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**Sent:** Sunday, June 28, 2020 2:42 PM  
**To:** Public Comment; City\_Council  
**Subject:** Public Comment for Meeting on June 29, 2020 about Agenda Item 6

## **Public Comment for Meeting on June 29, 2020 about Agenda Item 6**

**Name:** Yesenia Ortiz      **Email:**      **Phone:**      **Address:** N/A,  
Pasadena, CA N/A

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### **Comments:**

Hello my name is Yesenia Ortiz and I worked for The Huntington Pasadena Langham Hotel for 2 plus years. I have been impacted by the COVID economic crisis. On the month of May,2020 I received a letter from The Hotel Human Resources Director stating that as May,28th,2020. I was been separated from the company meaning I got fired. I have 3 children and a grandson, I needed my job to support my family when the crisis is over but with this letter I don't even have a hope that they will call me to work since I and approximately 200 hundred colleagues got fired in the middle of a global pandemic. Please help Hotel workers get back to work and pass the right recall and workers retention law. Thank you.

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## **Public Comment for Meeting on June 29, 2020 about Agenda Item #6**

**Name:** Pablo   **Email:**   **Phone:**   **Address:**  
Escot         Pasadena, CA 91101

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### **Comments:**

Hi my name is Pablo Escot. I've worked at the Langham Huntington, Pasadena for 15 years and I live at 661 E. Villa St, Pasadena 91101. I have been impacted by the COVID economic crisis by being terminated by the Langham Hotel. Please help hotel workers get back to work and pass the right to recall and worker retention law. Thank you.

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## **Public Comment for Meeting on June 29, 2020 about Agenda Item 6**

**Name:** Matthew Bertieri    **Address:** Pasadena, CA 91101

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### **Comments:**

I, A former employee of the Langham Huntington, Pasadena implore you to pass the worker retention and recall ordinance.

Some of us have worked at the Langham in Pasadena for more than ten years. We are the ones whose work has made the hotel such a success. Yet at the end of May the Langham permanently fired us, while recognizing no right for us to return to our positions. They also told us they were cutting off support for our health insurance on June 1st.

Can you imagine losing your job and your health insurance in this terrible pandemic?

The worker retention and recall ordinance will give us the peace of mind to know that as the economy gets better, our lives will too. Help us get our jobs back!

We ask for your aye vote on Agenda Item 6 at this afternoon's meeting.

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## **Public Comment for Meeting on June 29, 2020 about Agenda Item 6**

**Name:** Daniel    **Email:**    **Phone:**    **Address:**  
Flaming

### **Comments:**

Pasadena’s Langham is a luxury 5-star hotel owned by Great Eagle Holdings, a Hong Kong real estate company valued at \$3.4 billion with \$1.3 billion in annual sales and \$741 million in annual profits.

Unlike 65 other Pasadena employers, including three hotels, that complied with the California WARN Act (Labor Code Section 1400) by giving the City and State 60 days advance notice for lay-offs of 3,973 Pasadena workers, public records show that the Langham Hotel failed to comply with this legal requirement.

The emailed lay-off notice told workers, “We have made the difficult decision to permanently separate with many of our colleagues at the Langham.”

These workers and their families are part of the economic and social fabric of our community. Pasadena has an obligation to its residents and to the labor force that sustains the City to ensure that these workers get their jobs back when the Langham’s rooms begin to fill up again.

This obligation is too important to leave to the nonbinding declaration of good intentions by a multinational corporation that values \$741 million in annual profits more than the economic

survival of its workers. Pasadena needs to require rehire and retention rights for its hospitality workers.

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## **Public Comment for Meeting on June 29, 2020 about Agenda Item 6**

**Name:** Simone Boudriot      **Email:**      **Phone:**      **Address:** Pasadena,  
CA 91042

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### **Comments:**

"Hi my name is Simone Boudriot. I've worked at the Langham Huntington, Pasadena for 5 years. I have been profoundly impacted by the COVID economic crisis because I was fired by Langham Hotel on May 28th and being over 50 years of age, in a vulnerable age group for finding new opportunities, The Langham Hotel was my 'bread & butter' employer.

