



## DEPARTMENT OF CITY PLANNING

### RECOMMENDATION REPORT

#### City Planning Commission

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<b>TIME:</b>	After 8:30 AM*	<b>CEQA NO.:</b>	ENV-2022-8180-CE
<b>PLACE:</b>	Van Nuys City Hall Council Chamber, 2nd Fl. 14410 Sylvan Street Van Nuys, CA 91401	<b>COUNCIL FILE NO.:</b>	20-1074
		<b>LOCATION:</b>	Citywide
		<b>COUNCIL DISTRICT:</b>	All
		<b>PLAN AREA:</b>	All
		<b>APPLICANT:</b>	City of Los Angeles

#### PUBLIC HEARING:

February 8, 2023

#### SUMMARY:

The proposed Al Fresco Ordinance would amend Sections 12.03, 12.10.5, 12.11.5, 12.12.2, 12.13, 12.13.5, 12.14, 12.21, 12.21.1, 12.22, 12.24, and 16.02.1 of the Los Angeles Municipal Code (LAMC) to clarify and streamline Zoning Code regulations regarding outdoor dining on private property. As proposed, outdoor dining that complies with the applicable standards would be permitted as a by-right use in any zones where restaurants are currently permitted. Any outdoor alcohol service would continue to require compliance with all applicable zoning regulations as stated in an existing or new discretionary approval or in compliance with the proposed new ministerial approval.


#### RECOMMENDED ACTIONS:

1. **Recommend** that the City Council determine, based on the whole of the administrative record, that the Project is exempt from CEQA pursuant to California Public Resources Code Section 21080.25 and CEQA Guidelines, Sec.

15303 and Sec. 15311, and there is no substantial evidence demonstrating that an exception to a Categorical Exemption pursuant to CEQA Guidelines, Section 15300.2 applies;

2. **Approve** and **Recommend** that the City Council adopt the proposed Ordinance;
3. **Recommend** that the City Council instruct that the proposed Ordinance be incorporated into the New Zoning Code (future Chapter 1A of the Los Angeles Municipal Code), subject to changes to conform to the format and style of the New Zoning Code;
4. **Adopt** the Staff Recommendation Report as the Commission's Report on the subject; and
5. **Adopt** the Findings.

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## **PROJECT ANALYSIS**

### **Project Summary**

The proposed Al Fresco Ordinance (Ordinance) put forth by the Department of City Planning (City Planning) recommends the adoption of new zoning regulations which provide a pathway for restaurants to move forward with the approval process for outdoor dining, including restaurants who are currently offering outdoor dining on private property under an L.A. Al Fresco Temporary Use Authorization (Temporary Authorization), as well as restaurants who would like to newly expand their outdoor dining operations. In related but separate efforts, the Bureau of Engineering (BOE) and the Los Angeles Department of Transportation (LADOT) have initiatives to support the transition of temporary outdoor dining in the public right-of-way to a permanent status.

An initial draft was released for public review on November 30, 2022 and the public comment period was open until March 3rd, 2023. Public comments received overwhelmingly supported the temporary Al Fresco program. There was widespread acknowledgement that the temporary program was an important lifeline for restaurants during the COVID-19 emergency. Support for both the temporary and a permanent program was also expressed by the elderly and immunocompromised persons who appreciate outdoor dining for the opportunity it affords them to gather with others in a place that reduces the risk of COVID-19 exposure. Commenters noted that restaurants are still struggling to pay debts incurred during the pandemic and that the transition from the temporary program to a permanent Al Fresco program should be flexible, streamlined, and affordable. As such, the feedback received voiced strong concerns regarding several of the Ordinance's provisions proposed in the initial draft, leading to the preparation of a revised draft which was released for public review on April 7, 2023.

### **Background**

On March 4, 2020 Governor Newsom declared a state of emergency to combat the COVID-19 pandemic. Mayor Garcetti followed with a "Safer at Home" emergency order which called on residents of the City of Los Angeles to limit all activities outside of their homes. These restrictions included the temporary closure of all bars and nightclubs that did not serve food and prohibited restaurants and retail food facilities from providing indoor dining. The financial impact of the public health emergency was particularly difficult for small restaurants.

In May 2020, Mayor Garcetti authorized a new temporary outdoor dining program, L.A. Al Fresco, to help alleviate the financial stress of the indoor dining prohibition, in coordination with the Los Angeles County Department of Public Health. This new program temporarily suspended certain Los Angeles Municipal Code (LAMC) regulations in order to provide restaurants and other food establishments with an alternative to full indoor dining, and resulted in the issuance of nearly 3,000 Temporary Authorizations for outdoor dining as of March 2023. Phase 1 of L.A. Al Fresco allowed restaurants to turn outdoor spaces such as sidewalks and parking lots into outdoor dining areas, and allowed restaurants to reopen their dining rooms to a capacity of sixty percent or less as long as the restaurants complied with health and safety guidelines.

Phase 1 was followed by L.A. Al Fresco Phase 2 in June 2020. Phase 2 expanded dining options in the public right-of-way to include curbside parking spaces, lane closures, and street closures for on-street dining. The L.A. Al Fresco program was lauded as being highly successful, not only for extending economic support to restaurants but also to the public for providing outdoor spaces where people could enjoy social dining in an environment which reduced the risk of exposure to the coronavirus.

#### Reports to City Council and Zoning Code Amendment Initiation

In November 2020, the City Council adopted a motion requesting that the Chief Legislative Analyst (CLA) report on the feasibility of a permanent Al Fresco program (Council File# 20-1074). This report was done by the CLA in collaboration with the Department of City Planning, Department of Transportation, Bureau of Engineering, Fire Department and the Department of Building and Safety (LADBS). The report was heard in March of 2021 and outlined a number of issues and opportunities in realizing a permanent Al Fresco program. The report highlighted the opportunities that a permanent program would afford the City in terms of reimagining its utilization of outdoor space and fostering a more vibrant and active streetscape. It also raised the logistical and regulatory hurdles that would need to be overcome to realize a permanent program for private property, including the following:

- Zoning Code conflicts such as:
  - Parking regulation
  - Specific Plan compliance
  - Alcohol permitting
  - Existing entitlements
  - Floor Area calculations
- Building and Fire Code compliance
- Inspection and Enforcement
- LA County Department of Public Health requirements

These items would need to be addressed for a permanent program to be realized, and the report was clear in that some of these issues may preclude current temporary participants from taking advantage of a new permanent program. This report was the first in a series of reports requested by the City Council on the creation of a permanent Al Fresco program.

In October 2021, the Department of City Planning, in coordination with the Department of Building and Safety (LADBS) and Fire Department, were instructed by the City Council to provide recommendations on the creation of a permanent Al Fresco program. This report was transmitted to the City Council in December 2021, and was jointly drafted by City Planning and LADBS (CF# 20-1074). This report outlined in further detail the opportunities and hurdles that would need to be overcome to realize a permanent expanded outdoor dining program. The report summarized the potential Zoning Code amendments needed to effectuate such a program, including but not limited to, regulations around alcohol sales, compliance with Specific Plans and other zoning overlays, and automobile parking. Building Code and Fire Code regulations that may impact outdoor dining installations were also discussed. Ultimately, the Departments recommended that the City Council instruct the Department of City Planning to commence a Zoning Code amendment to create a permanent expanded outdoor dining program. The City Council adopted those recommendations along with an instruction for the Departments to provide a status report in 6 months.

The status report was transmitted to the City Council in August 2022 (CF# 20-1074-S3). This report touched on a variety of topics highlighted by the City Council in their initial instructions requesting the report as well as other items related to outdoor dining. These topics included:

- Research, Interdepartmental Coordination, and Outreach
- Parking and Mobility Concerns/Alternatives
- Alcohol Sales and Noise
- RBP/Kit of Parts/Standard Plans
- Enforcement

Each of these topic areas were discussed in depth and highlighted the complexities in transitioning the temporary Al Fresco program to a permanent outdoor dining program. It further sought to provide insight into possible solutions and existing programs that may assist in transitioning businesses into a permanent program. This included a discussion of the existing alcohol regulations and how the current structure may inhibit a seamless transition. The report also extensively discussed how parking impacts could be addressed and mitigated. Finally, it provided initial information and insight into the outdoor dining surveys being conducted at the time. Ultimately, the report was heard by the Transportation Committee, Planning and Land Use Management Committee and Public Works Committee of the City Council throughout the Fall of 2022. The report was

received and filed by each Committee and no further instructions or amendments were adopted.

### **Proposed and Revised Ordinance**

An initial draft of the proposed Al Fresco Ordinance was released for public review and comment on November 30th, 2022. This initial draft removed several barriers in the Zoning Code to providing outdoor dining and recommended standards that would apply to all areas where outdoor dining is allowed. Release of the draft was followed by a virtual informational webinar and a staff-level public hearing. The feedback received from these events was nearly unanimous in stating that the initial draft ordinance did not go far enough with modifying existing zoning regulations. In particular, restaurant industry stakeholders noted that the cost of obtaining a new Conditional Use Permit for serving alcohol, in addition to building permit fees, would be especially onerous when considering rising costs for labor, food, insurance, and taxes, on top of debts incurred during the COVID-19 emergency. Strong support was voiced for an “automatic approval” approach for the transition from Temporary Authorization to standard, permanent permits. Commenters also felt that limiting parking relief to five parking spaces was too restrictive and that restaurants should be given flexibility to determine the number of parking spaces they need for their outdoor dining areas, rather than being limited by a prescriptive Zoning Code standard.

