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The Honorable Janice Hahn
Chair, Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors
500 West Temple Street, Room 822
Los Angeles, CA 90012
VIA EMAIL: FourthDistrict@bos.lacounty.gov

RE: \$30 per Hour Tourism Minimum Wage Ordinance – 9/12 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 \$30 Per Hour Tourism Minimum Wage Motion you placed on the September 12th, 2023, Board Meeting Agenda.

The economic impact of this proposed ordinance has not been studied at all by Los Angeles County.

Nor has any rationale for sector-by-sector minimum wage hikes been identified.

If the Board of Supervisors truly believes in raising minimum wages, why don't you start by paying all County employees a minimum wage of \$30 per hour?

The answer can be found in the County's letter opposing SB 525 which would create a statewide \$25 minimum wage for healthcare workers. The County concluded that the impacts of such an aggressive wage hike "are so significant that these costs could have a deleterious effect on the number of individuals the County could continue to employ, and possibly impact the delivery of county services."

The same economic reality is true for private sector hotels and amusement parks.

We urge you not to call for the preparation of a Tourism Minimum Wage Ordinance.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Chad Maender".

Chad Maender
President/CEO

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