

REBUTTAL TO ARGUMENT IN FAVOR OF MEASURE WW

Measure WW is a wolf in sheep's clothing. Proponents' pleas about unsafe hotel working conditions mask an agenda to quickly impose unrealistic work rules that will burden Long Beach taxpayers at a time the city can least afford additional expenses.

Let's be clear about the facts behind Measure WW.

-The Long Beach hotel safety record is outstanding. It is THREE TIMES BETTER than that of the City's record of assaults. Only two assaults at Long Beach hotels have been reported in the past 2 years. The industry has equipped the vast majority of its work-alone employees with panic buttons, provided them with more than 1,000 hours in 2017 of paid safety trainings for human trafficking, sexual harassment and CPR.

-The City Council rejected this measure last year. The majority saw through the safety veil proponents wove and called out the imposition of square-footage work limits as disingenuous and deceitful.

-Harassment is a societal issue, unfortunately, not confined to one industry. So, why single out a specific industry rather than address harassment throughout Long Beach?

-Taxpayers will pay more. Measure WW was placed on the ballot before an economic impact study was begun. This puts the cart ahead of the horse for voters as the true costs to Long Beach taxpayers to implement and enforce this measure are not part of the ballot.

We urge voters to see through the veil of Measure WW and reject this charade to impose costly work rules in the name of better safety.

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