



***Testimony on Behalf of L.A. Area Chamber of Commerce  
Patricia Bruno, Chief Policy Officer  
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Good Morning Council President Martinez and Council Members. My name is Patricia Bruno and I am the Chief Policy Officer with the Los Angeles Area Chamber of Commerce.

I am speaking on agenda item 34 on the city's proposed vaccine mandate.

With the feedback of our members and our Board, the Chamber has reviewed the implications of the City of Los Angeles' vaccine mandate proposal on the business community.

First, we understand that this pandemic is not over and that the health of our communities is of paramount importance. We understand that vaccines are the solution to finally addressing COVID and its delta variants.

Second, the Chamber has been a strong advocate for the adoption of vaccines by employers large and small. We are not opposed to vaccine mandates for employers.

However, for this Council to propose health orders that differ from the County will only lead to confusion for the residents of the City of Los Angeles, not to mention compliance challenges for employers, employees, and patrons alike. This confusion can lead to a further slowdown of any economic recovery.

We believe that a mandate is in order and have advocated for statewide guidance. A statewide mandate will ensure the consistent application and enforcement of guidance from one jurisdiction to the next.

Short of statewide guidance, any local proposed ordinance will not be effective. For this reason, we urge you to consider a proposal that at a minimum aligns with the public health order of L.A. County.

Thank you for your consideration and the opportunity to share the perspective from the business community.