



March 26, 2020

Honorable Members of the Los Angeles City Council
Los Angeles City Hall
200 N. Spring Street, Room 340
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Re: CF 20-0147-S15 – Letter of Support

Dear Councilmembers,

Since our founding in 1975 as the nation's first LGBTQ+, feminist, and progressive political group, the Stonewall Democratic Club has served on the front lines fighting for constituencies in need. As the COVID-19 outbreak rapidly sweeps across our city, state, and country, Stonewall once again lends its support to an important cause. The Stonewall Democratic Club strongly endorses CF 20-0147-S15 and urges the adoption of an emergency ordinance to help workers in this time of great crisis.

Los Angeles is a city of workers, and even in normal times, many Angelenos already live paycheck to paycheck. The COVID-19 outbreak has not only exacerbated many people's existing economic hardships; it is contributing to a growing sense of fear and uncertainty among our most vulnerable citizens. A city cannot function without a stable workforce. The adoption of this ordinance will help stabilize our workforce and bring at least some sense of certainty to the Angelenos who make up the beating heart of our businesses and, thus, our community.

In addition to the passage of this ordinance, we also encourage the Los Angeles City Council to work in partnership with elected leaders at the state and federal levels to ensure all jurisdictions are doing their part to help our citizens through this crisis. We are all in this together.

Sincerely,

Jason Wishon
Political Vice President