Based on the feedback received, DCP has incorporated modifications to the Ordinance regarding the following topics which are discussed in detail below: alcohol authorizations, parking relief, definition of an Outdoor Dining Area and Floor Area, site design, compliance with the Building Code and Fire Code, operations, administration, and relationship to other zoning provisions. Also discussed in this report are the following topics: ordinance implementation and transition to a permanent program, relationship to Chapter 1A of the Zoning Code, public participation and research.

### **Key Issues**

The key topics of concern centered around the proposed requirement that restaurants apply for new entitlements to continue serving alcohol in their outdoor dining areas and the limitation on how many parking spaces could be converted to outdoor dining areas.

#### ***Entitlements for Alcohol Service***

The initial draft relied on existing Code provisions related to alcohol entitlement processes and proposed that temporary Al Fresco program participants would be required to comply with those existing requirements. These would have resulted in operators being required to file for a new Conditional Use Permit for Beverage (CUB), a Restaurant Beverage Program (RBP) Administrative Clearance, or a Plan Approval to

an existing CUB, depending on the scope of their new outdoor dining areas that were constructed and operated under the Temporary Authorizations. During the public hearing and initial comment period, City Planning received overwhelming opposition to those existing Code provisions, with restaurant operators highlighting the financial burdens that entitlement application fees would present, especially considering the expenses incurred while shifting their operations to comply with public health orders during the pandemic. In response, two new streamlined paths for alcohol authorizations were created in the revised draft. The Ordinance now proposes that Al Fresco participants may obtain deemed to be approved status if they have a valid Temporary Authorization, a valid local approval for alcohol service from the Department of City Planning, have a license to sell alcohol from the California Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control (ABC), and complete a free online registration process. Additionally, restaurants that are not currently involved in the temporary Al Fresco program, but have a valid local approval for alcohol service from the Department of City Planning and a license to sell alcohol from ABC, may be authorized to serve alcohol in an approved Outdoor Dining Area by obtaining an Expanded Outdoor Dining Area Clearance, which will cost approximately \$400 with applicable surcharges, as compared to fees ranging from \$4,000 - \$20,000 for discretionary planning entitlements under the current code.

#### *Use of Parking Spaces for Outdoor Dining*

Another key topic of concern was the initial draft's proposed limitation on the number of required parking spaces that could be repurposed for outdoor dining. Restaurant operators stated that limiting parking relief to five required parking spaces was too restrictive for them to be able to maintain their outdoor dining areas. Community members questioned why parking relief should be limited to five parking spaces only when the temporary program was successful with no parking space limitations, and additionally pointed to the elimination of parking requirements for similar commercial establishments within a half-mile of a major transit stop under Assembly Bill 2097 (AB 2097). The revised draft has responded to these concerns and removed the limit on the number of required parking spaces that can be converted to outdoor dining. Furthermore, the proposed Ordinance retains from the initial draft that outdoor dining areas do not count towards Floor Area and do not require additional parking. These changes were made in an effort to align the permanent outdoor dining regulations in the Zoning Code with those regulations applied under the temporary L.A. Al Fresco program.

#### *L.A. Al Fresco Working Group*

The standards proposed in the initial draft of the Al Fresco Ordinance were based on multiple sources, including a review of a Participant Survey, General Survey and Temporary Authorization data, input from Neighborhood Councils and the restaurant

industry, and discussions with the Department of Building and Safety and the Los Angeles Fire Department, and the L.A. Al Fresco Working Group.

The L.A. Al Fresco Working Group is an interdepartmental group organized by the Mayor's Office that meets weekly with representatives from the Bureau of Engineering, the Department of Transportation, the Department of Building and Safety, the Fire Department, the Department of Disability, and the Code Studies and Urban Design Studio Sections of the Department of City Planning. The L.A. Al Fresco Working Group has played a leading role in guiding the discussion of revisions to the proposed Ordinance, clarifying policy direction, and ensuring that all involved departments are providing input and coordinating on the regulations for a permanent program.

### Alcohol Authorizations

#### *Background*

Restaurants seeking to sell alcohol for on-site consumption must obtain a Conditional Use Permit for Beverage [(CUB) first established by Ordinance No. 148,994, March 1977]] or a Restaurant Beverage Program (RBP) Administrative Clearance (first established by Ordinance No. 187,402, February 2022). The CUB application process includes a public hearing conducted by a Zoning Administrator, who determines whether to approve or disapprove the application. Upon their approval, the Zoning Administrator may impose site-specific conditions of approval intended to alleviate potential land use impacts associated with the sale of alcohol on neighbors and the surrounding community. In addition to the public hearing, each CUB application requires an environmental analysis to disclose any environmental impacts that may result from the discretionary action. The CUB may also be appealed and inclusive of the application filing, public hearing, and environmental analysis, a CUB can take at least six months to obtain and the fees can cost approximately \$14,000 or more.

The Restaurant Beverage Program Ordinance (RBP Ordinance) created a new administrative clearance process for bona-fide restaurants seeking to obtain City approval to sell alcohol for on-site consumption, as an alternative to obtaining a discretionary CUP approval. The RBP Ordinance created two versions of the RBP - a general version and an Alcohol Sensitive Use Zone (ASUZ) version - and granted the City Council the ability to designate specific geographies as eligible for either version. As of March 2023, the City Council has opted-in the entirety of Council Districts 2, 3, 4, 5, 10, 11, 12, and 13 into the general version of the RBP. In Council District 15, the City Council has opted-in the southern portion of the district, including San Pedro, into the general version and the neighborhood of Watts into the ASUZ version.

Eligible restaurants need only to comply with a series of operational, security, and monitoring standards to be able to participate in their respective version of the RBP. Such standards include closing at 11pm, installing and maintaining a camera

surveillance system, providing adequate lighting, no live entertainment, no dancing, and additional noise-restricting measures. Since the RBP is an administrative review process, no public hearing nor environmental analysis is required. An RBP application takes less than four weeks to process and costs about \$5,000. As of March 2023, the City has received approximately 110 RBP applications, and has approved more than 50 to date.

As is currently dictated in Sec. 12.24 W.1 of the LAMC, a business selling alcohol with a CUB or RBP application is required to apply for a new alcohol authorization whenever there is a substantial change in the mode or character of operation of the business, including when there are additional seats added to a restaurant or the layout of the restaurant changes. In instances when an expansion is less than 20 percent, a Plan Approval may be required instead of a new CUB. The business must submit a modified site plan alongside the new CUB, Plan Approval, or RBP application.

The 2020 L.A. Al Fresco Mayoral directive authorized the Department of City Planning to relax certain rules governing the sale of alcoholic beverages and issue Temporary Authorizations for alcohol service in expanded outdoor dining areas, in compliance with minimum operating conditions. As such, for the duration of the temporary Al Fresco program, restaurant operators are allowed to expand their alcohol service into outdoor dining areas without obtaining a new CUB, Plan Approval, or RBP application that would otherwise be required pursuant to Sec. 12.24 W.1, Sec. 12.22 A.24, and Sec. 12.22 A.25 of the LAMC. As noted on the Temporary Authorizations issued to participating restaurants, all temporary uses granted under the emergency order are subject to standard Building and Zoning Codes and procedures upon expiration of the emergency order.

#### *Initial Draft*

The initial draft ordinance was informed by the above-described requirements of the LAMC and the self-certified conditions on the Temporary Authorization. Correspondingly, the initial draft required temporary Al Fresco participants seeking to permanently maintain their alcohol service in expanded outdoor dining areas to obtain a new alcohol authorization from the City, whether a CUB, Plan Approval, or RBP, if their layout or operations were substantially different from what was approved under the original alcohol approval prior to participating in L.A. Al Fresco.

#### *Proposed Revisions*

Much of the feedback received during the staff-level public hearing and public comment period mentioned the likely financial hardships and time constraints that may result from requiring current Al Fresco participants to obtain a new alcohol authorization from the City, especially as restaurant owners are still recovering from the economic impacts caused by the COVID-19 pandemic. To address these concerns, City Planning made



changes to the draft ordinance to create streamlined, low cost processes for current and future AI Fresco participants to continue operating or begin operating outdoor dining areas while serving alcohol.

#### *AI Fresco Deemed Approved Status*

Eligible AI Fresco participants that served alcohol in an outdoor dining area under a Temporary Authorization will be deemed to be approved to continue the sale of alcohol in their expanded outdoor dining area if the participant is in compliance with the alcohol service standards of the proposed Ordinance. In order to qualify for the AI Fresco deemed to be approved status, temporary program participants must have a valid alcohol approval from the City or be an existing business with vesting rights to sell alcohol pursuant to Section 12.24 L., and have a State alcohol license. If eligible, current AI Fresco program participants must complete an online registration process through the Department of City Planning's Online Application System (OAS) within six months of the expiration of the Temporary Authorization.

The registration process consists of submission of a valid alcohol approval from the City, a State alcohol license and valid Temporary Authorization approval. No planning fees will be charged. Upon submission of all required documents, a certificate will be issued authorizing alcohol service in the outdoor dining area, in compliance with the alcohol service standards established by the Ordinance for outdoor dining areas. The restaurant will be required to comply with the conditions of approval applied under the valid original alcohol approval for all indoor areas. However, to the extent that there are any conditions on the original alcohol approval that limit or preclude outdoor dining, the Ordinance provisions shall prevail. This approach will allow current AI Fresco participants to maintain their operations as it relates to matters of Planning and Zoning as they are today with no administrative or processing fees.

