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Meeting of December 5, 2019

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The City of South San Francisco Approves Minimum Wage Increase Effective January 1, 2020

SOUTH SAN FRANCISCO, Calif., Oct. 25, 2019 - A new minimum wage ordinance has been passed by the South San Francisco City Council, directing that all workers in South San Francisco must be paid a minimum of $15 an hour starting on January 1, 2020. "As a City Council, we felt it was extremely important to raise our minimum wage," said South San Francisco Mayor Karyl Matsumoto. "It is important that we invest in our lower wage earners and in doing so, we can help to improve their quality of life."

In San Mateo County, the cities of San Mateo, Belmont, Menlo Park, and Redwood City have adopted similar Minimum Wage Ordinances. This change is a result of the pending state deadline of 2023 to raise the minimum wage to $15 an hour.

What Does This Mean For Employers?

- Beginning January 1, 2020, employers who are subject to the City of South San Francisco Business License or who maintain a facility in the
City of South San Francisco must pay each employee who performs at least two hours of work per week in the City of South San Francisco, minimum wages not less than $15.00 per hour. The minimum wage will be adjusted annually based on the National Consumer Price Index (CPI-W).

- Per California State regulation, an employee who is defined as a "learner" shall be paid no less than 85 percent of the applicable Minimum Wage for the first 160 hours of employment. After that, the learner shall be paid the applicable minimum wage.

- The City's ordinance does not count tips or gratuities as part of the minimum wage for employees. California law prohibits an employer from using an employee's tips and gratuities to discount their obligations to pay the minimum wage.

- The City's ordinance will apply to all businesses regardless of size and type of business.

About South San Francisco

The City of South San Francisco proudly remains The Industrial City, a reflection of its steel mill and ship building past, redefined to reflect the innovative, entrepreneurial and industrious spirit which has made South San Francisco the Biotech Capital of the World, with 217 active biotech companies and growing. A vibrant community of 67,082 residents, South San Francisco enjoys a high quality of life with an extensive public parks system, active library and learning programming and a dynamic, engaged community making South San Francisco a great place to live, learn, work and play.
I take Caltrain from Palo Alto to SF.

I fail to understand why Caltrain cannot offer the larger newer trains for the express and limited routes during prime commute times in the morning and evening? Worse, some of the older trains have 5 cars only? People are packed like sardines.

Many people take Caltrain because of the work we can do during the ride. If we can’t sit we can’t work? Do you get that?

Do something about the capacity during rush hour NOW instead of dreaming up 10 year plans. Get your maintenance in order so that you can fix trains during off peak hours.

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There train would stop at these four stations

1) capitol  2) blossom hill  3) morgan hill  4) gilroy  the other stations are not needed because they are pretty close to these stations

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To the Board of Directors of CalTrain,

On behalf of BEACN, BERCU, Cal ITE, and the David Brower Center, I would like to invite you to be a Featured Panelist on our upcoming Future of Clean Transportation Panel, scheduled for November 21st, 2019 at the David Brower Center. The event will run from 6:00-7:30 PM, during which time you will have the opportunity to engage with some of Berkeley’s leading professors and students in the fields of engineering, policy, and environmental economics. Our talk will be followed by a reception in the gala space, set to conclude by 8:30pm.

We would be honored to have any of you or your colleagues in attendance at this event. Please let me know if you would like to accept or decline this invitation at your earliest convenience. I look forward to speaking with you soon.

Best,
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