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Keep Sacramento Working Coalition Opposes Moving Forward with Minimum Wage Increase for City of Sacramento

SACRAMENTO, CA – Following months of good-faith negotiations, resulting in a comprehensive recommendation on how to approach a minimum wage increase, the Keep Sacramento Working (KSW) coalition is now formally opposing an increase to the minimum wage for the City of Sacramento.

“The original Task Force recommendation was not what KSW worked towards, but we recognized this was the best option the Task Force could agree upon, and we supported and respected the process,” said Peter Tateishi, President & CEO, Sacramento Metro Chamber and Task Force and KSW member. “Unfortunately, some Task Force members have opted to work behind the scenes to undermine the original recommendation negotiated in good-faith. At this point, there is no proposal we’ve seen during evolving conversations that adequately protects our business community and economic recovery.”

We are also concerned about the potential for a new proposal being negotiated from the dais on October 27 without proper input from those brought in to provide guidance—including five KSW member partners. Additionally, KSW simply does not understand the artificial pressure to reach a consensus now when we have an impending wage increase taking place on January 1st that could provide additional insights and lessons for the city of Sacramento.

For these reasons, and those specified in our letter to City Council dated October 19th, it is time to reset the conversation, to ensure we keep Sacramento working.

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Keep Sacramento Working (KSW) is a broad coalition of 20 chambers of commerce, trade associations, and business improvement districts that formed out of concern that an overly aggressive, Sacramento-only minimum wage increase would undermine our capital city's economic momentum. Visit us at keepsacramentoworking.com.