#### *Expanded Outdoor Dining Area Clearance*

Restaurants that currently serve alcohol under a valid approval from the City or are an existing business with vesting rights to sell alcohol pursuant to Section 12.24 L. and have a State alcohol license but did not obtain a Temporary Authorization may sell alcohol in a new outdoor dining area by obtaining an Expanded Outdoor Dining Area Clearance through the OAS. The required documentation is anticipated to be similar to that listed for the deemed to be approved participants, with the addition of a site plan and with the exception of a Temporary Authorization approval. A building permit clearance fee of approximately \$400 (inclusive of applicable surcharges) will be charged for this streamlined process. Upon verification of a complete application, a certificate will be issued authorizing alcohol service in the outdoor dining area, in compliance with the alcohol service standards established by the Ordinance for outdoor dining areas. Similar to AI Fresco deemed approved operators, the restaurant will be required to comply with the conditions of approval applied under the valid alcohol approval for all indoor areas.

However, to the extent that there are any conditions on the original alcohol approval that limit or preclude outdoor dining, the Ordinance provisions shall prevail at the applicant's request, as indicated by the applicant on the submitted site plan. Site plans may show where the proposed expanded outdoor dining area would apply the alcohol service standard of the Ordinance rather than any previously approved conditions. If there are previous conditions of approval associated with alcohol service in outdoor dining areas which are more permissive than the standards established by the Ordinance, an applicant may choose to keep those conditions for the outdoor dining area which predated the expansion by excluding those areas from their site plan submitted for the Expanded Outdoor Dining Area Clearance. This new streamlined administrative process will give eligible restaurants the opportunity to provide alcohol service in newly expanded outdoor dining areas without having to obtain expensive and lengthy discretionary approvals.

#### *Other Options: CUB or RBP*

Restaurants that currently do not serve alcohol but wish to do so will be required to obtain a CUB or apply for the RBP Administrative Clearance, as is required in the LAMC today. Furthermore, to maintain consistency and provide clarity, the proposed Ordinance makes surgical amendments to Section 12.22 A.34, the general version of the RBP. These changes include exemptions from certain operational standards that restrict the location of outdoor dining areas, such as the requirement of a wholly enclosed building between an outdoor dining area and a residential or agricultural zone and the limitation of outdoor dining areas to the ground floor only. In addition, outdoor seating will not be counted toward the maximum 150 seat allowance and RBP-participating restaurants will no longer be required to reapply for a new RBP Administrative Clearance if they add or expand their outdoor dining areas pursuant to Section 12.21 A.24. These targeted modifications to the RBP provisions will maintain consistency between the RBP and Al Fresco program, and provide clarity as to how alcohol service may be provided in outdoor dining areas when a restaurant in an RBP general-designated geography has an RBP Administrative Clearance.

#### *Alcohol Service in the Public Right-of-Way*

Under the temporary program, operators are able to expand their alcohol service into outdoor dining areas in the public right-of-way, in addition to outdoor dining areas on private property. Of the approximately 2,800 Temporary Authorizations issued as of March 2023, about 1,000 have addresses associated with a State ABC license. The proposed Ordinance includes operational standards for alcohol service that align with the alcohol service standards in the Temporary Authorization - "*All alcohol that is served shall be delivered to and served at tables by employees*", "*All patrons shall be seated*", and "*No fixed or portable bar service areas are permitted in Outdoor Dining Areas*". These operational standards will be enforced in Outdoor Dining Areas on private property and in the public right-of-way by the Department of Building and Safety.

## Parking Relief

### *Background*

Section 12.21 A.4(c)(3) of the Zoning Code requires one parking space for each 100 square feet of gross floor area within a restaurant or bar that has a gross floor area greater than 1,000 square feet. Section 12.21 A.4(c)(4) of the Zoning Code requires one parking space for each 200 square feet of gross floor area within a small restaurant that has 1,000 square feet or less gross floor area. Section 12.21.1 A.5 exempts “Outdoor Eating Areas” from the calculation of floor area in the more restrictive commercial zones, which exempts “Outdoor Eating Areas” from having any parking requirements. However, as further detailed in the Outdoor Dining Area and Floor Area Redefined section of this report, because “Outdoor Dining” uses in the more intense commercial and industrial zones are not exempted from floor area calculations, parking may be required for “Outdoor Dining” uses in these zones, depending on whether or not the “Outdoor Dining” use has a roof.

To eliminate confusion and streamline the Zoning Code, the initial draft replaced the term “Outdoor Eating Areas” with the term “Outdoor Dining Areas” in Sections 12.10.5, 12.11.5, 12.12.2, 12.13, 12.13.5, and 12.14 of the LAMC, and revised the definition of Floor Area in Section 12.03 to expressly exclude Outdoor Dining Areas from Floor Area calculations. This revision clarified that there is one term which applies to outdoor dining - “Outdoor Dining Area” - and Outdoor Dining Areas are exempt from floor area calculations and parking requirements in all zones where restaurants are permitted. In addition, the initial draft extended permission for restaurants to use their parking lots for Outdoor Dining Areas, allowing a maximum of five required automobile parking spaces, new or existing, to be replaced by an Outdoor Dining Area.

### *Initial Draft*

The initial draft’s proposal to allow for the conversion of five required parking spaces to an Outdoor Dining Area was based on a finding in the Participant Survey which reflected that nearly 80% of the 308 Participant Survey respondents who were providing outdoor dining in a parking area were using five parking spaces or fewer. In consideration of the need to provide parking relief for restaurants while balancing historic community concerns about negative impacts to parking supply, it was determined that this limit would accommodate the majority of restaurants who were participating in the temporary Al Fresco program without putting undue pressure on a community’s parking resources.

Comments received indicated that some stakeholders, including at least one neighborhood council, had concerns about the impact of reducing a restaurant’s number of required parking spaces on the availability of parking in a neighborhood. Concerns were expressed regarding the spillover of restaurant customer and employee parking on

residential streets, as well as concerns about the impact of reduced parking requirements for restaurants on the availability of parking for the customers of other businesses. However, when participants in the General Survey were asked *“Have you encountered any impacts in your ability to find transportation or parking when frequenting a restaurant with outdoor dining?”* only 14% of the 2,775 respondents said that there was limited parking availability and 80% responded that they encountered no impacts.

To address the situation where multiple tenants share a common parking lot, such as in a mini-mall or shopping center, the initial draft permitted a tenant to convert their allotted parking spaces to an Outdoor Dining Area with signed and notarized proof of the property owner’s permission, as described in the following draft language - *“When automobile parking is shared between multiple tenants on a lot, such as in a mini-mall or shopping center, a tenant may apply for the parking reduction allowed in this provision with signed and notarized proof of the property owner’s permission”*.

Lastly, the initial draft required that the total number of required accessible parking spaces not be reduced by any Outdoor Dining Area, as noted in the following draft language - *“However, the total number of required accessible parking spaces may not be reduced by Outdoor Dining Area”*.

### *Proposed Revisions*

The Department of City Planning received strong opposition to the proposed maximum utilization of five required parking spaces for an Outdoor Dining Area. The intent of the original recommendation was to allow a restaurant to convert up to five of their *required* restaurant parking spaces to outdoor dining spaces. To the extent that it existed, any surplus parking spaces above the required number of spaces could be converted to outdoor dining at the restaurant’s discretion.

Opponents of the five-space parking relief measure argued that the public benefits offered by outdoor dining outweigh the public benefits of car parking, and that Assembly Bill 2097 has already eliminated the parking requirements for restaurants that are located within a half-mile of a major transit stop. Supporters of the limit on parking relief said that removing this limit would exacerbate existing parking deficits, by putting more demand on parking resources in residential neighborhoods and by creating parking problems for other types of businesses whose clients or customers need parking.

The proposed Al Fresco Ordinance has been revised to eliminate any limitations on the number of parking spaces that a restaurant can convert to an Outdoor Dining Area. This revision is informed by the recent enactment of Assembly Bill 2097 (AB 2097). AB 2097 is a California law that prohibits public agencies or cities from imposing a minimum automobile parking requirement on most development projects located within a half-mile radius of a major transit stop, including residential, commercial and industrial projects.

Given that 1,758 (62.7%) of the issued Temporary Authorizations are for restaurants located within a half-mile radius of a major transit stop and are subject to AB 2097, the majority of current Al Fresco participants would be exempt from having to provide any parking spaces once the temporary program ends and would have maximum flexibility in deciding how to reconfigure their parking lot to accommodate an Outdoor Dining Area. As such, City Planning recognizes that removing a hard limit on parking relief will particularly help non-AB 2097 eligible restaurants to convert parking spaces to Outdoor Dining Area with the same flexibility as those restaurants who benefit from no minimum parking requirements. Furthermore, as the revised draft Ordinance aims to align the permanent rules with the temporary program conditions, removing any limits on the parking relief would best enable current program participants to transition to permanent approvals with minimal disruption to their operations.

The provision regarding outdoor dining in a parking lot where multiple tenants are using the same parking lot was removed in the revised draft because the proposed Ordinance does not override any agreements between private parties that may govern the use of such parking spaces. If the use of parking spaces is governed by a covenant or legal contract, those agreements still stand and will need to be dissolved according to existing processes before those spaces can be converted to outdoor dining. A single property owner's signature will not suffice in that scenario. Therefore, the initially proposed language has been removed to stay silent on the matter and defer to existing City processes that govern how agreements between private properties are resolved.

In a similar vein, the provision regarding accessible parking spaces was also deleted in the revised draft because accessible parking spaces are governed by the Building Code and need not be specifically addressed in the Zoning Code.

