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### **COUNCILMEMBER EMERALD SUPPORTS RAISING SAN DIEGO'S MINIMUM WAGE AND PROVIDING WORKERS ACCESS TO EARNED SICK DAYS**

*San Diego, CA - March 12, 2014* - Councilmember Emerald joined Council President Todd Gloria, Councilmember Lightner, Councilmember Cole and other community leaders at Civic Center Plaza for a rally to show her support in raising San Diego's minimum wage and providing workers access to earned sick leave.

"There is no doubt that access to earned sick days creates stronger and safer work places," explained Councilmember Emerald. "It is especially important for childcare and elderly care providers, cooks, other food service workers, and other employees who work in jobs that have regular contact with the public. It is critical that they are able to earn sick days so that they can stay home and recover from being sick, or stay home and take care of a sick family member, without having to worry about being fired or losing a day's pay. This is really about making sure we have safe and productive workplaces."

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