

Communication from Public

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Comments for Public Posting: Submitting a summary of the verbal public comment given on Wed, May 17th in the Economic and Community Development Committee, for the written record. Venice Community Housing has been building and operating safe and healthy affordable and supportive housing on the westside for the last 35 years, including several buildings in the tourist hub of Venice and a new building in development right near LAX. We are in strong support of the motion that was introduced, and the ordinance to follow, that would raise tourism worker wages in Los Angeles to \$25 per hour immediately, and to \$30 per hour by 2028. The ordinance would also provide other much needed worker benefits and protections. We've joined the Tourism Worker Rising Coalition because: • An estimated 3,199 workers in CD 11 would be directly impacted by this Living wage ordinance, this would help keep those 3,199 workers healthy and housed. • 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. • VCH houses many lower wage workers, but the demand for affordable housing for low and moderate income people far exceeds the supply. Without wage increases, more people will be entirely priced out of Los Angeles. • Organizations in the coalition are committed, and work in solidarity toward increased wages and decreased housing costs in Los Angeles. Both are incredibly urgent if we are to move LA toward an equitable and inclusive place to live and work, and they both require intervention and accountability from our City Council. This motion is one very important step forward, and more will be needed. We want to thank Councilmembers Price and Yaroslavsky for their leadership in introducing this motion and for the other Councilmembers who are supporting it, and we hope we can count on the rest of Council to vote yes when it comes back for all votes needed to get to a final ordinance. In the meantime, we'll continue talking with our tenants and supporters across the Westside about this, and will continue to stand in solidarity with workers and tenants. We are proud to be part of the growing alliance in Los Angeles, and hope that this committee and the full Council will continue to respond with solutions.