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**L.A. AREA CHAMBER STATEMENT ON
THE REVISED LIVING WAGE ORDINANCE**

The Los Angeles Area Chamber of Commerce strongly opposes the substitute ordinance intended to replace the Los Angeles International Hotels/Minimum Wage Ordinance, which was successfully rescinded after 103,000 signatures were collected to place a referendum on the May 15 ballot.

While the L.A. Chamber worked diligently with the Mayor's office, the City Council and the County Federation of Labor to develop a compromise which would balance the interests of business and labor, the substitute ordinance remains unacceptable to the business community. The new ordinance is not substantially different from the original ordinance – it unfairly mandates the wages that specific businesses must pay employees, and provides no long-term assurances that this unprecedented government control will be limited to these businesses.

The L.A. Chamber opposes the substitute ordinance, and will continue to work with the business community to advocate for a solution that fairly balances the interests of business and labor.

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The Los Angeles Area Chamber of Commerce represents the interests of business in L.A. County. Founded in 1888, the Chamber promotes a prosperous economy and quality of life in the Los Angeles region. For more information, visit www.lachamber.org.