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**CITY COUNCIL CALLS UPON ENTERTAINMENT INDUSTRY  
TO RAISE STANDARDS FOR JANITORS**

*Unanimous Vote Puts Council On Record For Higher Wages, Benefits*

The Los Angeles City Council unanimously approved a resolution introduced by Councilmember Ed Reyes, Eric Garcetti and Wendy Greuel calling on Southern California's entertainment industry to improve conditions for the janitors who clean their facilities.

"Life in Hollywood isn't very glamorous when you're making poverty wages with no health care," said Norma Barillas, a janitor at Hollywood Center Studios. "My co-workers and I are fighting for a better life for our families."

"There is no reason why janitors working full-time should have to live in poverty," said Councilmember Ed Reyes. "We're proud to stand with them in calling on the entertainment industry to put an end to poverty-wage jobs."

"Los Angeles is proud to be home to much of the world's entertainment industry," said Council President Eric Garcetti. "We want to make sure that the janitors who help keep things running are treated with respect."

"We call on the studios to stand up, take a leadership role, and ensure that Hollywood remains the pride of Los Angeles from the movies in the theaters to the contracted employees who clean the studios," said Council President Pro Tem Wendy Greuel.

"Most major corporations in Los Angeles have already committed to quality jobs for the janitors who clean their facilities," said Mike Garcia, President of Service Employees International Union Local 1877. "It's time for the entertainment industry, who set a gold standard for Los Angeles' image, to reach that same high standard."

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The resolution names several local studios and entertainment companies, including ABC, CBS, NBC/Universal, Hollywood Center Studios, Raleigh Studios, and Warner Music Group, who still employ non-union janitorial contractors, and whose workers receive poverty wages and no affordable medical benefits.

It goes on to call on those companies to commit to hiring only contractors who have agreed to the higher, responsible union standards for janitors, to be good corporate citizens and to so maintain a positive image for the industry, the city, and the state.

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