

# California State Senate



## SENATOR RICARDO LARA

August 7, 2018

The Honorable Robert Garcia and City Councilmembers  
City of Long Beach  
333 West Ocean Blvd., 14th Floor  
Long Beach, CA 90802

### **RE: Agenda Item in Support of Ordinance to Protect Hotel Workers Item 18-0668**

Dear Mayor Garcia and Members of City Council:

I am pleased to submit this letter of support for the agenda item (18-0668) requesting Long Beach City Council to move forward with an ordinance to protect local hotel workers.

Hotel workers have played a pivotal role in attracting tourists and creating an ambience that secures frequent returned visits to the City of Long Beach. They strive to do their best in preparing for out of town guests and do so in the most professional manner. It is disheartening that a number of female workers are victims of sexual assault and harassment in the workplace. I have met with hotel workers who have shared horrific stories of sexual and physical abuse at work. These women are daughters, mothers, and sisters who work hard to support their families. Their stories underscore the need for the passage of this important ordinance to protect them and the dignity of their work.

The effort to garner thousands of signatures to qualify this measure for the November ballot communicates the broad support for these much needed protections in the workplace. As a council body, initiating an ordinance tonight will support these victims of abuse, as well as, place a necessary halt to any further actions of exploitation occurring in the future.

I strongly support this ordinance and the worker's right to protection. Thank you for your attention to this matter. Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact my District Director, Julia Juarez at (562) 256-7921 or her email address at [Julia.Juarez@sen.ca.gov](mailto:Julia.Juarez@sen.ca.gov).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Ricardo Lara".

**RICARDO LARA**  
Senator, 33<sup>rd</sup> District  
Chair, Labor and Industrial Relations Committee