I will be closely following the individual votes cast and let those be the measure of perceived support. Please, please help hotel workers get back to work and pass the right to recall and worker retention law. Thank you."

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## **Public Comment for Meeting on June 29, 2020 about Agenda Item #6**

**Name:** Jesus Escobar      **Email:**      **Phone:**      **Address:** Pasadena,  
CA 91776

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### **Comments:**

Hi my name is Jesus Escobar. I've worked at Langham Huntington, Pasadena for 29 years. I have been impacted by the COVID-19 economic crisis. Please help Hotel workers return to work and pass the right to recall and worker retention law. Thank you

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<b>Name:</b> Miriam p French Reyes	<b>Email:</b>	<b>Phone.</b>	<b>Address:</b>
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### Comments:

Hello my name is Miriam French Reyes.

For more than 6 years, I have been an employee at The Langham Huntington Pasadena. I have received a letter that my employment with this hotel has been terminated permanently. I understand that the hospitality business has suffered exponentially because of this global crisis, but I do not think that it was necessary or fair that they lay off a lot of us employees so drastically. We could remain on a waiting list, meanwhile the hotel continues to open little by little. I would like for my voice to be heard and acknowledged and for something to be done to make things right. What I hope for, is that we could all return to work as normal and and with our seniority.

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## **Public Comment for Meeting on June 29, 2020 about Agenda Item 6**

<b>Name:</b>	<b>Email:</b>	<b>Phone:</b>	<b>Address:</b>
Brigetta			
Martin			90015

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### **Comments:**

I would like keep my job after 24 years working at that location, Langham Hotel. Being terminated has put a strain on my finances. I dont think Hotel treated all employees equally in their decision to terminate some employees but not others.

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## **Public Comment for Meeting on June 29, 2020 about Agenda Item 6**

**Name:** Juan Arias    **Address:** Huntington Park, CA 90255

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### **Comments:**

Hi my name is Juan Arias. I've worked at the Langham Huntington, Pasadena for 11 years and I live in Huntington Park. I have been impacted by the COVID economic crisis because I was recently fired by the Hotel at the end of May. My job at the Langham helps me support my family of 3 and my elderly parents as well. This pandemic is hard enough as it is without having to think about finding a new job. Please help hotel workers get back to work and pass the right to recall and worker retention law. Thank you.

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## Public Comment for Meeting on June 29, 2020 about Agenda Item #6

Name:	Email:	Phone:	Address:
Siamak Nassirpour			

### Comments:

Dear Mayor and Council members,

As my colleagues and I expressed our concerns a few weeks ago regarding a Hospitality Workplace Ordinance, our position has not changed. Our industry has been hit the hardest and the future is very uncertain at this point. The Westin Pasadena is in constant communication with all of our existing and former employees. We have had tremendous success bringing back majority of our Room Attendants and Housemen within our Housekeeping Department. It is our fullest intent to do the right thing when it comes to the recall procedure. The recall process is solely driven by business demands and occupancy levels.

If the city council members feel that this type of ordinance is necessary in our city for our employees, I find it unfair and unethical to only target the Hospitality industry. We are all going through very tough and difficult times right now, this included all of us, PCOC, bars, restaurants, museums, schools, etc.... Why is this ordinance only targeted to the Hospitality industry?

As mentioned before, we love our employees, we love our city, and we love our industry. This type of legislation and ordinance is not necessary and will have detrimental impact.

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## **Public Comment for Meeting on June 29, 2020 about Agenda Item 6**

**Name:** Joan Harper      **Email:**      **Phone:**      **Address:**

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### **Comments:**

I am in full support of the Worker Retention ordinance being proposed. These hard working women and men who serve so selflessly deserve to have their jobs and at the same level as before COVID-19. We must see them for who they are - essential workers and giving people.

