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### **STATEMENT FROM MAYOR DE BLASIO ON WAGE BOARD RECOMMENDATION**

“It’s long past time for New York to catch up with the times and raise the wage – because it’s vital to lifting New Yorkers out of poverty and moving our economy forward.

The Wage Board’s recommendation of a \$15 minimum wage for fast food workers marks a critical first step toward that goal.

Our work can’t stop here – and this only underscores how necessary it is to raise the wage across the board. As much as fast food workers need and deserve a raise – and we know they do – we must ensure that every worker gets a living wage.

We’re doing what we can on the City level, from affordable housing and Pre-K for All, to increasing and expanding the living wage, and much more. But nothing would combat inequality more than raising the minimum wage to \$15 an hour, and indexing it to inflation.

The people are demanding this. It’s time for Albany to act.”

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