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## Please Support the Citywide Worker Retention / CF #20-0147-S15

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City Councilmembers,

Thousands of hard-working Angelenos have lost their jobs. We need a strong job security law to make sure Angelenos can return to their jobs when the coronavirus crisis ends.

According to worker reports, the Chateau Marmont initially told employees that they would be able to maintain their insurance during the downturn. Two days later, the hotel told workers that they would be terminated, with no continuing health insurance or a commitment to recall workers when the hotel recovers. The "rack rate" for a one-bedroom suite at the hotel is currently \$885 a night.

Workers at Mr. C's Hotel report a similar experience. According to worker reports, on March 13th, hotel management at Mr. C's Hotel distributed individual letters to employees notifying them they were being terminated immediately. Workers also report that the hotel informed them their positions would be eliminated due to the coronavirus outbreak and they would receive no severance money. Fired employees were offered COBRA health coverage for only one month.

After 9/11, the City of Santa Monica passed a worker job security law to ensure that hotel workers displaced by the economic impact of 9/11 could return to work in order of seniority when business returned. Please support the Citywide Worker Retention Ordinance which will ensure that workers laid off during the coronavirus crisis will have a job to return to when the crisis subsides.

Thank you,

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