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June 20, 2022

To: Honorable Mayor Eric Garcetti and City Council Members

Fr: California Hospitality United Coalition

Re: Workplace Security, Workload, Wage, and Retention Measures for Hotel Workers -
OPPOSE

The California Hospitality United Coalition is a broad coalition fighting to protect our hospitality economy and jobs - representing social justice organizations, small businesses, and minority chambers of commerce among others. We are writing to express our opposition to the "Workplace Security, Workload, Wage, and Retention Measures for Hotel Workers" ordinance and urge you to not adopt it outright and rather give voters a say on this important issue.

We all want to protect hotel workers, but that is not what this ordinance is about. The workforce limitations and requirements to provide daily room cleaning would kill hotel green programs and impose room cleaning on guests who don't want it, while eliminating overtime opportunities for housekeepers who rely on the extra income to provide for their families.

Additionally, this proposal has not been evaluated for long-term economic impacts to the Transient Occupancy Tax, and thus, City General Funds. In Long Beach, where a similar measure was passed, there was a dramatic decrease in their TOT revenue following implementation. Los Angeles's hospitality jobs and economy are still recovering from the pandemic and this ordinance will hurt the industry's ability to rebound and result in less tax revenue.

Lastly, we are in a water crisis. Now is not the time for the city council to increase water usage in hotels for visitors when Angelenos are being asked to cut their own daily water usage by 35 percent because of the severe drought.

Again, we urge you to give Angelenos the opportunity to vote on this important ordinance.

Sincerely,

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California Hotel & Lodging Association

The California Hospitality United Coalition:

California Hotel & Lodging Association
Central City Association of Los Angeles
Century City Chamber of Commerce
Greater Los Angeles Hospitality Association
Hotel Association of Los Angeles
Los Angeles Area Chamber of Commerce
Los Angeles County Business Federation
Taiwan Hotel & Motel Association of Southern California
San Pedro Chamber of Commerce
Valley Industry & Commerce Association
Westside Council of Chambers of Commerce
California Business Roundtable
California Hispanic Chambers of Commerce
California Restaurant Association
California Retailers Association
California Travel Association
Antelope Valley Chambers of Commerce
American Hotel & Lodging Association
Asian American Hotel Owners Association
Asian Industry B2B
Beverly Hills Chamber of Commerce
Burbank Chamber of Commerce
Brea Chamber of Commerce
California Association of Boutique & Breakfast Inns
California Business and Industrial Alliance
California Business Properties Association
California Delta Chambers & Visitors Bureau
California Taxpayers Coalition
California Taxpayer Protection Committee
Costa Mesa Chamber of Commerce
Destination Irvine
El Dorado County Chamber of Commerce
El Dorado Hills Chamber of Commerce
Garden Grove Chamber of Commerce
Greater Riverside Chambers of Commerce
Greater San Fernando Valley Chamber of Commerce
Hispanic Chambers of Commerce San Francisco
Hotel Council of San Francisco
Inland Empire Economic Partnership
Inland Empire Regional Chamber of Commerce
La Canada Flintridge Chamber of Commerce
Long Beach Area Chamber of Commerce

Malibu Chamber of Commerce
National Federation of Independent Business
Oceanside Chamber of Commerce
Petaluma Area Chamber of Commerce
Pomona Chamber of Commerce
Protect Culver City
R Street Sacramento Partnership
Rancho Mirage Chamber of Commerce
Redondo Beach Chamber of Commerce
Regional Chamber of Commerce San Gabriel Valley
Regional Hispanic Chamber of Commerce
San Francisco Filipino American Chamber of Commerce
South Bay Association of Chambers of Commerce
South Orange County Economic Coalition
Travel Santa Ana
Torrance Area Chamber of Commerce
United Latinos Action
West Ventura County Business Alliance
West Hollywood Chamber of Commerce
Visit Greater Palm Springs
Yorba Linda Chamber Of Commerce