



PACIFIC PALISADES COMMUNITY COUNCIL

August 31, 2015

Hon. Eric Garcetti, Mayor
Hon. Curren D. Price, Jr.; Chair, Economic Development Committee
Hon. Gilbert Cedillo; Vice Chair, Economic Development Committee
Hon. Paul Krekorian, Member, Economic Development Committee
Hon. Nury Martinez, Member, Economic Development Committee
Hon. Marqueece Harris-Dawson, Member, Economic Development Committee
Los Angeles City Hall
200 North Spring Street
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Via email

Re: CF 13-1493 – OPPOSE Amendments to LAMC Sec. 42.00 to Legalize Vending on City Sidewalks and Streets Including Public Rights of Way; SUPPORT ONLY WITH CONDITIONS the Establishment of Special Sidewalk Vending District Programs

Dear Mayor Garcetti and Councilmembers Price, Cedillo, Krekorian, Martinez and Harris-Dawson:

Pacific Palisades Community Council (PPCC) is the most broadly-based community organization and the voice of the Palisades since 1973. At its regular meeting on August 27, 2015, PPCC's board discussed the proposed models for sidewalk and street vending and unanimously voted to approve the following motion:

“PPCC opposes legalization of vending on sidewalks and streets including within the public rights of way on a City-wide basis. PPCC supports the establishment of special sidewalk vending district programs only if opt-in procedures are written that allow Neighborhood Councils and Community Councils to approve within their affected areas any special district, the boundaries of such special district, and the number and concentration of vendors within that special district.”

(A) Vending on City Sidewalks and Streets, Including the Public Rights of Way, Should Remain Illegal.

PPCC's opposition is based primarily on the following concerns:

- (1) negative impacts on existing “brick and mortar” businesses and commercial areas, such as sanitation, security, staining of streets and sidewalks, parking and loitering,

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- (2) negative impacts on adjacent and surrounding residential neighborhoods, such as trash, noise, odors and spillover vending,
 - (3) compromise/reduction of sidewalks and ADA access,
 - (4) impacts on/increase of the growing homeless population,
 - (5) conflicts with our Community and Specific Plans, and
 - (6) lack of guidelines for enforcement by the Public Works Department/Street Services (licenses, permits, inspections, fines, removal).

(B) Special Sidewalk Vending District Programs Should Be Established Only with Special Conditions.

PPCC supports the establishment of special sidewalk vending district programs only if:

- (1) opt-in procedures are written that allow Neighborhood Councils and Community Councils to approve within their affected areas any special district, the boundaries of such special district, and the number and concentration of vendors within that special district;
- (2) distance limits from residential areas or sensitive uses, such as parks, schools and church/religious properties, are incorporated; and
- (3) a detailed map displaying available areas for vending is incorporated into any legislative effort.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the proposals for legalization of sidewalk and street vending in Los Angeles.

Sincerely,

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Pacific Palisades Community Council

cc (via email):
Hon. Mike Bonin, Councilmember, 11th District
Sharon Gin, Legislative Assistant, Economic Development Committee (with request for filing in CF 13-1493)