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**L.A. AREA CHAMBER APPLAUDS MAYOR ANTONIO VILLARAIGOSA AND THE
L.A. CITY COUNCIL FOR RESCINDING THE LIVING WAGE ORDINANCE**

The L.A. Area Chamber applauds Mayor Antonio Villaraigosa and the L.A. City Council for rescinding the living wage ordinance. The Chamber has been working for several months with all parties involved to have the ordinance repealed. The decision today is a successful example of business and labor working together.

There are very strong opinions about this issue and this action to rescind will give us the time to resolve the issue rather than going directly into an election that would be very divisive.

We pledge our continuing efforts to work with the mayor, City Council, Los Angeles International Airport hotels, labor and the rest of the business community to fashion a substitute ordinance.

There have been hours of discussions about the nature of this substitute ordinance and significant progress has been made, but a final agreement has not been reached with all of the parties involved. We pledge our best efforts to continue these conversations in good faith to reach a compromise within the next 30 days.

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