Emeryville considers minimum wage pause after study reveals struggling area restaurants

The Mills College Lokey School presented a comprehensive survey about business conditions to the City Council last week. The study confirmed what restaurant owners warned when the minimum wage ordinance was hastily passed in 2015. They are struggling, rapidly raising menu prices and increasingly looking to leave.

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