

Communication from Public

Name: Betty Doumas-Toto

Date Submitted: 05/13/2026 11:15 AM

Council File No: 25-1466

Comments for Public Posting: Councilmembers, delaying this wage increase is not a neutral action. Delay is a decision. Delay means tourism workers continue falling behind while the cost of survival keeps rising. Working people in Los Angeles are being crushed by inflation — not just from rising oil and gas prices connected to the war with Iran, but from the continued rise in the essentials people cannot live without: food, rent, housing, transportation, and basic necessities. Consumer prices just rose 3.8% year over year — the sharpest increase in three years. Gas prices jumped 5.4% in a single month. Families are paying more every time they buy groceries, pay rent, or fill up their tank. And yet while workers are struggling to survive, the hotel and travel industry continues reporting billions in revenue and growing profits. Hilton reported nearly \$3 billion in quarterly revenue with 9% year-over-year growth. Delta brought in over \$14 billion in revenue this quarter and exceeded profit expectations despite higher fuel costs. Hotel room revenues are continuing to rise across the industry. So the question becomes: if this industry can absorb record profits, why are workers expected to absorb permanent economic pain? These workers kept this industry alive through instability, crisis, and recovery. They are not asking for luxury. They are asking for the ability to live in the city they help power every single day. This fight has already dragged on for more than three years through nonstop attacks and delay tactics from powerful hotel and tourism interests. At some point, we have to stop protecting corporate comfort over human survival. A \$30 living wage is not radical in Los Angeles in 2026. What is radical is expecting people who clean hotel rooms, prepare food, move luggage, and keep this tourism economy functioning to survive on wages that no longer match the reality of this economy. I urge you: reject this delay motion and stand with workers, not corporate stall tactics.

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Name: Rodrigo

Date Submitted: 05/13/2026 12:36 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: I want to express my support for the amendments outlined in this ordinance, particularly as they provide businesses with a clearer and more structured pathway to prepare for upcoming changes. I am not opposed to wage increases tied to the cost of living; in fact, I recognize their importance, but I believe it is critical that implementation allows employers the time and predictability needed to responsibly plan, adjust operations, and continue supporting their workforce. I also support the alignment and timing adjustments to the health benefit provisions, recognizing the variety of options available to associates today, as well as the significant contributions many employers already make toward healthcare costs. These amendments reflect a thoughtful approach that balances the goals of supporting workers while ensuring businesses can remain sustainable and continue providing jobs and opportunities.

Communication from Public

Name: Jason Bautista

Date Submitted: 05/13/2026 01:46 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: My name is Jason Bautista with Thai Community Development Center (Thai CDC), serving the community of CD-13, East Hollywood/Thai Town. I want to express my opposition on Agenda Item #20. For years now, our organization has consistently come to City Hall to support this policy that uplifts working-class families, immigrant communities, and low-wage workers across Los Angeles. We proudly stood with hotel and airport workers to support the Olympic Wage, and I urge you today to vote NO on any effort to delay or weaken these wage and healthcare protections. It is deeply troubling that workers who will help welcome the world during the World Cup and Olympics are now being asked to sacrifice wages and healthcare while the tourism industry prepares to profit from these historic events. We cannot allow corporate pressure tactics to undermine commitments already made to working families. Last year, this Council stood with workers, and Angelenos stood with workers too. At Thai CDC, we see every day how higher wages and healthcare access help families remain stable, healthy, and housed. I urge the Council to vote NO on the motion to cut wages and healthcare for tourism workers. Thank you.



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Thank you.

Sincerely,

Jason Bautista
Policy Advocate & Civic Engagement Associate
Thai Community Development Center

Communication from Public

Name: Sue Ace

Date Submitted: 05/11/2026 10:24 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: You MUST ensure our workers are fairly compensated for the record profits they will pull in for the city during the 2028 Olympics. No excuses. If you are truly "anti-trump" you'll recognize that a living wage is essential. HUD's latest report for FY 2026-27 has "low income" as \$93k in LA. \$93,000 is LOW INCOME. I would venture to guess that more than 5 people in the counsel meeting are "low income"

Communication from Public

Name: Maria Cortes

Date Submitted: 05/13/2026 03:15 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: Good afternoon, Councilmembers, My name is Maria Cortes with Hotel Erwin, a family owned and operated hotel in Venice Beach. I Respectfully ask for your support in adopting this exclusion for hotel restaurant workers. Hotel restaurants in Los Angeles are already facing rising labor costs, inflation, slower consumer spending, and growing competition from nearby restaurants that are not subject to the same requirements. Many Hotel restaurants operate on very thin margins simply to serve guests and support tourism. For family-owned hotels like ours, additional mandates can lead to difficult decisions such as reducing hours, cutting services, or closing restaurant operations altogether. Those impacts are ultimately felt by workers, guests, and the local economy. This exclusion offers a fair and balanced approach that protects employees while also recognizing the financial realities hotel restaurants are facing today. Thank you for your time and consideration.