

## At-large Rep Report re Sidewalk Vending

In April 2024, the author prepared a report for the Board on the status of sidewalk vending rules at the time: <https://pacpalicc.org/wp-content/uploads/2024/04/St-vending-background-Information.pdf>.

Since then, she has learned the following:

### Current BSS Rules & Regulations

Dan Halden, Bureau of Street Services (BSS) Senior Advisor, External Relations, has confirmed to the author and CD 11 that the **BSS Rules & Regulations currently do prohibit sidewalk vending within 500 ft. of schools**. The rules may change, however, depending on the outcome of the lawsuit brought against the City by sidewalk vending advocates (the Petitioners), challenging the City's rules restricting sidewalk vending (*i.e.*, provisions for "no vending zones") which allegedly violate state law (Vending Lawsuit; see below).<sup>1</sup>

### LAUSD Position

Per Allison Polhill, PPCC education advisor and Senior Advisor to LAUSD Board Member Nick Melvoin, **LAUSD continues to support the restriction on sidewalk vending within 500 ft. of schools**, in the express interest of protecting student health and safety. It is unknown whether LAUSD has conveyed its policy position to City Council; the author has advised CM Park of the LAUSD position.

### Sidewalk Vending Lawsuit

**The trial of the Vending Lawsuit has been postponed one more time, from May 16 to July 16**, to allow settlement negotiations to continue between the parties. The Court has stated that this is the final (last) trial postponement. The Petitioners continue to seek elimination of the prohibition on vending near schools. See:

<https://laist.com/news/la-no-vending-zone-trial-postponed-again-as-street-vendors-push-for-settlement>.

**The status of a potential settlement is currently unknown**, including as to whether the Petitioners will continue to insist on the City Council removing the ban on vending near schools, whether LAUSD or other schools have participated in the discussions, and/or whether the Council will agree to remove the ban to achieve a settlement. In the interim, CM Soto-Martinez has introduced a motion in Council seeking a report-back from BSS on taking a more respectful, measured approach to vendors and citation issuance: [https://clkrep.lacity.org/onlinedocs/2013/13-1493-s17\\_misc\\_5-10-24.pdf](https://clkrep.lacity.org/onlinedocs/2013/13-1493-s17_misc_5-10-24.pdf).

*On her own behalf*, the author has asked CM Park to advocate whenever possible in support of the current distance restriction as related to schools. The public is not privy to the confidential settlement discussions and the status won't be known until conclusion of the lawsuit.

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<sup>1</sup> The Petitioners are also contesting a current regulation that makes Venice Beach a "no vending zone," unless protected speech under the First Amendment is involved. Vending stands have recently popped up in the Palisades, in which political statements are made and related merchandise is apparently offered for sale (*i.e.*, arguably exercising vendors' free speech rights).