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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 applauds the Los Angeles Superior Court's decision today to strike down the "living wage" substitute ordinance approved by the L.A. City Council in February.

The Chamber agrees with Judge David P. Yaffe's conclusion that the substitute ordinance imposed the same minimum wage requirements on the same hotels in the same areas as the original ordinance. This is a victory for the 103,000 Angelenos who signed the referendum and for everyone seeking to build a stronger economy in Los Angeles.

From the very beginning the Chamber has remained steadfast against the city intervening and taking sides in negotiations between labor and business. It discourages private investment in Los Angeles and detracts from, rather than aids, the creation of more high paying jobs in our community.

The Chamber looks forward to working with the L.A. City Council and Mayor Villaraigosa to develop positive strategies that promote economic development and improve the lives of all Angelenos, especially working families.

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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.