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Re: Stop Funding the Deceitful Campaign to Overturn the Olympic and Paralympic Wage

Dear All:

As California elected officials, we are deeply concerned by the allegations set forth in UNITE HERE Local 11's [Complaint](#) dated June 11, 2025 concerning the conduct of petition circulators for the Referendum to overturn the Olympic and Paralympic Wage that Mayor Bass signed on May 30, 2025. We write to you because Delta Airlines, United Airlines, and the American Hotel Lodging Association are the [top funders](#) of the referendum effort to overturn this law. Delta is also one of three Founding Sponsors of the 2028 Los Angeles Olympics and Paralympics.

As reported in the [LA Times](#), the Complaint alleges that Referendum circulators have been rampantly misleading voters, threatening and committing violence against witnesses, tampering with petitions, and otherwise violating California's election laws by failing to disclose that your companies are funding this effort. But perhaps most egregiously, the Complaint alleges that Referendum circulators have repeatedly misrepresented to voters that they are signing a referendum *to increase* the minimum wage—the very opposite of what the Referendum would do.

If these allegations are true, the Referendum campaign is deceiving the voters of Los Angeles into signing a petition that they believe will help tourism workers, when it in fact does the opposite. In some cases, as the Complaint alleges, the petition circulators themselves have been misled to believe that they are collecting signatures to help raise the minimum wage.

This is an astounding—and highly flawed—attempt to interfere with a deeply local concern of Los Angeles, and we demand that you cease immediately.

We demand that your companies stop funding this distortion of the democratic process in Los Angeles. Please know that we will hold you accountable for any potential liability for this alleged misconduct and other criminal acts.

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