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## Please upload to Council File: 25-1466 - HANDS OFF THE OLYMPIC WAGE!

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Wed, May 20, 2026 at 6:54 AM

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To: clerk.cps@lacity.org

Dear Los Angeles City Clerk,

I would greatly appreciate it if you can upload the following message to Council File: No. 25-1466

When the motion to weaken the Olympic Wage is again under consideration by Council, I urge you to stand with tourism workers and fulfill the promise of living wages and access to family healthcare enshrined in the law you passed just last year.

I encourage you to go back and listen to the powerful testimony of workers and community members at the May 13 meeting. They shared their stories of the transformative impact of the Olympic Wage that Council passed a year ago: finally being able to afford needed medical procedures and see specialists, paying off medical debt, keeping up with the rising cost of rent, and simply being able to spend quality time with their families.

Please protect these gains for working families. Under the existing policy you passed into law a year ago, tourism workers are slated to see an increase to \$25/hr on July 1, right in the middle of the World Cup. The workers who will serve the fans flying into LAX and staying in our hotels for the most lucrative competition in sporting history are counting on these wages and access to family health care - guarantees that have been outlined in the law for a year now.

The unethical extortion tactics of business lobbyists threatening to decimate the city budget if workers' wages and healthcare are not cut should not be rewarded. This whole process sets a dangerous precedent that undermines the integrity of the legislative process and jeopardizes any future gains for our communities.

I am urging you to show strength in leadership, preserve the integrity of our legislative process, and fight to protect tourism workers' wages and health care.

Sincerely,  
Mr. Zachary Smith  
San Pedro, 90732-4309