

July 2, 2020

## Via Email and Certified First-Class Mail

Department of Workforce Development 201 E Washington Ave Madison, WI 53707 WIOATitlel@dwd.wisconsin.gov

**Re: Announcement of Planned Action** 

## Dear Sir or Madam:

I am writing on behalf of White Lodging Services Corporation ("White Lodging") to give you notice that, due to the unforeseeable, dramatic, and continued downturn in business and occupancy arising from the coronavirus (COVID-19) public health crisis and the severe travel restrictions that have been imposed along with the state-wide stay at home orders in several states that have also drastically affected operations, there will a mass lay-off due to the extension of temporary lay-offs ("furlough") at our Westin Milwaukee located at 550 N Van Buren St Milwaukee, WI 53202.

In the interest of full disclosure, White Lodging terminated 0 employees on April 3, 2020, which did not trigger, nor did White Lodging reasonably foresee that it would need to conduct additional layoffs that would trigger, state or federal WARN Act notice requirements.

On March 20, 2020, White Lodging notified employees that they would be temporarily furloughed for less than six months. At the time, White Lodging fully anticipated and expected to bring back these employees to work within six months. However, given the unprecedented length of the pandemic and continued downturn of the travel and hospitality industry, it is now reasonably foreseeable that these temporary actions may extend beyond six months. The extension of these furloughs beyond six months is the result of unforeseen business circumstances that were not reasonably foreseeable at the time that White Lodging initially furloughed these employees.

On July 2, 2020 all affected employees have been notified that their furlough will be extended more than six months. The planned lay-offs are being classified as temporary, and employees have been given a date by which White Lodging anticipates calling them back to active duty. There will not be any bumping rights for the affected employees, that is, employees will not be able to displace more junior employees out of their job positions as a result of this reduction in force. The affected employees are not represented by a union.

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If you have any questions or want additional information concerning this matter, please contact me directly at 219-472-2930.

Sincerely,

Michael Fischer

Chief Human Resources Officer

cc: Department of Workforce Development

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The following is a list of the job positions and number of individuals who will be affected by the lay-off:

Title	Extended Furlough	50% Hour Reduction	Term	Total
Banquet Captain	1			1
Banquet Houseperson II	1			1
Banquet Server	2			2
Barista II - Stella Van Buren			1	1
Bartender	3		1	4
Catering Sales Manager	1			1
Cook I	10	1	1	12
Cook II	4		3	7
Director of Engineering	1			1
Dishwasher/Kitchen Steward II	1		1	2
Executive Sous Chef		1		1
Food Runner - Stella Van Buren	1		1	2
Front Desk Manager	1			1
Guest Room Attendant II	6		1	7
Guest Service Representative II	2			2
Host/Cashier - Stella Van Buren	2			2
Houseperson II	1			1
Inspectress	1			1
Laundry Attendant II	3			3
Maintenance Supervisor	1			1
Maintenance Technician II	1		1	2
Market Sales Manager	1			1
Market Senior Catering Sales Manager	1			1
Night Auditor II	1		1	2

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Public Area Attendant	1			1
Restaurant Executive Chef		1		1
Restaurant Manager II - Stella Van Buren		1		1
Room Service Server	1			1
Sales Administrator	2			2
Senior Banquet Manager II	1			1
Senior Event Manager II	1			1
Senior Market Sales Manager	1			1
Server PM - Stella Van Buren	6	1		7
Sous Chef I	1		1	2
Sous Chef II	1			1

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