### Outdoor Dining Area and Floor Area Redefined

#### *Background*

The redefinition of Outdoor Dining Area was included in the initial draft to resolve ambiguous interpretations regarding the Zoning Code's standards for outdoor dining, specifically potential conflicts between Section 12.03 and Section 12.14 A.1(b)(3) of the LAMC, as interpreted by Zoning Administrator Interpretation (ZAI) 1808. Section 12.03 of the Zoning Code currently defines an "Outdoor Eating Area" as *"a covered or uncovered portion of a ground floor restaurant which is not completely enclosed within the building; is used primarily for the consumption of food and/or drinks by the patrons of the restaurant, and is not larger than 50 percent of the dining area of the ground floor restaurant"*. Sections 12.10.5, 12.11.5, 12.12.2, 12.13, 12.13.5 and 12.14 allow "Outdoor Eating Areas" in the RAS3, RAS4, CR, C1, C1.5, C2 zones respectively. Section 12.21.1 A.5 exempts "Outdoor Eating Areas" from floor area calculations, which effectively exempts "Outdoor Eating Areas" from having parking requirements.

ZAI 1808 was issued in 1961 to interpret the Zoning Code's standards in Section 12.14 for the C2 zone. ZAI 1808 clarified that incidental storage and incidental dining terraces and outdoor eating patios are exempt from the Section 12.14 limitation that restricts C2 uses to enclosed buildings, but does not clarify where dining terraces and outdoor eating patio uses can be located, how large they can be, or whether floor area calculations and parking requirements apply. Because Section 12.03 and Section 12.14 both apply to C2 (and the more intensive commercial zones that refer to C2 standards) there has been ongoing ambiguity about the applicability of floor area calculations and parking requirements for outdoor dining areas in these zones, and whether outdoor dining size and location requirements apply.

### *Initial Draft*

The initial Al Fresco Ordinance draft proposed changes to the terminology and definition of an "Outdoor Dining Area". Currently listed and defined as an "Outdoor Eating Area" in Section 12.03 of the LAMC, the initial draft proposed to change the name from "Outdoor Eating Area" to "Outdoor Dining Area" to eliminate the distinction between the Code's definition of an "Outdoor Eating Area" and ZAI 1808's discussion of the permitted use of "Outdoor Dining" in Section 12.14. In addition, the Ordinance proposes to apply a consistent set of standards for Outdoor Dining Areas in all zones where restaurant uses are allowed.

The initial draft's redefinition of "Outdoor Dining Area" extended permission for this land use to include parking areas and rooftops. Considering the strong advocacy for outdoor dining heard by City Planning and the need for clarification regarding the applicability of floor area calculations and parking requirements in the C2 zone and more intense commercial zones, it was determined that there should be one definition of an Outdoor Dining Area that would apply across all zones where restaurants are allowed. Floor Area was redefined to expressly exclude Outdoor Dining Areas from the floor area calculations, which determine whether parking is required, so as to allow more space for outdoor dining. Critically, the initial draft also proposed to eliminate the existing limits on the size and location of an outdoor dining area, which limited the outdoor dining area to no more than 50% of the dining area of a ground floor restaurant.

### *Proposed Revision*

The revised draft retains the definition of an Outdoor Dining Area as a portion of a restaurant that is covered or uncovered but not fully enclosed, retains the redefinition of Floor Area to expressly exclude an Outdoor Dining Area, removes the limitation that an Outdoor Dining Area be no larger than 50% of the dining area of the ground floor restaurant, and clarifies that an Outdoor Dining Area is allowed in a parking area, in addition to patios, plazas and courtyards. Furthermore, Outdoor Dining Areas are no longer limited to the ground floor only.

## Site Design - Covering and Enclosure

### *Initial Draft*

According to Sec. 12.03 an “Outdoor Eating Area” shall refer to “*a covered or uncovered portion of a ground floor restaurant which is not completely enclosed within the building*”. The initial draft retained the Sec. 12.03 provision that the area may be covered or uncovered, while adding that an Outdoor Dining Area and the outdoor dining structures within it should be outside of a fully enclosed building or structure and not be completely enclosed. The initial draft further specified that “*at least fifty percent of the perimeter of an Outdoor Dining Area shall be fully open from the ground to the top of the structure with the exception of a partial height wall that is no taller than 42 inches in height and that an Outdoor Dining Area that is located on a rooftop may be enclosed by a parapet perimeter*”.

The intent of the initial draft’s requirement that an Outdoor Dining Area should be outside of a fully enclosed building and not be fully enclosed was to preserve the L.A. Al Fresco program’s policy objective of protecting public health by limiting dining activity in completely enclosed indoor spaces. Furthermore, the minimum 50% opening of the Outdoor Dining Area perimeter was proposed to provide clear and transparent standards for what would constitute “outdoors.”

### *Proposed Revisions*

The specification in the initial draft requiring that 50% of the Outdoor Dining Area’s perimeter be fully open, with the exception of a partial height wall, was removed. As discussed and confirmed with the L.A. Al Fresco Working Group, the main policy objective in crafting rules for a permanent program was to make the standards in the proposed Ordinance align with the standards in the Temporary Authorization to enable a smooth transition for program participants. Since the Temporary Authorization’s only standard regarding enclosure is to prohibit full enclosures, the initial draft’s enclosure standard was removed. The revised draft now proposes that an Outdoor Dining Area be covered or uncovered but not fully enclosed. However, it is important to note that any Building or Fire Code requirements relative to physical structures, including canopies, tents or shade structures, are still applicable.

## Site Design - A and R Zone Adjacency

### *Initial Draft*

The initial draft stated that “*Outdoor Dining Areas which abut or are across an alley from an A or R zoned lot, shall not be located closer than 20 ft. from the abutting A or R zone. Notwithstanding the provisions of Sec. 12.21 A.3, a RAS zone shall not be considered an R zone for the purposes of this standard.*” This provision was included as

a “Good Neighbor” policy to help protect nearby residential zones from non-residential outdoor activity. In terms of public feedback, when asked about concerns related to outdoor dining on the General Public Survey, “noise concerns” (10.4%) were the third most frequently selected response by Survey respondents, with “none” (58.9%) being the top response and “proximity to parked or moving cars” (31.1%) as the second.

#### *Proposed Revisions*

The provision to require a 20-foot buffer between an Outdoor Dining Area and an A or R-zoned lot was removed in response to feedback that the proposed buffer was too restrictive and many currently participating Al Fresco restaurants would not be able to comply, thereby adding obstacles to their ability to transition to permanent permits. Since the revised draft continues to include operational standards which prohibit noise producing uses such as music, television monitors, screens, and speakers, live entertainment and dancing it was determined that the proposed Ordinance would adequately address potential noise impacts and that it was not necessary to retain the 20-foot distancing requirement. Additionally, there are no distancing requirements from residential zones or neighborhoods included in the Temporary Authorizations, so removing the requirement is intended to support the policy objective of minimizing Zoning Code obstacles for temporary program participants seeking to transition to permanent approvals.

#### Site Design - Outdoor Dining Areas in Parking Lots

##### *Initial Draft*

The initial draft recommended several design standards for Outdoor Dining Areas in parking lots, including the following provisions - *“When an Outdoor Dining Area is located on a surface parking lot or parking structure where cars are parked, covered Jersey barriers or water barriers shall be installed to separate the two uses”, and “If a parking lot is used entirely as an Outdoor Dining Area and is not used to park cars, the parking lot shall be designed so that barriers block vehicular access from the roadway into the parking lot, but shall allow for direct pedestrian access from the parking lot to the sidewalk and/or roadway”*. The first standard was incorporated with the intention of preventing pedestrian-vehicular conflict between outdoor diners in a parking lot and cars using the parking lot for parking spaces. The second standard was intended to stop cars from entering a parking lot that is no longer used for parking and protect diners who are dining there. However, neither standard was required for the Temporary Authorizations.

##### *Proposed Revisions*

Feedback was received during the public comment period in opposition to the proposed barrier standards. Industry groups stated that barrier standards such as Jersey or water barriers were too prescriptive and could be unsightly, and recommended providing more



flexibility to restaurant operators. The L.A. Al Fresco Working Group discussed the merits of retaining the parking lot design standards in the initial draft, which would require the installation of Jersey or water barriers to separate outdoor diners in parking lots from moving vehicles and to block vehicles from entering a parking lot which is only used for outdoor dining. These standards were ultimately determined to be excessive and expensive requirements because cars entering or exiting a parking lot are not moving at a speed which would jeopardize the safety of outdoor diners. Additionally, removing prescriptive site design requirements supports the policy objective of providing flexibility to individual operators to develop their outdoor dining areas in the ways that best meet their operational and business needs, as well as minimizing obstacles for temporary program participants seeking to transition to permanent approvals.

### Compliance with Building Code and Fire Code

#### *Initial Draft*

The initial draft included an accessibility measure which refers to the California Building Code, as stated in the following provisions - *“An Outdoor Dining Area shall be designed and operated so that it may be used by people of all abilities according to the standards of the California Building Code”*. Another measure in the initial draft referred to the Los Angeles Fire Code by stating the following - *“An Outdoor Dining Area shall be designed and operated so that it is in compliance with regulations regarding access to building openings, fire lanes, use of combustible materials and other fire safety measures as identified in the LAFD Fire Code”*. A third measure referred to both the Building Code and the Fire Code with the following language - *“All Outdoor Dining structures, furniture, and/or equipment, including but not limited to canopies, tents, heaters, lighting, ramps, platforms and walls, shall comply with all applicable Building Code and Fire Code requirements”*.

