

January 24, 2022

Mayor Adler and City of Austin Council Members
301 W 2nd Street
Austin, TX 78701

RE: PROPOSED RESOLUTION - ITEM 53 on JANUARY 27 AGENDA

Dear Mayor Adler and City Council Members,

As representatives of the construction industry in Austin, the associations listed below request a postponement of Item 53, a resolution directing the City Manager to initiate an ordinance to assist employees working within the city-limits to file complaints for unpaid wages and require those employers to take certain actions to ensure employees are paid wages due; determine strategies necessary to collaborate with local law enforcement to address allegations of wage theft; and develop a plan to maintain a database of final determinations of state and federal labor violations committed in the City of Austin, on the City Council's agenda for the January 27, 2022 meeting.

As indicated in the resolution's posting language, this resolution proposes an ordinance that will have a significant impact on the local construction industry. As stakeholders of this industry, we only became aware of this proposal when the Council agenda was published online less than two weeks ago.

We believe that a robust discussion with industry stakeholders impacted by the proposal is imperative to enacting fair and responsible policies impacting the Austin construction industry and should be held before City Council acts on it. Postponing Item 53 will allow for this broader community conversation with stakeholders to occur.

Thank you for your consideration. Should you have any questions, please contact Frank Fuentes at 512.627.5444 or fuentescon@aol.com.

Sincerely,

