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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,
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How to Fix Measure ULA

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Los Angeles City Clerk,

I am writing to urge you to advance well-designed reforms to Measure ULA that fix its obvious flaws while preserving revenues for affordable housing and tenant protections.

ULA's problems are well documented by independent academic research. It taxes newly-built apartment buildings the same as decades-old investment properties, discouraging the construction of homes LA desperately needs. And it has cratered high-value property transactions — by roughly 50% compared to the rest of the county — pushing investment outside the city limits and significantly shrinking the city's property tax base.

The good news is these flaws are fixable. Reforms should include the six changes advanced by the Mend it, Don't End it Coalition:

1. 15-year exemption — Exempt newly built multifamily and commercial properties from the tax for 15 years following Certificate of Occupancy to get residential homebuilding and commercial investment back on track.
2. Rate cap after year 15 — Cap ULA at 1–2% on non-single-family properties to restore transaction liquidity and the city's property tax base.
3. Wildfire relief — Provide a time-limited exemption for 2025 wildfire survivors and future disaster victims.
4. Streamline financing — Remove subordination and foreclosure rules that block affordable housing project financing.
5. Performance and governance — Establish clear targets, transparent reporting, and conflict-of-interest rules so the public can hold the program accountable.
6. Issue bonds to build faster — Leverage future ULA revenues to put capital for housing construction to work now rather than incrementally over years.

This moment is an opportunity to exercise true courage and leadership by delivering on Measure ULA's original promise for a more affordable LA. I urge you to take it.

Thank you for your time and service to our city.

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