The above measures were informed by several guidelines from the Temporary Authorizations related to accessibility and fire safety issues, as follows:

- *Tables shall be arranged so that the seating edges of adjacent tables are not less than 54 inches apart.*
- *Rectangular tables arranged to accommodate seating on one side only shall have not less than 36 inches between adjacent table edges*
- *A minimum of 5% of outdoor seating spaces must be accessible*
- *Aisles between tables and chairs must be 44-inch minimum width*
- *A clear space of 36-inch minimum must be provided behind accessible seating spaces*
- *Exits from proposed Outdoor Dining Areas must be provided with direct, unobstructed access to the public right-of-way*
- *Fire apparatus access roads must remain unobstructed*

- *Immediate access to Fire Department connections shall be maintained without obstructions*

These references to the Codes and guidelines of other City departments were included in the initial draft to proactively provide notice to readers and interested parties that Outdoor Dining Areas would be reviewed and approved according to standards that protect the public welfare.

#### *Proposed Revisions*

City Planning received guidance from the L.A. Al Fresco Working Group that it was not necessary to include these references to other City departments and guidelines in the proposed Ordinance and that the proposed Ordinance should exclusively be focused on Zoning Code regulations, so as to minimize any confusion about which standards are required and enforced by which departments. The issues identified in these references and guidelines are addressed by the respective departments during the building permit plan check process. As such, the revised draft of the proposed Ordinance is silent on these matters to instead clearly defer to the Building and Fire Codes.

#### Operations - Noise Impacts

##### *Initial Draft*

The initial draft prohibited certain activities in an Outdoor Dining Area which could create noise impacts and other nuisance behavior when an Outdoor Dining Area is located next to a residential zone. The list of prohibited activities included the following: music, television monitors, screens and speakers, live entertainment, dancing, pool tables, billiard tables, adult entertainment uses, private events and cover charges. All of these activities are prohibited under the Temporary Authorizations, and represent standard conditions applied via Conditional Use Permits when restaurants are applying for a permit to serve alcohol. The standards of the Restaurant Beverage Program also prohibit music, speakers, television monitors or screens, live entertainment or disc jockeys in outdoor areas. Therefore, because these noise measures were included in the Temporary Authorization, the initial draft proposed to carry over and maintain the temporary Al Fresco program operational conditions as consistent operational standards for permanent Outdoor Dining Areas.

##### *Proposed Revisions*

The revised draft retains all of these prohibitions except for the prohibition of private events and cover charges. Private events and cover charges were removed from the list of prohibited activities to enable immunocompromised persons and elderly persons to enjoy the same events that others enjoy and allow restaurant operators to collect an additional source of revenue. The other prohibitions on noise-producing activities were

retained to alleviate potential noise impacts on residents who live adjacent to an Outdoor Dining Area.

### Operations - Hours

#### *Initial Draft*

The initial draft limited hours of operation to the hours that the kitchen facilities of the associated restaurant are open for meal ordering, with an additional limitation for Outdoor Dining Areas which are adjacent to residentially zoned lots - *“Outdoor Dining Areas which abut or are across an alley from an A or R zoned lot shall be limited to hours of operation between 7 AM and 11 PM”*. The 7 AM-11 PM hours of operation are the same hours that are allowed in the Restaurant Beverage Program and were included in the initial draft as a “Good Neighbor” policy to alleviate potential impacts on persons in residential zones who live next to an Outdoor Dining Area. The initial draft also clarified that Residential/Accessory Services (RAS) zones are not considered a residential zone for the purpose of this standard - *“Notwithstanding the provision of Sec. 12.2 A.3, a RAS zone shall not be considered an R zone for the purposes of this standard”*. RAS zones are zones which allow a mix of commercial and residential uses. Because RAS zones are not exclusively residential and because the Zoning Code already allows Outdoor Dining Areas in RAS zones, the initial draft did not apply the more limited operating hours to these zones. Reference to hours of operation between 7 AM and 8 PM in the CR zone, pursuant to Sec. 12.21 A.24, are included in the initial draft as an acknowledgment that the hours of operation are dictated by the underlying standards of the CR zone.

#### *Proposed Revisions*

City Planning received feedback from business and economic development stakeholders that limiting hours of operation in Outdoor Dining Areas to those of the associated restaurant is too restrictive and misaligned with typical restaurant operations because patrons commonly linger in the dining areas after the kitchen closes. The revised draft has therefore deleted the provision that limits hours of operation for an Outdoor Dining Area to those of the associated kitchen. However, the condition from the Temporary Authorization which limits hours of operation to no later than 10:30 PM for an Outdoor Dining Area that is adjacent to or across an alley to a residential use was retained. This change was made to align the permanent standard with the conditions of the Temporary Authorizations and support the policy objective of enabling streamlined transitions for temporary program participants to permanent approvals.

## Operations - Maintenance

### *Initial Draft*

The initial draft included a provision requiring that Outdoor Dining Areas be cleaned nightly and that adjoining sidewalk areas shall be kept free of debris, litter and graffiti. This provision is included in the Temporary Authorization and addresses complaints received by the Department of City Planning regarding trash and litter around Outdoor Dining Areas.

### *Proposed Revisions*

The maintenance standard was retained. This is a standard that restaurant operators have already agreed to with their self-certification of the Temporary Authorization, and should therefore not present any hardships to operators seeking to maintain expanded Outdoor Dining Areas on a permanent basis.

## Operations - Posting of City-Issued Identification

### *Initial Draft*

The initial draft did not include a requirement for posting of City-issued identification but it was part of the Temporary Authorization. The purpose of this identification is to facilitate enforcement of the proposed standards by making it easier for patrons and neighbors to identify restaurants that are subject to the Outdoor Dining Area standards proposed by the Ordinance and also provide resources for filing complaints and concerns with the appropriate enforcement agency.

### *Proposed Revisions*

The Temporary Authorization guideline is included in the revised draft with the following language - *"A City-issued identification shall be posted in the Outdoor Dining Area and made clearly visible to the public, indicating that the area is subject to the requirements and restrictions of the Al Fresco Ordinance. This shall include a telephone number and an email address shall be provided for complaints or concerns regarding the operation of the Outdoor Dining Area"*. As described previously, this measure is included to facilitate enforcement of the Ordinance. A similar requirement is also stipulated under the RBP Administrative Clearance program.

## Administration

### *Initial Draft*

In the initial draft, the process for requesting relief from a standard regarding site design, operations or parking would involve applying for a Conditional Use Permit

pursuant to Sec. 12.24 W.32 – *“Restaurants with Outdoor Dining Areas that do not comply with the standards in Paragraph d and e shall apply for a Conditional Use Permit pursuant to Sec. 12.24 W.32”*. The process for enforcement of compliance with Outdoor Dining Area standards, as proposed in the initial draft, would have also involved applying for a Conditional Use Permit to come into compliance – *“Citations or Orders to Comply in violation of the standards in Paragraph d and e may require restaurants with Outdoor Dining Areas to apply for a Conditional Use Permit pursuant to Sec. 12.24 W.32 to continue operations”*.

Applying for a Conditional Use Permit can be a lengthy and costly process that involves a public hearing before either the City Planning Commission, Area Planning Commission or a Zoning Administrator, depending on the specific type of Conditional Use Permit. Public comments received at the public hearing are considered by the decision-maker in writing the conditions of approval for a Conditional Use Permit. Revisions to the conditions of approval in a Conditional Use Permit may be obtained by applying for a Plan Approval.

The initial draft amended Subdivision 32 of Subsection W of Sec. 12.24 to clarify that an applicant could apply for a Conditional Use Permit to seek relief from a standard for Outdoor Dining Areas associated with restaurants located on any floor for a building, not just ground floor restaurants, and in any zone where restaurants are permitted.

### *Proposed Revisions*

City Planning received overwhelming feedback that requiring a Conditional Use Permit to deviate from a standard or to prove compliance with a standard after receiving a Citation or Order to Comply was overly burdensome and costly for restaurant operators, particularly when the majority of restaurant operators have already gone through a discretionary public hearing process to obtain their alcohol approvals from the City. In response, the proposed Ordinance has been revised to establish a simpler relief option for restaurant operators with previous valid discretionary entitlements involving outdoor dining. The revised draft clarifies that restaurant operators who already have a discretionary entitlement, such as a Conditional Use Permit, do not need to apply for a new Conditional Use Permit, but can obtain relief from Outdoor Dining Area standards by applying for a Plan Approval – *“Deviation from the Outdoor Dining Area standards in Paragraph (d) may be requested through the approval of plans on the original discretionary entitlement pursuant to Sec. 12.24 M”*. If there are no previous discretionary entitlements for which a Plan Approval can be requested, relief through a Variance may be requested, as is the case for any Zoning Code standard.

