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## COUNCILMEMBER MARTI EMERALD

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### **CITY COUNCIL PASSES MINIMUM WAGE AND EARNED SICK LEAVE ORDINANCE WITH A 6-3 VOTE**

*San Diego, CA – July 14, 2014* – During tonight’s San Diego City Council meeting, City Councilmember Marti Emerald and her colleagues voted 6-3 in favor of an ordinance that will set San Diego’s minimum wage at \$11.50 implemented over three years every January 1, increasing to \$9.75 in January 2015, \$10.50 in January 2016 and \$11.50 in January 2017, and indexed to the Consumer Price Index (CPI) starting January 1, 2019. The ordinance also includes access to 5 days of earned sick leave for hundreds of thousands of employees in San Diego who currently do not have access to earned sick leave.

“This is a great day for the city. Workers will have more money in their pockets to better provide for themselves and their families, and when they are sick they will be able to stay home and rest instead of having to choose between going to work ill or losing a day’s pay,” said Emerald.

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