

Subject: FW: Minimum Wage

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Subject: Minimum Wage

Dear Madam Mayor Matsumoto, Vice Mayor Garbarino, Councilmembers,

Previous commitment did not allow for my attendance at the special meeting regarding proposed minimum wage increases, so my purpose in writing is to offer my personal feedback, which also reflects many residents who have contacted Everything South City.

I find it very frustrating that so many will be vocal on social media, yet fail to bring that message to City Hall, and I believe the concerns over increasing our local minimum wage must be shared with you, our elected officials, who will be voting on this for the benefit of our residents, and businesses.

I've heard, and I agree, that increasing the minimum wage will hurt many of our workers who will be cut from their jobs due to the burden unfairly placed upon business owners. Many of our entry level workers are learning valuable skills which will serve them as they advance in their careers. How many of us started at entry level positions, and wages? Key word is START.

It has been uplifting to see more and more of our local teens working, after years of seeing adults taking jobs that once were the starting place for students, mostly fast-food and retail, places that would rethink their budgets should this ordinance pass. We've also had an increase in those community members who have special needs, who have found employment, what will become of their lives should they no longer be needed at these higher wages?

While we cannot ignore the fact we live in one of the most expensive areas in the world, and we need to ensure those who work here are receiving proper pay for their work, putting this undue burden on the many mom and pop, small businesses, etc, does not seem sustainable for anyone.

Our entry level positions benefit our youth and special need community members, while the income is important, so are the valuable lessons, and that feeling that comes from being a productive citizen.

To date, I've received correspondence from 6 residents who share this concern, and although I have encouraged them to contact our Council directly, I realize many do not take that next step.

Thank you in advance for your consideration of this input.

And thank you for what you do that benefits our residents.

Sincerely,
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