To further streamline the permitting process, the following revisions have been included in the revised draft:

- The CUP for an Outdoor Eating Area per 12.24 W.32 is deleted in the revised draft to reflect that the revised draft considers an Outdoor Dining Area to be a by-right use, so the CUP is no longer relevant
- The following paragraph has been added to Sec. 12.24 W.1 to expressly clarify that modifications for the sole purpose of providing an Outdoor Dining Areas do not trigger the need for a new Conditional Use Permit or Plan Approval - *“Exceptions. Notwithstanding Paragraph (d) above, conditional use approval or plan approval shall not be required solely for the purposes of providing an Outdoor Dining Area pursuant to Sec. 12.21 A.24”*

The revised draft also clarifies that enforcement actions regarding non-compliance will be handled pursuant to the standard administrative nuisance abatement procedures in Sec. 12.27.1 of the LAMC, which is the existing enforcement process for all by-right uses, rather than a Conditional Use Permit – *“Non-compliance with the Outdoor Dining Area standards may result in enforcement actions pursuant to Sec. 12.27.1.”*

#### Relationship to Other Zoning Provisions - Specific Plans and Other Overlays

##### *Background*

More than 46% of the Temporary Authorizations for outdoor dining that have been issued as of March 2023 are located in 38 different specific plans, supplemental use districts, or other zoning overlays that have a special set of development standards. An analysis of these specific plans found that many of them contain standards which would constrain a streamlined permitting process for an Outdoor Dining Area, such as customized parking standards that limit how many parking spaces may be converted for outdoor dining or standards that require a discretionary Project Permit Adjustment for a change in the number of parking spaces provided. A Project Permit Adjustment involves a written report and letter of determination prepared by City Planning, which typically includes project-specific conditions of approval and can be appealed. Some of these specific plans collect in-lieu fees for parking deficiencies to be paid into a Transportation Mitigation Fund which is managed by DOT to finance infrastructure projects. The specific plan with the highest number of outdoor dining spaces authorized by the temporary Al Fresco program is the Ventura-Cahuenga Boulevard Corridor Specific Plan, followed by the LA Coastal Corridor Transit Neighborhood Plan, West LA Transportation Improvement and Mitigation Plan, the Venice Coastal Zone, the Vermont/Western Station Neighborhood Area Plan, and the Exposition Corridor Transit Neighborhood Plan.

##### *Initial Draft*

The initial draft proposed to override those portions of the specific plans which conflict with the initial draft's standards with the following general statement - *“Relationship to Other Zoning Provisions. The standards of Sec. 12.21 A.24 shall prevail over any*

*conflicting provisions of any Specific Plan, Supplemental Use District or other overlay, or other zoning limitations”.*

There were several reasons for including this provision. First, specific plans contain standards which would impede the expansion of outdoor dining on a permanent basis and nearly half of the Temporary Authorizations are issued for locations within specific plans. Additionally, the Mayor’s Emergency Order issued June 26, 2020, which established L.A. Al Fresco, clearly directed City Department General Managers to exempt temporary outdoor dining from specific plan procedures and requirements. For these reasons, the initial draft ordinance proposed to override those portions of the specific plans which conflict with the proposed Ordinance’s standards.

### *Proposed Revisions*

The revised draft affirmed the original intent of the initial draft to override the specific plans and refined the regulations to include a list of Specific Plans, Community Design Overlays (CDOs), Community Plan Implementation Overlays (CPIOs), Pedestrian-Oriented Districts (POD), and Neighborhood-Oriented Districts (NODs) to be superseded by the proposed Ordinance, including the ordinance number of the overlay - *“Relationship to Other Zoning Provisions. An Outdoor Dining Area shall not be considered a project nor require any design review procedures under any Specific Plan, Supplemental Use District, or other overlay, including but not limited to the Ordinance Nos. listed below. Furthermore, the Outdoor Dining Area Standards in Section 12.21 A.24(d) shall prevail and supersede any conflicting provisions found in such Specific Plans, overlays or Chapter 1 of this Code”*. The number of overlays listed includes 46 Specific Plans, 6 CPIOs, 19 CDOs, 2 PODs and 1 NOD. The list of overlays is not fully exhaustive, but was added as a starting point to facilitate implementation of the Ordinance by providing clear guidance to City staff as to which overlays may have provisions that limit outdoor dining in some way and should therefore be superseded by the proposed Al Fresco Ordinance, so that outdoor dining can be allowed as a by-right use as intended.

## **Ordinance Implementation**

### Transition to Permanent Program

The transition to a permanent program requires that the Zoning Code enable three overarching changes. In summary, those include changing the definition of outdoor dining, allowing outdoor dining as a by-right use where restaurants are permitted, and streamlining the permissions for the sale and dispensing of alcohol. If adopted, implementation of the proposed changes will, by design, require minimal process by City Planning so as to facilitate a streamlined transition to a permanent program for applicants.

The section below will discuss the transition and implementation processes by City Planning and the Department of Building and Safety (LADBS), broader interdepartmental workflow and coordination, as well as specific geographies that require additional consideration in order to realize a permanent AI Fresco program.

#### Department of City Planning - Online Application System

If adopted as proposed, outdoor dining would be a by-right use where restaurants are allowed, and where no alcohol service is proposed, an applicant would not be required to interface with City Planning. Such applicants would only need permit approval by the Department of Building and Safety. With regards to AI Fresco dining where alcohol is proposed, either on private property and/or within the public right-of-way, an applicant that already has some form of authorization under the Zoning Code and ABC to sell alcohol would interface with City Planning through the OAS.

The OAS is a quick and easy way for applicants to apply and obtain a clearance. This clearance will serve as proof of permanent outdoor dining status from City Planning to both ABC as well as the LADBS. In addition, this clearance would constitute a formal attestation by the applicant that the information uploaded to the OAS is true and accurate, and affirm an applicant's agreement to the conditions applicable to the outdoor dining operations as outlined in the Ordinance. As proposed in the revised draft of the Ordinance, posting of City-issued identification shall be clearly visible in an outdoor dining area as an indication to the public that the area is subject to the permanent AI Fresco standards. Contact information for both the business and the appropriate enforcement agency will be provided on the identification placard in the event that there are complaints or concerns regarding an operation.

Use of the OAS portal to submit applications for City Planning's review has grown, particularly during the pandemic, many of which are related to alcohol review and clearance. These include the Alcohol (CUB) and Entertainment (CUX): Building Permit Clearance, Restaurant Beverage Program (RBP) Administrative Clearance, and Stand-Alone Alcohol (CUB) and Entertainment (CUX): Condition Clearance and Effectuation processes. Incorporating the AI Fresco Deemed Approved and the Expanded Outdoor Dining Area Clearances are a logical addition to the OAS system akin to the streamlined application process that applicants experienced through the Temporary Authorization portal.

Based on an applicant's past involvement with the L.A. AI Fresco Temporary Authorization and their discretionary status for approved sale of alcohol, an applicant will select the correct path, sign in with an Angeleno Account, and proceed to uploading the relevant documents - all which were required under the temporary AI Fresco program. The application portal will also account for applicants who predated the City's 1977 CUB requirements for on-site sales and have a valid license to serve alcohol from



ABC, so as not to render anyone who was part of the current program in-eligible for the permanent program.

### Department of Building and Safety

The Department of Building and Safety is responsible for the approval of building permit applications for construction and development on private property. Both covered and uncovered outdoor dining areas require a building permit to ensure that all installations comply with pertinent State and local regulations. All temporary Al Fresco projects located within private property may apply for a LADBS building permit per LAMC 91.106.1.1 by submitting a complete set of plans for a compliance review for Zoning and Building Code requirements. Complete plans include but are not limited to a site plan, floor plan, disabled access requirements, property records to verify the use and, if applicable, structural plans and structural calculations. Additional information to support businesses applying for the permits will be made available in a proposed Information Bulletin titled Outdoor Dining Areas and will be accessible via the LADBS.org website under Publications.

The submitted plans will be reviewed by a plan check engineer for any necessary corrections and when the plans are code compliant, a permit will be issued authorizing that work. Inspection is also required to ensure the work is in compliance with the approved plans. Inspection requests can be scheduled in 1 to 2 business days and the permit is valid for up to 2 years to complete all work associated with that permit and obtain final inspection approvals.

Outdoor Dining Area applicants may obtain case management services by utilizing LADBS' complementary Restaurant and Small Business Express Program (RSBEP). The goal of the RSBEP is to make the permitting and inspection process more efficient by enhancing the coordination of permitting, construction, and inspection. Additional information on the RSBEP can be obtained via the LADBS.org website by searching RSBEP.

### Fees

In an effort to support the restaurant business industry, City Planning has made a concerted effort to minimize the fees associated with the permanent Al Fresco program under the proposed Ordinance. Importantly, making outdoor dining a by-right use effectively removes any discretionary action by City Planning, thus resulting in no planning fees. This assumes that applicants comply with the standards of the Ordinance. If an applicant wants to deviate from some aspect of the Ordinance, additional review may be required for which a fee would be charged, depending on what level and type of discretionary review is needed.

For those restaurants who want to continue the sale and dispensing of alcohol in the Outdoor Dining Area and are part of the temporary Al Fresco authorization, no fee will be charged, as those businesses are deemed to be approved. A minimal Building Permit Clearance fee of approximately \$400 dollars (including applicable surcharges) will be charged for those restaurants who wish to continue alcohol sales but were not part of the temporary Al Fresco program. This fee will be charged in order for staff to confirm the complete submission package, street address, and planning case number in order to cross reference this information with the ABC license, generate a letter memorializing the grant, and add it to City Planning's case tracking system so that the information can be found on the Zoning Information Map Access System (ZIMAS).

With regards to LADBS fees, the primary fees associated with the permitting process are Submittal Fees, collected at the time of plan submittal, and Final Fees, collected at the time of permit issuance. These fees are based on either the construction valuation of the project or on the number of expected hours for review of the plan and inspection. Applicants may obtain an estimate of building permit fees based on valuation using the Permit Fee Calculator which is available via the LADBS.org website.

### Coastal Zone

In order to transition from the Temporary Al Fresco program to a permanent program citywide, additional actions and consideration are needed within the city's Coastal Zone (CZ) as defined in Section 30103 of the Coastal Act. As of March 2023, there are approximately 160 Temporary Authorizations issued throughout the City's CZ, the majority of which are found in Venice. Typically, expansion of outdoor dining within the CZ would be subject to the Coastal Act and the requisite processes outlined in Section 12.20.2 of the LAMC. However, during the COVID-19 pandemic, several statewide actions were taken which provided relief to dining establishments within the CZ.

