

Communication from Public

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Comments for Public Posting: Please see attached letter to city council with 26 community members names. Dear L.A. City Council, I stand with workers fighting for a living wage to thrive and sustain their families. Tourism workers keep LAX running and passengers safe, and ensure we have a good stay in Los Angeles. Tourism employers have built back with billions of dollars in public investment and pandemic relief funds, leaving their workers behind. I am distressed upon hearing that tourism workers, who greet people like me and folks from around the world, are forced to live in their cars, often working two jobs just to make ends meet, because wages are too low to keep up with the skyrocketing cost of housing. This is unacceptable, especially in such a profitable and growing industry. I support the proposed policy requiring airport and hotel employers to pay family-supporting wages of at least \$25 an hour, steadily increasing to \$30 an hour by the Los Angeles hosted 2028 Olympics. The City Council has the power to ensure that tourism workers are healthy and housed, and I urge you to do all you can to move the Tourism Worker Rising Ordinance (Council File: 14-1371-S13) forward as quickly as possible and ensure tourism workers are healthy and housed.