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LIVING WAGE STUDY SHOWS CITY ON RIGHT TRACK
IN CREATING BETTER JOBS AND RETAINING STRONG BUSINESS ENVIRONMENT

- What:** Press Conference on University of California study, *“Examining the Evidence: The Impact of the Los Angeles Living Wage Ordinance on Workers and Businesses”*
- When:** Friday, June 3
9:30 AM
- Where:** City Council Press Room
Los Angeles City Hall 200 N. Spring Street
- Who:** Council President Alex Padilla
Councilmember Ed Reyes
David Fairris, Department of Economic, University of California Riverside
David Runsten, North American Integration and Development Center, University of California Los Angeles
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Background:

A new study by University of California economists finds that the Los Angeles living wage ordinance has raised pay for nearly 10,000 jobs – with minimal employment loss. Nearly 70 percent of workers affected by the law are low-income and only 4 percent are teenagers, according to the report, which was funded in part by the Ford Foundation.

The Living Wage Ordinance was approved unanimously by the Los Angeles City Council in 1997 after a strong showing of community support. At the time, opponents argued that the ordinance would eliminate thousands of jobs. Councilmembers Padilla and Reyes will discuss how this report will impact deliberations on similar issues in the future.

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