

Communication from Public

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Comments for Public Posting: January 29, 2026 Los Angeles City Councilmember Katy Yaroslavsky 200 N Spring St Los Angeles 90012 RE: Council File 25-1474 - Small Business Tax Exemption Thresholds Motion- SUPPORT Dear Councilmember Yaroslavsky, On behalf of the Los Angeles Area Chamber of Commerce, which represents more than 1,400 organizations and 650,000 employees in the region, I write to express support to agendize Council File 25-1474 – The Small Business Tax Exemption Thresholds Motion, requesting the City to explore raising small business exemption thresholds and to study the business tax structure of other cities to optimize LA’s economic competitiveness. As it is currently written, LA’s Business Tax ordinance can quickly pile up thousands of dollars in taxes for a small business because of requirements to pay for various classifications such as the company’s number of vehicles, machines, devices or equipment used, the number of employees, square footage of the area, seating capacity, or the scale of fees collected. To continue supporting the small business community, a new business support program is vital to keep existing small businesses operating in LA-- and to motivate existing small businesses to open brick-and-mortar shops. Given the importance of this matter for the small business community, the Chamber urges you to support and agendize Council File 1474 – The Small Business Tax Exemption Thresholds Motion. Thank you for your consideration. Sincerely, Maria S. Salinas President & CEO