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## L.A. AREA CHAMBER STATEMENT ON L.A. CITY COUNCIL'S MANDATED WAGE ORDINANCE

The Los Angeles Area Chamber of Commerce opposes the mandated wage law, intended to replace the Los Angeles International Hotels/Minimum Wage Ordinance, which the L.A. City Council approved Wednesday.

The L.A. City Council rescinded the original ordinance after the Chamber and business community successfully collected 103,000 signatures to place a referendum on the May 15 ballot.

But the substitute ordinance is unacceptable to the business community. The new law 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.

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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 <a href="www.lachamber.org">www.lachamber.org</a>.