

Communication from Public

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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. Alliance for a Better Community 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.



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For more information, please contact Erika Cervantes, Policy and Advocacy Manager, at erika@afabc.org.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Vanessa Aramayo', with a stylized, cursive script.

Vanessa Aramayo
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Alliance for a Better Community