On October 8, 2021, Governor Newsom signed into law Assembly Bill 61 (AB61), which provides businesses with pandemic relief by temporarily suspending local parking requirements for outdoor dining purposes. More specifically, the bill adds Section 65907 to the Government Code to specify that, *"to the extent that an outdoor expansion of a business to mitigate COVID-19 pandemic restrictions on indoor dining interferes with, reduces, eliminates, or impacts required parking for existing uses, a local jurisdiction that has not adopted an ordinance that provides relief from parking restrictions for expanded outdoor dining areas shall reduce the number of required parking spaces for existing uses by the number of spaces that the local jurisdiction determines are needed to accommodate an expanded outdoor dining area."* This new section of law, contained in Section Two of the bill, is effective as of January 1, 2022 and will remain in effect through December 31, 2023.

In addition, the California Coastal Commission (CCC) issued numerous Coastal Development Permit (CDP) waivers for pandemic relief activities since March of 2020,

including for outdoor dining programs in existing CZ parking areas. The CCC will continue to consider all requests for CDP waivers for proposed parking closures to accommodate outdoor dining programs through December 1, 2023. Existing waivers issued for outdoor dining programs should be assumed to be extended by virtue of AB 61, however, any proposal for permanent outdoor dining programs should only be permitted through a regular CDP process.

With that said, the City Council instructed City Planning to develop a programmatic Coastal Development Permit in an effort to lessen the burden on each existing L.A. Al Fresco participating businesses in the CZ that may otherwise be required to pursue a CDP to maintain outdoor dining operations after December 1, 2023.

The concept of a programmatic Coastal Development Permit is unprecedented. Applying for a CDP on behalf of over 150 individual businesses currently participating under a Temporary Authorization has time, resource, and administrative implications. Detailed data collection, analysis, administrative record keeping, potential mitigations for loss of parking, discretionary permit approvals/hearings/apples and legislative approval processes and procedures both at the local and state level will be required in addition to inter- and intra-departmental coordination. City Planning will continue to explore the preparation of a CDP to allow that Al Fresco outdoor dining can occur in the Coastal Zone before the end of the CZ temporary expirations in December 2023 and is evaluating the process for applying for a programmatic permit.

Addressing these complexities will require a coordinated effort on behalf of the relevant City departments. To date, the Department of City Planning is in discussions with the California Coastal Commission staff, other departments within the City and other cities in the region to better understand the issues and opportunities in order to respond to Council's instruction and provide regulatory relief for operators in a CZ. Depending on the outcome of this collaboration, additional local legislative actions may be needed by this Commission in the near future to transition existing Coastal Zone Temporary Authorizations into the permanent program.

### Enforcement

Outdoor dining in the City, whether pursuant to the temporary Al Fresco program or under current LAMC regulations, may be located on private property or in the public right-of-way. The enforcement of the regulations associated with outdoor dining is carried out primarily by two different departments. Enforcement of regulations for outdoor dining on private property is primarily under the jurisdiction of LADBS for required building and use of land permits, as well as zoning and condition compliance. This is common practice for any Zoning Code regulations on private property. Enforcement of regulations regarding outdoor dining in the public right-of-way, including sidewalk, curbside or in-street dining, fall primarily under the jurisdiction of StreetsLA and their investigators. Additional support is provided by BOE and DOT so that

structural integrity and on-street safety is maintained. LAPD provides enforcement support for all types of outdoor dining, specifically regarding nuisance and noise regulations while LAFD provides plan check and enforcement related to Fire safety issues of occupancy.

It is important to note that enforcement has been relaxed for the duration of the temporary Al Fresco program. In particular, as no building permits for outdoor dining were issued by LADBS under the temporary L.A. Al Fresco program, and outdoor dining has instead been authorized through Temporary Use Authorizations, complaints regarding Al Fresco on private property have not resulted in the standard LADBS enforcement or corrective actions to date and will continue as such while the temporary program is still active. For context, LADBS has logged approximately 135 complaints regarding temporary Al Fresco participants between April 1, 2020 and April 4, 2023.

Upon adoption of the proposed Ordinance, outdoor dining would be codified as a by-right use wherever restaurants are currently allowed and would therefore require full compliance with Building, Fire, and Zoning Code regulations. Although not a policy consideration before the City Planning Commission, it is important to note that operators who constructed outdoor dining areas under a Temporary Authorization would need to undergo building plan check review in order to maintain those areas and any structures on a permanent basis. Operators seeking to construct new outdoor dining areas would similarly be required to obtain standard building permits, as well as any other applicable requirements as identified by LADBS for the proposed outdoor dining areas. As the permitting agency for by-right uses, LADBS would therefore be enabled to implement their standard enforcement mechanisms that are applicable to all by-right uses for outdoor dining as well.

The enforcement of Building Code regulations, including structural integrity, life-safety requirements, and site design will be straightforward and involve a clear path for taking corrective action. However, enforcement of operational requirements, such as noise complaints and violations of operating hours and alcohol service standards, are more complex and typically require additional time, staff, and interdepartmental coordination than structural building code violations. This type of nuisance behavior can be challenging to uncover and difficult to ensure continued compliance without consistent and robust enforcement, particularly in a worst-case scenario where a nuisance operator habitually violates the regulations. The expansion of outdoor dining and along with it the expanded area of alcohol service are likely to necessitate additional resources to ensure that the current enforcement system and relevant City departments are able to meaningfully address this newly expanded program.

### **Relationship to Chapter 1A of the Zoning Code**

The proposed Ordinance would amend Chapter 1 of the LAMC. Separately, the City Planning Commission in its actions on September 23, 2021 recommended approval of the Downtown Community Plan Update and the proposed Chapter 1A or New Zoning Code. In the event that the City Council adopts Chapter 1A of the LAMC, the proposed Ordinance would be incorporated into the New Zoning Code. The City Planning Commission's action on the Al Fresco Ordinance would include recommending that the City Council instruct that the proposed Ordinance be incorporated into the New Zoning Code, subject to changes to conform to the its format and style, making the proposed amendments applicable in the Downtown Plan Area and throughout Chapter 1A of the New Zoning Code.

### **Conclusion**

The proposed Al Fresco Ordinance provides a pathway for participants in the temporary Al Fresco program to move ahead with permits for permanently expanded outdoor dining on private property. Two streamlined alcohol authorization processes are proposed for operators who already have a valid approval for alcohol service from the Department of City Planning and the California Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control. The first, a certification of Al Fresco deemed to be approved status, is available at no cost for participants who have Temporary Authorizations. The second, an Expanded Outdoor Dining Area Clearance, is available for any operators seeking to newly expand outdoor dining areas and costs approximately \$400. The Ordinance's standards apply across all zones where restaurants are allowed and override procedures and conflicting provisions in specific plans, supplemental use districts and other overlays. Site design standards allow flexibility regarding the size of the outdoor dining area, the number of parking spaces which may be converted to outdoor dining, the portion of a lot or building where outdoor dining may be located, and the design of an outdoor dining structure. Pursuant to the Ordinance, no additional parking spaces are required for Al Fresco. Operational standards, such as those which prohibit noise-producing activities and limit the hours of operation for outdoor dining areas that are adjacent to residential uses, are included to address potential impacts on neighbors. The Department of City Planning recommends that the City Planning Commission approve and recommend the City Council adopt the revised proposed Al Fresco Ordinance.

## **PUBLIC HEARING AND COMMUNICATIONS**

### Al Fresco Public Outreach - Surveys and Temporary Authorizations

#### *Online Surveys*

A key component of the initial outreach process was the creation and dissemination of online surveys. City Planning conducted several online surveys to gather feedback on the temporary Al Fresco program and obtain insights that would inform the design of the permanent program. Two surveys were created, one targeted towards businesses participating in the temporary Al Fresco program and another to gauge the attitude of the general public toward the program. Each survey was tailored toward the respective audience, and included a mix of questions seeking specific information, broad attitudes, and open-ended comments on all types of outdoor dining with an emphasis on those located on private property.

#### *Participant Survey*

Particular emphasis was placed on the creation and distribution of the Participant Survey, which sought information from businesses participating in the temporary Al Fresco program. The Participant Survey was informed by the business data collected as part of the temporary Al Fresco permit application process. That data helped to gather insight into what types of outdoor dining participating restaurants were providing, the scale of the program, and the geographical distribution of outdoor dining throughout the city. This information was further refined through GIS analysis, which, along with research into the applicable Zoning Code regulations, provided a starting point for the type of questions that would be included in the Survey.

The Participant Survey asked questions on a range of topics, including questions about the layout of the participant's Al Fresco dining area, attitudes towards the temporary program, desires/concerns for a permanent program, and specific land use and zoning topics. The Participant Survey attempted to determine the scale and scope of the temporary program to inform the preparation of a permanent program. Questions were asked regarding size and location of the outdoor dining, utilization of the parking area for outdoor dining, and alcohol service.

#### *General Survey*

The General Survey was drafted to gather information and attitudes toward the temporary Al Fresco program and a future permanent program from the general public. It included questions focused on the survey-takers' relationship to (i.e. restaurant patron, residential neighbor, commercial neighbor) and general perceptions of the

temporary AI Fresco program. It also asked questions on specific topics related to existing Zoning Code provisions, specifically on parking and safety concerns.

Both the Participant and General Surveys provided an opportunity for open ended comments to give respondents an opportunity to express concerns that were not otherwise addressed by the specific questions.

