

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL

No. 184

Approved June 9, 2020

WHEREAS, The Omni Providence Hotel has announced it will cut off all otherwise guaranteed insurance benefits for hotel workers beginning on June 1, 2020; and

WHEREAS, Cutting off benefits is a violation of the contract between the Omni Providence and UNITE HERE Local 26, the bargaining representative of nearly 200 workers of the hotel; and

WHEREAS, The United States is currently enduring a global pandemic that has taken over 100,000 lives nationwide and nearly 700 lives here in Rhode Island; and

WHEREAS, Several Omni employees have tested positive for the COVID-19 virus and will now be unable to receive treatment for the virus if their health insurance is terminated; and

WHEREAS, Many Omni employees live in the City of Providence, which has seen the most concentrated rate of COVID-19 cases in the state; and

WHEREAS, The Omni Providence Hotel is located in the heart of downtown Providence and is physically connected to several cornerstones of the local economy including the Providence Place Mall and Rhode Island Convention Center; and

WHEREAS, Any increased threat to the public health of the residents of the City of Providence will cause an increase in the number of cases and deaths in the City in addition to a delay in a safe reopening of the local economy.

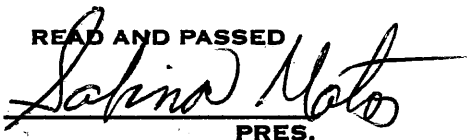
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the City of Providence City Council strongly condemns the Omni Providence for their inhumane and unjust treatment of workers during this pandemic.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the City of Providence City Council calls on the Omni Providence to immediately reinstate health insurance for their workers.

IN CITY COUNCIL

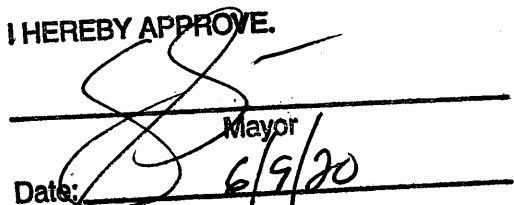
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READ AND PASSED


PRES.


CLERK

I HEREBY APPROVE.


Mayor
Date: 6/9/20

June 4, 2020

Dear Madame President:

UniteHere Local 26 stands in full support of the Providence City Council's resolution In denouncing the Providence Omni for its reckless and dangerous decision to discontinue health insurance for its hotel workers.

The unconscionable actions of the Omni Providence have not only hurt their hard working employees, they have endangered the lives of the Providence public at large.

We stand with the Providence City Council, ready and willing, to do whatever is necessary, now and in the future, to protect the public, protect strong public health policies and protect our citizens from Companies that put profit ahead a people.

Respectfully,

Nancy Iadeluca
UniteHere Local 26
Rhode Island Director