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**The Office of Councilwoman Heather Hutt Introduces Motion to Ban Cashless
Businesses in Los Angeles**

On August 15, 2023 Councilwoman Heather Hutt (Council District 10) introduced a motion to ban cashless retail businesses in Los Angeles.

The City empowers all of its residents to participate in its economic development, including the practice of purchasing goods and services. However, there are millions of Americans who are unable to obtain bank accounts or have been denied access to credit, preventing them from being able to engage in consumer transactions unless they are able to pay for goods and services in cash.

Not accepting cash payments in the marketplace systematically excludes low-income communities of color, young people who do not meet the age qualifications for credit or debit cards, and seniors who have not transitioned to card or digital payment modes. The motion, introduced by Councilwoman Hutt, will request the City Attorney to prepare and present an ordinance that would ban cashless retail businesses in Los Angeles.

“Cashless businesses create an economy in our City that is not inclusive and accessible for all people,” **said Councilwoman Heather Hutt.** “There are many unbanked groups, including BIPOC and low income communities, that rely on cash to pay for goods and services. As a City that has promised to be a safe and fair place for all, we must be proactive in ensuring that all our systems create fairness and equity for each and every individual.”

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