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February 5, 2015

Re: Raise the Wage Coalition, Council File No. 14-1371

To Whom It May Concern:

On behalf of the Historic Highland Park Neighborhood Council and its stakeholders, we are submitting this letter in support of the Mayor and City Council’s efforts to raise the minimum wage and urge the City to adopt a comprehensive policy, developed by the Raise the Wage Coalition, which includes strong wage enforcement, paid sick leave and a clear path to $15 per hour for workers as soon as possible. Doing so will bring over 800,000 Angelinos out of poverty, produce over 9 billion dollars in additional consumer spending at our local businesses and create over 64,000 jobs for our communities. We believe that adopting a comprehensive minimum policy will also provide protections for hard-working, low-wage workers who lose millions of dollars per year from stolen wages and a lack of access to earned sick leave. A comprehensive policy will encourage ethical business owners and protect the health of the public as well.

The Historic Highland Park Neighborhood Council is proud to add our voice to a growing list of groups in support of a comprehensive minimum wage policy.

Sincerely,

Monica Alcaraz, President
Historic Highland Park Neighborhood Council