

# DOWNTOWN BUSINESS OWNERS ARE CONCERNED

In early Sept. 2015 the Mayor's Task Force released a recommendation to raise the minimum wage in the City of Sacramento. Between Sept. 17 and Sept. 28, Downtown Sacramento Partnership surveyed 31 downtown businesses to learn their reactions.

## KEY FINDINGS

**81%** do NOT favor increasing the minimum wage above the State standard.

Of those in support of an increase to the minimum wage, **83%** believe Sacramento's minimum wage should not exceed **\$12.50 per hour**.

*"The City Council should take a wait and see approach. Wait and see the after effects in other cities."*

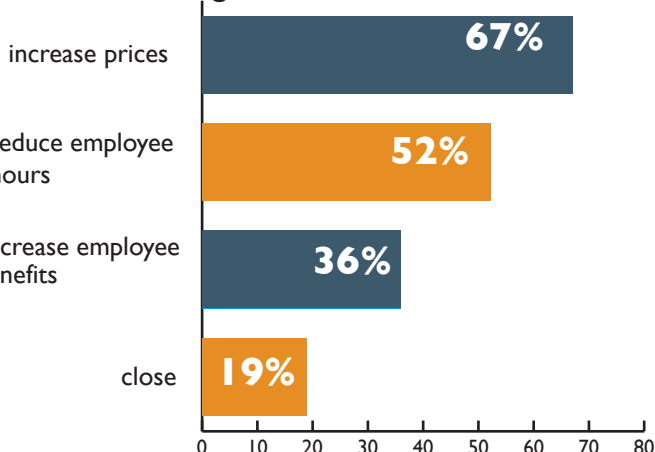
- Retail Owner

If the City of Sacramento raises the minimum wage:

- **58%** support an exemption for small businesses
- **55%** support a credit for employees with gross incomes more than \$15 per hour
- **52%** support exemptions for employees during job training
- **45%** percent support exemptions for youth employees
- **42%** support a credit for employers that pay toward employee healthcare premiums

## IMPACTS

If the City of Sacramento increases the minimum wage businesses will...



**74%** believe an increase to the minimum wage solely in the City of Sacramento will make it harder to compete against companies outside the city limits.

*"I will move my location to a cheaper overhead."*

-Restaurant Owner

**Any action by the City of Sacramento to mandate a minimum wage in excess of the statutory state standard should be postponed until any unintended consequences are identified and considered, including but not limited to the impacts on staffing and regional competitiveness for employers within the City of Sacramento.**