

## Communication from Public

**Name:** International Longshore and Warehouse Southern California District Council

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**Comments for Public Posting:** Please see the International Longshore and Warehouse Union Southern California District Council letter attached.



# INTERNATIONAL LONGSHORE & WAREHOUSE UNION SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA DISTRICT COUNCIL

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The International Longshore and Warehouse Union Southern California District Council is writing in strong support of the LA City Council motion to amend the Los Angeles Living Wage Ordinance and the Los Angeles Hotel Worker Minimum Wage Ordinance requiring \$25/hr now & \$30/hr by 2028, quality health care, and worker protections, as a matter of economic justice, housing justice, and public safety.

ILWU-SCDC is in full support of this ordinance and, was endorsed by the delegates from the thirteen ILWU Locals across Southern California. We steadfastly uphold the principle that every worker deserves a living wage, and we are committed to championing this cause. Elevating the standard of living for all workers is not only a moral imperative but also essential for fostering a stronger and more equitable Los Angeles.

This motion was introduced in April of 2023, almost a year ago. Meanwhile, tourism workers, despite being the backbone of our economy in Los Angeles, are struggling to keep a roof over their heads as housing costs continue to skyrocket in Los Angeles. LA City Council has the power to ensure these members of our community are healthy and housed, and we urge you to do everything you can to move this policy forward without delay.

The tourism industry's recovery from the pandemic was supported with billions of dollars of public investment and it is now assured a future of growth with major events like the 2028 Olympics attracting visitors from around the world to our beautiful city. It's time for the workers at LAX and hotels to get their fair share of the profitable tourism industry that wouldn't be possible without them. If our community members are not making enough money to afford rent, they will continue to be displaced or risk losing their homes. LA already has the highest number of unhoused people in the nation, and it's unacceptable that the workers who are the backbone of a major economic engine are already disproportionately rent-burdened. With the current state of the housing crisis and rising cost of rent, employers in such a profitable and growing industry must pay their workers enough so they can afford to live where they work.

Tourism workers were among many frontline workers and communities of color who bore the brunt of the pandemic, yet many still lack quality health care. We're calling for the council's support to ensure our tourism workers receive family-sustaining wages, quality health care, and workplace protections.

Our tourism workers are heads of households, many of them are single parents, and they're our neighbors, friends, and family members. Los Angeles should be a place where everyone can thrive.

The International Longshore and Warehouse Southern California District Council Calls on the City Council to rise to the occasion and move this policy forward as soon as possible to ensure that tourism workers are healthy and housed.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Brandon Whalen-Castellanos

**Date Submitted:** 04/16/2024 09:07 PM

**Council File No:** 14-1371-S13

**Comments for Public Posting:** On behalf of the San Fernando Valley Young Democrats, I am writing in strong support of the motion to amend the Los Angeles Living Wage Ordinance and the Los Angeles Hotel Worker Minimum Wage Ordinance requiring \$25 per hour now and \$30 per hour by 2028, quality health care, and worker protections, as a matter of economic justice, housing justice, and public safety. Please see the attached letter of support.



April 16, 2024

Honorable Councilmember Traci Park  
Chair, Trade, Travel, and Tourism Committee  
200 N. Spring Street, Room 401  
Los Angeles, California 90012

**RE: Council File 14-1371-S13 - SUPPORT**

On behalf of the San Fernando Valley Young Democrats, I am writing in strong support of the motion to amend the Los Angeles Living Wage Ordinance and the Los Angeles Hotel Worker Minimum Wage Ordinance requiring \$25 per hour now and \$30 per hour by 2028, quality health care, and worker protections, as a matter of economic justice, housing justice, and public safety.

The San Fernando Valley Young Democrats (SFVYD) strive to engage young people in legislative affairs, increase efficiency in our government, maintain the viability of our free institutions, and contribute to the growth and influence of the Democratic Party's ideals and philosophy. Founded in 1994 by young activists at the time, including U.S. Senator Alex Padilla and Congressman Tony Cárdenas, SFVYD serves as the premier Democratic organization for young people in the Valley.

This motion was introduced in April of 2023, almost a year ago. Meanwhile, tourism workers, despite being the backbone of our economy in Los Angeles, are struggling to keep a roof over their heads as housing costs continue to skyrocket in Los Angeles. The City Council has the power to ensure these members of our community are healthy and housed, and we urge you to do everything you can to move this policy forward without delay.

The tourism industry's recovery from the pandemic was supported with billions of dollars of public investment and it is now assured a future of growth with major events like the 2028 Olympics attracting visitors from around the world to our beautiful city. It's time for the workers at Los Angeles International Airport (LAX) and hotels to get their fair share of the profitable tourism industry that wouldn't be possible without them. If our community members are not making enough money to afford rent, they will continue to be displaced or risk losing their homes. Los Angeles already has the highest number of unhoused people in the nation, and it's

unacceptable that the workers who are the backbone of a major economic engine are already [disproportionately rent-burdened](#). With the current state of the housing crisis and rising cost of rent, employers in such a profitable and growing industry must pay their workers enough so they can afford to live where they work.

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Our tourism workers are heads of households, many of them are single parents, and they're our neighbors, friends, and family members. Los Angeles should be a place where everyone can thrive.

For these reasons, we respectfully ask the City Council to move this policy forward as soon as possible to ensure that tourism workers are healthy and housed.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Brandon Whalen-Castellanos". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name being the most prominent.

Brandon Whalen-Castellanos  
Legislative Director  
San Fernando Valley Young Democrats