Vote YES To Raise the Wage!

Calumet City April 4

Why increase the minimum wage?

22.2% of the population for whom poverty status is determined in Calumet City, IL (37,073 people) live below the poverty line. This is higher than the national average of 17.4%.¹

Poverty is directly linked to crime

In Chicago, 89 percent of homicides in 2012 were concentrated in the south and west sides of the city, in communities that have struggled with decades of poverty, unemployment and income inequality.²

Higher wages protect youth

The National Bureau of Economic Research reports:

A 20% drop in wages leads to a 12% - 18% increase in youth crime.³

Increasing the minimum wage boosts the economy

A study examining data from Los Angeles County shows that:⁴

- Increased pay
- Increases spending and sales
- Creation of new jobs

Sources:

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