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Hotel Workers File Class Action Lawsuit Against Hyatt Global Corporation and Hyatt Long Beach

Law Suit Brought Against Hotel Company that benefited from Public Tax Dollars Alleging Violations of CA State Labor Law

Workers Say They Were Not Paid for All Hours Worked

*Los Angeles--*Hotel workers from the Long Beach Hyatt filed a class action lawsuit against Hyatt Global Corporation and the Hyatt Long Beach today alleging that the hotel company failed to pay them for all hours works, that workers did not receive meal breaks, and that they weren't compensated for missed breaks, all of which employers are required to do under California Law. Workers also allege that Hyatt failed to compensate members of the Plaintiff Class in accordance with the minimum wage and overtime requirements under California law.

They Hyatt Long Beach is owned and operated by Hyatt Global Corporation and is one of four hotels which received direct public tax dollars from the City of Long Beach. Long Beach taxpayers have invested over \$700 million dollars directly into downtown hotels; the largest city subsidy was paid to the Long Beach Hyatt in the amount of \$76 million dollars.

In the unionized hotel industry, housekeepers are typically required to clean 12-16 rooms per day. Hyatt Long Beach, however, requires housekeepers to clean 22-30 rooms a day. In order to meet this standard, some employees are forced to start work before they clock in, and work straight through their shifts without taking breaks. "They demanded so much from us that in order to keep up, I couldn't stop working, even for a minute. The pressure was so enormous that if I took my rest breaks I wouldn't be able to complete the room quota Hyatt requires," said Celia Alvarez, a room attendant at the Long Beach Hyatt.

In their lawsuit, the employees will seek compensation for all of the hours they worked for which Hyatt Long Beach did not pay them. In addition, employees seek compensation for the time they spent working when they should have been given breaks.

Randy Renick, attorney for the employees said: "it is beyond all standards of what is right or decent for Hyatt Long Beach, who has benefited from tax payer money, to fail to pay its employees for all the hours their employees are required to work. "