

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND JOBS COMMITTEE REPORT relative to a referendum petition approved for circulation on May 30, 2025, which seeks to overturn wage increases and healthcare benefits for hotel and airport workers, and hotel training, under Ordinance No. 188610, and the estimated loss in wages for workers if the Ordinance is suspended in July 2026 rather than July 2025.

Recommendations for Council action, as initiated by Motion (Soto-Martínez - Price):

1. DIRECT the Chief Legislative Analyst (CLA) to report to Council within seven days regarding the estimated loss in wages for workers if the Living Wage and Hotel Worker Minimum Wage increases were to take effect in July 2026 rather than July 2025.
2. DIRECT the CLA, in coordination with the City Attorney, to report to Council within seven days regarding:
  - a. The recourse that the City and city residents can take if signature gatherers are not truthful with voters.
  - b. The feasibility of requiring back pay to be paid to workers whose wage was delayed during the signature verification period, if the petitioners do not successfully file a referendum petition with 92,998 required valid signatures by the deadline.
3. REQUEST the Los Angeles Police Department (LAPD) fully investigate all allegations of fraud and other misconduct by signature gatherers including but not limited to those alleged in the complaint filed with the City Attorney on June 11, 2025 and the physical assault alleged here today and request the LAPD communicate with the City Attorney and City Clerk accordingly.

Fiscal Impact Statement: Neither the City Administrative Officer nor the CLA has completed a financial analysis of this report.

Community Impact Statement: None submitted

SUMMARY

At the meeting held on June 17, 2025 your Economic Development and Jobs Committee considered a Motion (Soto-Martínez - Price) relative to a referendum petition approved for circulation on May 30, 2025, which seeks to overturn wage increases and healthcare benefits for hotel and airport workers, and hotel training, under Ordinance No. 188610, and the estimated loss in wages for workers if the Ordinance is suspended in July 2026 rather than July 2025.

After an opportunity for public comment was held, the Committee moved to approve the recommendations, as amended, as stated above.

Respectfully Submitted,

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND JOBS COMMITTEE

<u>MEMBER</u>	<u>VOTE</u>
PRICE:	YES
SOTO-MARTINEZ:	YES
JURADO:	YES
NAZARIAN:	ABSENT
PARK:	NO