

Communication from Public

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Comments for Public Posting: Dear Council President Marqueece Harris-Dawson, I am outraged to hear that you have submitted a motion to delay wages and healthcare for hotel and airport workers and exclude entire groups of workers only two months after this policy's implementation. It is disheartening that anyone would propose to take money out of vulnerable workers' pockets and delay their access to family health care right before the holidays. Perhaps more troubling, this motion is a clear capitulation to extortion. The same corporations - Delta, United, and American Hotel & Lodging Association - that spent nearly \$3 million on a failed referendum bid to delay the Olympic Wage are now cynically wielding a business tax repeal measure as leverage to coerce the City to cut the Olympic Wage or else face a decimated budget. To give in to this absurd corporate demand not only hurts tourism workers and their families; it sets a dangerous precedent that undermines the integrity of the legislative process and jeopardizes any future gains for our communities. Angelenos will not be bullied into abandoning tourism workers at a time when LA is poised to host the world's largest mega-events. Neither should our City leadership. To side with billionaire corporations would be a betrayal of your constituents, of tourism workers, of our coalition, and of the tens of thousands of Angelenos who made it clear this summer that they wanted to preserve the Olympic Wage. We urge you to show strength in leadership, preserve the integrity of our legislative process, and withdraw the motion immediately.