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**Sent:** Friday, April 17, 2020 3:34 PM  
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**Subject:** Public Comment for Meeting on April 20, 2020 about Agenda Item 26

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**State** CA

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**Meeting Date** April 20, 2020

**Agenda Item Number** 26

**Comments** At a time when businesses throughout the community are struggling, you are considering a measure that would place a further burden on Pasadena's beleaguered hospitality industry. By forcing additional workplace rules on our hotels, meeting spaces and others you are making it that much more difficult for them to operate in our city. Please do not even consider adding another financial burden to the hospitality industry that is being crippled by the COVID-19 pandemic.

Further, it is amazing that Unite Here Local 11 would try to take advantage of the current health crisis that has killed hundreds in LA County and sickened so many others to further their narrow agenda. This is not the time to get everything we can for ourselves. Once this crisis is passed, let the union negotiate with hoteliers directly. As our residents and businesses have shown through their generosity and support of local health care workers and first responders, this is the time to pitch in, consider others and do what we can to weather this epidemic and survive. Aren't we all in this together, after all?

**I consent to have my comment read out loud during the meeting.** Yes

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**From:** City Web  
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**Meeting Date** April 20, 2020

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**Comments** Dear Mayor Tornek and Honorable Members of the City Council -- We share the Chamber of Commerce's and The Langham's comments and concerns about the City considering an ordinance that would, as the staff reports states, go beyond addressing COVID-19 health issues and, instead, dictate union rules by fiat without stakeholder and community input/acquiescence. We also are unaware of any hotel that is not fully complying with the government's safety protocols and, like the Langham, going above and beyond what is necessary to protect the public. As such, this seems more like a solution in search of a problem. There also are serious legal questions on what you can do on most of the proposed non-COVID-19 provisions as they were not part of any of the Conditional Use Permits approved by the City for each hotel, not part of the PCOC Articles, and of questionable validity under State law. Absent a detailed legal analysis from the City Attorney, we do not see how you can proceed. Last, Santa Monica, Long Beach, and Oakland are very different hospitality and convention markets and incomparable to Pasadena. Using them as a benchmark thus makes no sense.

**I consent to have my comment read out loud during the meeting.** Yes

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