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Comments for Public Posting: Jobs to Move America, a national organization with its California headquarters in Los Angeles, we are writing in strong support of the motion introduced by Councilmember Curren Price and co-sponsored by Council Member Katy Yaroslovsky 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. Jobs to Move America is in full support of this ordinance. Across the US, JMA partners in coalition with labor, environmental, community, faith and civil rights organizations to ensure that public spending on infrastructure, transit and tax breaks actually result in high quality employment and training opportunities for working people. During the pandemic businesses in hospitality, tourism and various other sectors of the economy received massive windfall support to stay open while vulnerable populations were labeled essential and bore the greatest risk to keeping our economy churning. Following the pandemic recovery and now facing huge amounts of spending ahead of the world cup and olympics in Los Angeles, it's up to Los Angeles's elected leaders to ensure that hospitality and tourism workers can afford to live in the city where they work. The tourism industry has made a recovery from the pandemic with billions of dollars of public investment and is assured a future of growth with major events like the 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 disproportionately rent-burdened. With the current state of the housing crisis and rising cost of rent, families need to earn enough money 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.



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