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Late Backup

Mayor and
City of Austin Council Members

Dear Mayor and Council Members,

The Central Texas Building & Construction Trades Council voted today in **opposition** to the August 8th City Council Meeting Agenda Item 11:

“Approve an ordinance amending Ordinance No. 20110629-003 (waiving certain development fees related to the construction of the J. W. Marriott at 2nd Street and Congress Avenue by White Lodging) to provide clarification and direction regarding amendment of the wage rate requirements, waive past non-compliance, and impose additional conditions.”

The Central Texas BCTC requests that the city uphold the original ordinance, and holds White Lodging accountable for violating that contract. City Staff has already ruled that White Lodging failed to pay workers wages in accordance with the ordinance. If the city gives in to White Lodging and re-writes the rules of the game, we allow this developer to get away with \$3.8 million in tax dollars while breaking their promise to the men and women who are building our city.

We should invest in responsible businesses; however, Austin needs to hold developers accountable who don't uphold their end of the bargain.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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