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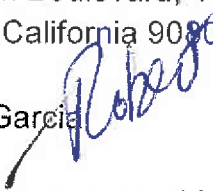
**JANICE HAHN**

SUPERVISOR, FOURTH DISTRICT

September 19, 2017

Honorable Robert Garcia  
Mayor  
City of Long Beach  
400 W. Ocean Boulevard, 14<sup>th</sup> Floor  
Long Beach, California 90802

Dear Mayor Garcia

 Thank you for your consideration of an ordinance that puts workplace protections in place for the men and women in the hospitality industry and I strongly encourage your full support. I have been fighting alongside our brothers and sisters in the hospitality industry for years. They are the individuals who welcome us when we first arrive and provide warm and satisfying experiences while we are away from home. Sadly, we have heard all too many stories about hotel guests who violate the standard code of conduct and sexually victimize our housekeepers. We must do better to protect our workers.

As one of the most desirable tourist destinations in the United States, the City of Long Beach must be a leader in protecting hotel workers from inappropriate sexual advances and burdensome workloads by requiring safe and humane work spaces. Seattle has already passed an ordinance to protect workers and Chicago is currently considering a similar ordinance.

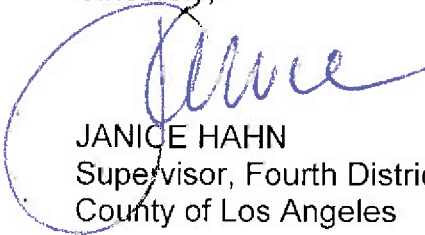
The leisure and hospitality industry employed over seven million women in the United States in 2015, the majority of them being women of color. As Long Beach thrives and grows, so does the hospitality industry in the City. And while we welcome that growth, it must not be on the backs of our hotel workers. It is up to us to recognize the physical

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effects and demands on our hotel workers who clean and service the nearly 5,000 hotel rooms across Long Beach daily.

I stand with our hotel workers and urge you to pass this ordinance to reinforce the protections of all our hotel workers.

Sincerely,



JANICE HAHN  
Supervisor, Fourth District  
County of Los Angeles

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c: City of Long Beach Councilmembers