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Comments for Public Posting: As an organization with nearly 400 members, including over 90 members in leadership positions on internal Board or Committees, Asian Democrats of Los Angeles County 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/hour now and \$30/hour by 2028, quality health care, and worker protections, as a matter of economic justice, housing justice, and public safety. Asian Democrats of Los Angeles County are in full support of this ordinance, as we know that a large percentage of LA's tourism workers are hard-working Asian Pacific Islanders who add unique cultural diversity and understanding to our city's tourist industry. API tourism workers make LA a world-class, international destination, and deserve compensation and benefits that honor their contributions. 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 World Cup and Olympics, attracting visitors from around the world. 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 earning 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. We urge all City Councilmembers to support this motion.



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