SUBMISSION – DAVID GRANT

ITEM 6 OF THE REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE POLICY COMMITTEE DATED FEBRUARY 13, 2024, REGARDING LIVING WAGE

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Delegation information
Committee: Council
Committee - council: Opposed to the recommendations
Committee - other: N/A
Agenda item (number and title): epc 6

Service inquiry: Register as a Delegation, Submit Comments in writing
Participation preference: Via Zoom

Comments in writing: I oppose this idea. I once struggled financially, working for a small business. Years later, I got more money per hour as a city worker, but still struggled. I planted roses and trimmed grass around the edges of city parks. My next job with that city paid much more. Anyone paid by the city has the same option. Develop the skills, and get a higher-paying job. Governments, including city hall, have the power to upset the financial applecart. Vast segments of the labor market in places like California have been destroyed by feel-good ideas like this. My son worked for a pizza place, delivering as needed. In California, such jobs are now gone, because the state boosted their minimum wage so high. The new $10 daycare rules sounded good, but have resulted in many small child-care companies across Canada going out of business. Many parents cannot find care for their kids now, and it is all because of gov interference in this marketplace. I fear that your "good idea" will do real harm to workers and the owners of the small businesses which provide services to the city. Instead, I suggest that you target areas where you cannot attract workers, like lifeguards and bus drivers, for much high raises, and leave the low pay rates alone.

File:
Public engagement preference: Yes