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board meeting of the Historic Highland Park Neighborhood Council and behalf of our stakeholders we are submitting a Community Impact Statement in support of Council File Number [14-0223](#) (Imposing Living Wage / Hotel Employees / Hotels with 100 Rooms or more). The Board voted unanimously in support.

Additional Information:

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Council File Number 14-0223

The Historic Highland Park Neighborhood Council represents over 60,000 Los Angeles stakeholders who reside, own property, or conduct business in our neighborhood. On behalf of our stakeholders we are submitting a Community Impact Statement in support of Council File Number 14-0223 (Imposing Living Wage / Hotel Employees / Hotels with 100 Rooms or more).

Los Angeles is an international destination, putting the tourism industry at the heart of our city's economy and making it one of our largest local employers - accounting for nearly one out of every ten jobs within Los Angeles. Of those who live in Highland Park (90042), nearly 9% are employed by the accommodation and food services industry. Approximately 40 percent of Los Angeles' leisure and hospitality workers are living in poverty. This crucial sector of our economy is failing to live up to its potential as a positive economic driver within our communities. Instead it is contributing to the growing poverty and low quality of life for many Angelenos. Adults, workers of color, and working poor families would see significant benefits of a pay increase.

In Highland Park the cost of housing has increased significantly and this will serve as an additional tool to help prevent additional displacement. Therefore the HHPNC has agreed to support the passage of a City ordinance that phases in an increase to the minimum living wage of non-union hotel employees to \$15.37/hour. The proposal phases-in the increase of the minimum living wage over time. As now drafted, hotels with over 300 rooms would have until July 1, 2015; hotels with over 125 would have an additional year. Hotels facing financial hardships would be able to file for some level of exemption.