

Please Call Senator Ricardo Lara and Ask For His Support

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Hello, My name is _____. I would like to speak to someone about AB 279 (Holden). The bill is in the suspense file and needs Senator Lara's support in order to be passed by his Appropriations Committee. I want to ask Senator Lara to please **support AB 279** and allow it to pass out of his Committee.

I am calling from Los Angeles where we have local minimum wage increases that are going into effect much quicker than the State minimum wage law requires. The same thing is happening in San Diego and in the Bay Area. This makes sense because the cost of housing and living these areas is so high.

The problem is local community organizations that provide services to people with developmental disabilities depend on the State to adjust their reimbursements so they can pay these higher wages. AB 279 gives local organizations in these areas the ability to apply for rate adjustments so they can obey the wage laws in their area. Without AB 279 they won't have the funds to pay their staff and they will close.

This is so important to me because my daughter/son has a disability. I can't imagine what we will do if we lose the help we need to make sure he/she is safe and healthy and thriving. Please ask Senator Ricardo to make sure this doesn't happen.

Thank you very much for listening and please ask Senator Lara to support AB 279