

## Communication from Public

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April 5, 2024

Los Angeles City Council  
200 North Spring Street  
Los Angeles, CA 90012

RE: WGAW Support for Motion to Raise Minimum Wage for Tourism Workers  
Council File: 14-1371-S13

Dear Council President Krekorian and Members of the Los Angeles City Council:

On behalf of the Writers Guild of America West (WGAW), the union that represents writers in film and television in Los Angeles, we are writing to express our strong support of the Los Angeles City Council motion to amend the Living Wage and Hotel Worker Minimum Wage Ordinances. This policy will require raising the minimum wage to \$25 per hour now and \$30 per hour by 2028, as well as guaranteeing quality health care and worker protections. This motion was introduced a year ago in April of 2023. Meanwhile, tourism workers, despite being the backbone of our city's economy, are struggling to keep a roof over their heads as housing costs continue to skyrocket. The Los Angeles City Council has the power to ensure these members of our community are healthy and housed, and we urge to move this policy forward without delay.

Hotel and airport workers deserve to receive their fair share of the profitable tourism industry that wouldn't be possible without them. If tourism workers 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.

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 strongly support ensuring tourism workers receive family-sustaining wages, quality health care, and workplace protections. We urge the Los Angeles City Council to move this policy forward as soon as possible to ensure that tourism workers are healthy and housed.

Thank you for your attention in this matter.

Sincerely,

Meredith Stiehm, President

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