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The Honorable Janice Hahn  
Chair, Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors  
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VIA EMAIL: [FourthDistrict@bos.lacounty.gov](mailto:FourthDistrict@bos.lacounty.gov)

**RE: Hotel Worker Protection Motion on the August 8<sup>th</sup> Board Agenda -- OPPOSE**

Dear Chairperson Hahn:

Serving the communities of Westchester, Marina del Rey, Playa Vista, Playa del Rey, Ladera Heights, and surrounding areas of Los Angeles, the LAX Coastal Chamber of Commerce promotes business and enhances the vitality of our community through member services, educational programs, strategic partnerships, community outreach and legislative advocacy.

We must respectfully oppose the Hotel Worker Protections Motion on your August 8<sup>th</sup>, 2023, Board Meeting Agenda.

The economic impact of this proposed ordinance has not been studied by Los Angeles County at all. The proposed ordinance is unnecessary and in cities where similar proposals have been enacted hotel workers have been financially harmed, not helped, by the work restrictions imposed.

At the very least, the County should truly study the economic impact of this ordinance before it is enacted. Rather than blindly adopting new workplace regulations, elected officials should have a factual understanding of the impacts their ordinance would have.

The proposed ordinance would not just marginally increase housekeeping expenses but would more than double them. Such a substantial financial burden would be unsustainable for our tourism community. The unfortunate result would be a reduction in hours for hardworking staff members and loss of health benefits, leading to an adverse impact on their livelihoods and overall well-being.

Hotel housekeepers in cities that have enacted workload restrictions have found their compensation falling as their opportunities to accept overtime assignments have been reduced. Housekeepers have found that workload restrictions have reduced their opportunities to earn gratuities from hotel guests. In other words, these proposals have been hurting the very workers they purport to help.

We urge you not to call for the preparation of a so-called Hotel Worker Protections Ordinance.

Sincerely,

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