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CITY OF BOSTON  
IN CITY COUNCIL

**RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF  
EAST WEST MANUFACTURING  
WORKERS IN BOSTON**

**WHEREAS,** The deferred adoption of this Resolution would tend to defeat its purpose, which is to support the Boston workers of East West Manufacturing, who are scheduled to lose their jobs on June 21st without severance pay or support for re-employment, and therefore are under imminent threat to their health, safety, and welfare; consequently, it is hereby declared to be an emergency call for the City Council to take action; *and,*

**WHEREAS,** East West Manufacturing is a design, manufacturing, and distribution company with operations in North America, Asia, and Central America, including a location in the South Boston Waterfront, employing dozens of employees, many of whom are immigrants; *and,*

**WHEREAS,** The company announced on April 22nd that they would be closing the Boston facility, and that 51 workers at the Boston site will be laid off on June 21st; *and,*

**WHEREAS,** The workers being laid off are being offered no severance pay or other benefits, despite their hard work during the COVID-19 pandemic in helping to manufacture life-saving equipment such as ventilators; *and,*

**WHEREAS,** These dedicated employees deserve to be treated with dignity and respect, particularly after working through the pandemic to keep the Boston site operating, and with many of them having been with the company for many years; *and,*

**WHEREAS,** The workers being laid off are now requesting East West Manufacturing to provide severance pay and resources to support the workers in securing new employment, as they now face financial uncertainty and stress;

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT**

**RESOLVED:** That the Boston City Council sends its support to the Boston workers of East West Manufacturing in their demands for severance pay and support for re-employment.

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