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## **Public Comment for Meeting on June 29, 2020 about Agenda Item 6**

**Name:** Reverend Donald Wilson    **Address:** Inglewood, CA 90305

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### **Comments:**

My name is Reverend Donald Wilson, and I'm here asking the City Council to side with the workers. With the virus hitting our community let alone the country and the world the workers should have a right to return to their regular positions without loss of seniority or starting over. And we need protections for these workers because we know that hotels have a history of mistreating them. So we hope that you'll make the right decision to do the right thing by passing this recall and worker retention ordinance, especially for African Americans who are not well represented in this industry. Racial equality is what we're fighting for. And as I close, I spoke with Dr. William Turner, Pastor of the New Revelation Missionary Baptist Church who is supporting us and he told me that he is praying that city Council and the mayor will side with the workers. That is my prayer also. Thank you.

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## Public Comment for Meeting on June 29, 2020 about Agenda Item 6

**Name:** Paul Little -      **Email:**      **Phone:**      **Address:**  
Pasadena Chamber of      .  
Commerce      91106

### Comments:

CBRE recently estimated hotel revenues will not return to 2019 levels for more than two years.

Hotels, motels and our convention and meeting businesses already are faced with significantly increased costs related to more stringent-and appropriate-sanitation and safety measures for guests and employees. They also know there will be significantly diminished demand for rooms, meeting spaces and large gatherings.

By forcing hotels to make personnel decisions based on city mandates rather than what is best for the business only means that recovery will take that much longer longer. An recovery period lengthened by unnecessary rules and regulations imposed on your hospitality and convention businesses also means a longer time for employment levels to return to pre-COVID levels.

As every business struggles to reinvent its way back to prosperity, you need to encourage them to be flexible, enhance their ability to adjust to ever-changing conditions and rebuild.

Now is not the time to add additional costs or burdensome regulations to our devastated hospitality industry.

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## Public Comment for Meeting on June 29, 2020 about Agenda Item 6

**Name:** Pastor Bridie Roberts    **Address:**

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### Comments:

"He has told you, O mortal, what is good;  
and what does the Lord require of you  
but to do justice, and to love kindness,  
and to walk humbly with your God?"-Micah 6:8.

Hospitality workers are some of the hardest hit in this terrible pandemic and the concurrent economic crisis. Many Pasadena families have lost their income and their health insurance amidst the ongoing public health catastrophe. Once it is safe to do so, the workers who lost their jobs deserve a chance to return to work before new employees are brought in. As a Pastor and the community organizing director at UNITE HERE Local 11, I ask that you do justice for hospitality workers in this difficult time and pass this ordinance. Thank you.

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## **Public Comment for Meeting on June 29, 2020 about Agenda Item 6**

**Name:** Aline    **Address:** Pasadena, CA 91101

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### **Comments:**

Is the new minimum wage being enforced starting Wednesday even though we are in an extremely difficult climate for business owners with significantly decreased sales but still trying to keep employees on staff?

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## **Public Comment for Meeting on June 29, 2020 about Agenda Item 6**

**Name:** Aline    **Email:** alinebogharian@gmail.com    **Address:** Pasadena, CA 91101

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### **Comments:**

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## **Public Comment for Meeting on June 29, 2020 about Agenda Item 6**

**Name:** Erendira Saucedo-  
Guzman      **Phone:** :      **Address:**  
Pasadena, CA 91103

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### **Comments:**

Hi my name is Erendira Saucedo-Guzman I live at 845 N. Marengo Ave Apt 6, Pasadena, CA. 91103. I'm a worker in the Pasadena Hilton for 4 years now. I have been impacted by the CoVid-19 crisis because I was laid off work. Please support workers recall and retention so that hospitality workers like me can get our jobs back.

