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Please leave your comments and questions below:: Dear Madam Mayor, Vice Mayor and City Councilors:

Re: Minimum Wage Ordinance

I write to oppose the move by some members of council who wish to prevent the MW increase due to take place on 1st July. Measures can be taken to ease the full brunt of these increases for small, locally owned restaurants: Restaurants in which the owner is a vital part of the day to day running of the business and has one or two local facilities.

However, I also oppose the move to increase carve outs for global restaurants with 20 facilities; Trader Vic's does not need help. They have locations in Tokyo, Japan, London, UK, Qatar, Bahrain, Dubai... the list goes on. They are far from being a local, independent restaurant in need of city help. So you want 20 facilities globally to be covered; and then when Trader Vic's expands again, yet another amendment no doubt.

Emeryville has been a leader in trying to improve the wages of workers. It is unfortunate that this effort to undermine a move to a living wage is even being discussed let alone changing the mechanisms in place to support it.

This rushed policy change and special meeting leaves little time for workers to state their views or residents to state their position. It is especially galling that it is taking place at a holiday time, as many people are out of town, as I will be, and will miss this vital meeting.

I urge you to vote no on changes of any kind that reduce the MW now or in the future.

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