly exempts the programs that would reduce water usage during room cleaning. After requiring daily room cleaning, Section 182.03 D of the initiative continues: "**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[.]**"²

¹ <https://www.epa.gov/watersense/types-facilities#Hotels>

² <https://www.unitehere11.org/wp-content/uploads/Hotel-Worker-Protection-Initiative-for-Top-Funders-WebPage.pdf>, p. 5.

Lastly, the largest and most critical strategies to reduce water consumption in the LA region is to focus on outdoor water usage, particularly ornamental lawns. This is where we see the greatest water waste, along with a number of other related environmental impacts associated with urban runoff pollution. Reducing outdoor water usage must also be done with care – ensuring we are not impacting our critical urban tree canopy and focusing on replacing ornamental laws with rain gardens and other land covering that is climate-appropriate and provides habitat and other benefits. That said, reducing such outdoor use is still where the City should be focusing its conservation efforts.

In sum, there is no reason to believe the proposed law would increase water usage by hotels in any meaningful way if at all. As such, drought should not be used as a rationale to deny adopting such a rule should the Council see fit, and we look forward to continuing to partner with Los Angeles to ensure long-term water security for the city and region.

Sincerely,



Bruce Reznik
Executive Director
LA Waterkeeper



Steve Fleischli
Senior Director for Water Initiatives
Natural Resources Defense Council



Tracy Quinn
President & CEO
Heal the Bay



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Hotel Worker Protection Ordinance (item number CF# 22-1100-S3)

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Mon, Jun 20, 2022 at 6:00 PM

Please see attached.

Many thanks.

Barbara Hensleigh

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Barbara Hensleigh
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June 20, 2022

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Via email: clerk.cps@lacity.org

Re: Hotel Worker Protection Ordinance (item number CF# 22-1100-S3)

Honorable Council President Martinez and Council members:

I am the Chair of the Central Group of the Angeles Chapter of the Sierra Club. Those of you who know me, know me in that role. Today, however, I am writing on my personal behalf. Due to the holiday weekend, the Sierra Club is unable to timely comment by the date of the vote on the ordinance regarding the recent argument advanced by those opposing ordinance --that passing the ordinance would negatively impact the water supply of Los Angeles.

The opposition's claim is not supported by any facts. In fact, the bald claim that hotel workers cleaning rooms will reduce our water supply is contrary to the evidence submitted by Heal the Bay and Waterkeepers: Water usage at hotels is concentrated in the restroom, lawns, laundry and food areas, not in room cleaning. That non-evidenced based arguments would be considered is not in keeping with the history of this Council. I anticipate that this fact-based Council will reject such a cynical, fear mongering and factually bereft argument, having nothing to do with water or the environment, but in reality about increasing profits at the expense of hotel workers.

Warmly and with respect,



Barbara Hensleigh



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Mon, Jun 20, 2022 at 7:28 PM

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

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Mon, Jun 20, 2022 at 7:31 PM


Dear City Clerk,

See attached comment letter in support of adoption of the Hotel Worker Protection Ordinance Item CF# 22-1100-S3.

Kindly read into public record.

Regards,

Charming Evelyn
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Vice Chair Environmental Justice Committee
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Co-Chair CA Conservation Committee - Water
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 **Sierra Club_Hotel Worker Protection Ordinance Comment Letter_CF 22-1100-S3.pdf**
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Monday, June 20, 2022

Dear Los Angeles City Council,

On behalf of the 41, 000 members of Sierra Club Angeles Chapter, we the undersigned from the Water and Environmental & Social Justice Committees urge you to adopt the Hotel Worker Protection Ordinance CF# 22-1100-53 that's before you today.

The Sierra Club supports the rights of workers through our Labor and Economic Justice Program which strives to:

- Build strong collaboration and a common agenda between environmental organizations and a broad range of unions and workers' organizations, strengthening the movement to address climate disruption and its impact.
- Grow the labor movement and **enhancing worker rights and safety** in the development of clean energy economy.
- Engage Sierra Club volunteers, leaders and staff in working with labor to manage the transition from fossil fuels to clean energy.
- Broaden the constituency for climate and environmental justice by deepening the Club's engagement of working families, especially working people of color, immigrants and women.
- Sierra Club supports immigrant workers' rights

The Sierra Club is the co-founder with the United Steelworkers of the Blue Green Alliance (BGA), which has grown to include 15 unions and environmental organizations representing some 16 million people. We pursue our goals through the BGA, with individual union partners, with emerging workers' organizations and worker centers, with front line communities, and with labor solidarity and research organizations.

We achieve these goals through the following means:

- We build national, state and local campaigns to create good, family-supporting clean energy and energy efficiency jobs, especially in front line communities, and negotiate and organize for fair treatment of workers when fossil fuel plants are retired;
- **We educate Sierra Club members and supporters and the public about the value of and connections between workers' rights and environmental protection;** and
- We mobilize a broad-based coalition of labor and environmental groups in support of a clean energy future that works for all.

- Sierra Club employees are represented by the Progressive Workers Union (PWU) and Sierra Employee Alliance (SEA), two independent unions that collaborate to ensure the rights of Sierra Club employees remain protected. We have shown our support for unionized vendors by adopting a policy in support of using unionized vendors and lifting up equity, justice and inclusion principles when selecting vendors.

Furthermore, the City of Los Angeles' Water Conservation Ordinance 183608 provides the following Amendment of Article I Chapter XII of the Los Angeles Municipal Code to clarify prohibited uses and modify certain water conservation requirements of the Water Conservation Plan of the City of Los Angeles:

SEC. 121.08. A. Phase I

12. Operators of hotels and motels shall provide guests with the option of choosing not to have towels and linens laundered daily. The hotel or motel shall prominently display notice of this option in each bathroom using clear and easily understood language. The Department shall make suitable displays available.

The Hotel Worker Protection Ordinance adheres to the LA City Water Conservation Ordinance and enhances water conservation as mandatory, drought or no drought, which is the correct thing to do taking into account climate change and the need to preserve our resources. 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."**

This is also in line with the Sierra Club Water Conservation Policy:

"Programs should be pursued to improve the water retention capacity of the land, reduce water consumption, and promote water recycling. Allocations, building codes, metering, and pricing should aim to encourage conservation."

The Hotel Worker Protection Ordinance CF# 22-1100-53 is in line with the above Sierra Club policies and goals. We urge the Los Angeles City Council to PASS this ordinance.

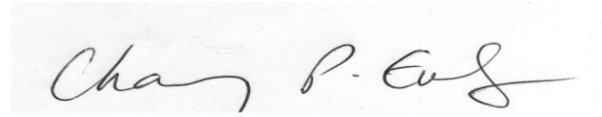
Kindly read this letter into the public record.

Respectfully,



Yvonne Martinez Watson

Chair, Environmental and Social Justice Committee
Sierra Club Angeles Chapter

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Charming P. Evelyn". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long, sweeping tail on the final letter.

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Sources:

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