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## **Public Comment for Meeting on June 29, 2020 about Agenda Item #6**

**Name:** Carol  
**Email:** wallace  
**Phone:**  
**Address:**

### **Comments:**

Make Pasadena a proud. Hotels about to fire long time employees and when it comes time to rehire they are saying they will not bring back faithful long time employees and instead hire new people at lower wages. This is wrong and we as a city are better than this. Do not let this happen!!!

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## **Public Comment for Meeting on June 29, 2020 about Agenda Item 6**

**Name:** Izhar      **Email:**      **Phone:**      **Address:**  
Bouraoui

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### **Comments:**

Hello my name is Izhar Bouraoui I am a resident of Pasadena for 10 years and have been working at The Pasadena Hilton for 2 years now. I have been impacted by the covid-19 crisis I was laid off and continue to be laid off. Please support worker recall and retention so that hospitality workers like me can get our jobs back.

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## **Public Comment for Meeting on June 29, 2020 about Agenda Item 6**

**Name:** Elizabeth Tatum    **Email:**    **Address:** Pasadena, CA 91104

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### **Comments:**

If the City of Pasadena truly aspires to be a city of economic and social justice, it will NOT support the firing of hotel and other workers in the hospitality industry - ESSENTIAL WORKERS - who are mostly female and people of color. These workers also support families, so their unemployment is anathema to the City's advocating for young children.

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**Subject:** Public Comment (in Spanish) for Meeting on June 29, 2020 about Agenda Item 6

## **Public Comment (in Spanish) for Meeting on June 29, 2020 about Agenda Item 6**

**Nombre** Patricia Acevedo

**Domicilio**

**Ciudad** Pasadena

**Estado** CA

**Código Postal** 91103

**Fecha de la reunión** June 29, 2020

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**Comentarios** Esta crisis es muy difícil para los trabajadores de hoteles como yo. Mi hermana estaba enferma con el coronavirus. Afortunadamente, ella se ha recuperado ahora. Pero fue especialmente difícil porque yo perdí horas durante esta pandemia. Lo bueno es que trabajo en Santa Mónica, donde tenemos la suerte de tener una ley que nos proteja. Por favor, apruebe esta ordenanza para asegurarse de que los trabajadores no pierdan permanentemente sus trabajos. Gracias.

**Doy mi consentimiento para que mi comentario se**

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<b>Name:</b>	<b>Email:</b>	<b>Phone:</b>	<b>Address:</b>
Marla L. Smith- Bregni			

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### Comments:

Hello my name is Marla L. Smith-Bregni been a Pasadena resident for 20 yrs. now I am a hospitality worker and had been seriously impacted by the covid -19 crisis. I make my living by working multiples events. I have been laid off and have no idea when will we be call back to work. Please support worker recall and retention so that hospitality workers like myself can get our jobs back. Thank you!

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## **Public Comment for Meeting on June 29, 2020 about Agenda Item 6**

**Name:** Alice      **Email:**      **Phone:**      **Address:**  
J Stanford

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### **Comments:**

My name is Alice Stanford.

I live at 1677 N. Lake Ave #7 Pasadena, CA in CD1.

Please do the Right thing and help to revive the economy in Pasadena by passing the worker retention and recall law so that we all can go back to our jobs when this crisis is over.

This is the right thing to do for our community. Please follow in the footsteps of The City of LA, the county of LA, Glendale, and Long Beach. Protect the livelihood of the citizens!!

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## **Public Comment for Meeting on June 29, 2020 about Agenda Item 6**

**Name:** Roman Leos    **Address:**

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### **Comments:**

Hi my name is Roman Leos. I've worked as a banquet server for 20 years including at the Pasadena Hilton and I live at 306 E Glenarm St. in Pasadena in District 7. I have been severely impacted by the COVID economic crisis because I am laid off from all of my jobs. Please help hotel workers get back to work and pass the right to recall and worker retention law. Thank you.

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