The online surveys were released on June 15, 2022 to the general public through a targeted email campaign and the creation of a project page on the Department of City Planning website. The email campaign targeted a number of groups, including the contacts for all temporary AI Fresco participants, as well as most Chambers of Commerce, business improvement districts, and other hospitality trade groups within the City. The email campaign also targeted interested neighborhood and homeowner groups, as well as the City's Neighborhood Councils. Additionally, LADOT in their role as coordinator of the temporary AI Fresco program, sent links to the surveys through their official AI Fresco email address. This was supplemented by social media posts, as well as outreach to traditional media throughout the summer. A reminder email was sent in mid-August before the surveys were closed on August 22, 2022.

### *Participant Survey Results*

- 308 AI Fresco businesses responded to the Participant Survey, representing a response rate of about 11% of the total AI Fresco Temporary Authorizations issued.
- 97.1% of Participant Survey respondents reported that the AI Fresco program helped them stay in business during the pandemic.
- When asked about participating in a permanent AI Fresco program:
  - 70.8% selected the cost of the permit/compliance as a determining factor
  - 57.1% selected program rules
  - 50.3% selected the ease of the application process
- At the time the Survey was completed, 81.0% of Survey respondents reported expanding their AI Fresco outdoor dining area to accommodate fewer than 50 seats.
- 71.4% reported their outdoor service area to be under 1,000 square feet.
- 78.7% of Survey respondents with outdoor dining on private property reported using five parking spaces or fewer.
- 72.7% of Survey respondents reported that they served alcoholic beverages in their AI Fresco outdoor dining area.
- Several themes emerged from the open-ended comments submitted as part of the Participant Survey: affirming a positive experience, desire for program permanence, gratitude, opposition to fees, desire for loosening program stringency, and other variables preventing participation.

### *General Survey Results*

- 2,775 individuals responded to the General Survey, consisting of restaurant patrons, adjacent business owners and residential neighbors, and community-based organizations.
- 96.3% of General Survey respondents reported having a positive experience dining Al Fresco.
- When asked about safety concerns:
  - 58.9% expressed having no safety concerns about outdoor dining
  - 31.1% expressed concern about proximity to parked or moving cars
  - 10.4% expressed concern about noise
  - 10.0% expressed concern about air quality
  - 9.4% expressed concern about cleanliness
- 77.5% of respondents were influenced to use outdoor dining because of public health concerns.
- 58.4% of respondents said that their decision to dine outdoors in an uncovered outdoor dining area would depend on the weather.
- 80.1% of respondents said that transportation or parking was not impacted when they visited Al Fresco restaurants.
- Open-ended comments submitted as part of the General Survey centered around eleven general themes: affirming a positive experience, walkability and multimodal access, parking, safety, COVID-19, weather, design, noise and air pollution, enhancing community, ADA access and cleanliness.

### **Summary of Al Fresco Temporary Authorizations**

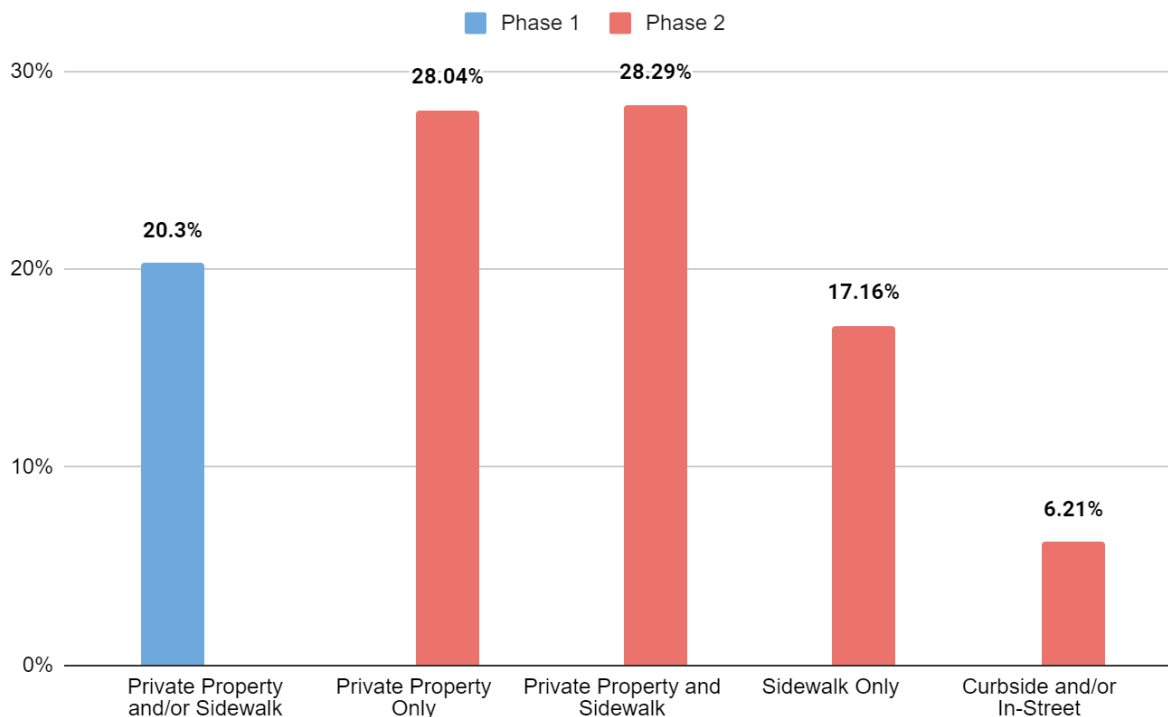
Due to the need to provide regulatory relief quickly and efficiently during the COVID-19 emergency, restaurants seeking to provide outdoor dining were able to apply online for self-certified L.A. Al Fresco Temporary Use Authorizations rather than being required to apply for standard building permits and discretionary land use entitlements. These Temporary Authorizations contained a number of minimum operating conditions, to which the restaurant operator consented and certified. For the duration of the temporary L.A. Al Fresco program, LADOT has managed the L.A. Al Fresco online application portal and intake of applications. As of March 2023, there have been more than 2,800 Temporary Authorizations issued for outdoor dining on private property and/or in the public right-of-way.

During the initial phase of the temporary Al Fresco program, outdoor dining was allowed on private property and on the sidewalk only. In Phase 1 there were 569 authorizations issued for outdoor dining on “Private Property and/or the Sidewalk”. The Phase 1 application did not ask applicants to specify whether the outdoor dining was located on private property only, sidewalk only, or private property and sidewalk. In Phase 2, use of the public right-of-way for outdoor dining was extended to include curbside and in-street dining, in addition to the sidewalk dining which was allowed during Phase 1. The Phase



2 application asked for more detailed information about where the outdoor dining was located. During Phase 2, 786 Authorizations (28.0%) were issued for “Private Property Only”, 793 Authorizations (28.3%) were issued for “Private Property and Sidewalk”, 481 Authorizations (17.2%) were issued for “Sidewalk Only” and 174 Authorizations (6.2%) were issued for “Curbside and/or In-Street”, for a total of 2,803 Temporary Authorizations. See Chart 1 below for a breakdown of L.A. Al Fresco Temporary Authorization by outdoor dining type.

*Chart 1: L.A. Al Fresco Temporary Authorizations by Type of Outdoor Dining*



### *Geographic Distribution of Al Fresco Temporary Authorizations Involving Private Property<sup>1</sup>*

As the primary purpose of the proposed Ordinance is to streamline outdoor dining provisions in the Zoning Code for private property, this section provides a general understanding of the current context of issued Temporary Authorizations involving private property. Including Phase 1 and Phase 2 Temporary Authorizations, a total of 2,148 (76.6%) Temporary Authorizations involve outdoor dining on private property. As of March 2023, the Wilshire Community Plan Area contained the most at 416 (19.4%), followed by the Hollywood Community Plan Area at 212 (9.9%), and the Sherman Oaks

<sup>1</sup> For the purposes of this summary for outdoor dining involving private property, Phase 1 applications consisting of Temporary Authorizations for outdoor dining on private property and/or on the sidewalk were included. As mentioned in the previous section, operations for the 569 Phase 1 Temporary Authorizations cannot distinguish between the two types, therefore are accounted for as private property in this section.

- Studio City - Toluca Lake - Cahuenga Pass Community Plan Area at 139 (6.5%). Refer to Exhibit G: Geographic Distribution of Al Fresco Outdoor Dining on Private Property for L.A. Al Fresco Temporary Authorizations involving private property by Community Plan Area and for a map of the citywide geographic distribution of L.A. Al Fresco Temporary Authorizations involving private property.

*Other Participant Information from Al Fresco Temporary Authorizations Involving Private Property*

The Temporary Authorization Applications data provides a general understanding about the businesses that applied, and about applicants' site design plans for their Outdoor Dining Area on private property.<sup>2</sup> When asked the question "*Do you own this property or are you a tenant?*," 912 (47.5%) of the applications were completed by a tenant, and 171 (7.8%) were completed by an owner. Additionally, 490 (22.8%) applications were submitted by a business with ownership that identified as Black, Indigenous, or a Person of Color (BIPOC). The data also shows that the average number of seats involving Outdoor Dining Areas on private property was 34 seats, with a median of 24 seats, and the average size was 1,036 square feet, with a median of 500 square feet.

## **Public Participation and Comments**

The initial version of the draft ordinance was released for public review and comment in November 2022. The general public had the opportunity to send their comments via email or by sending a hard copy of their comment by mail through March 3, 2023. In addition, DCP presented at public meetings, and hosted public meetings, including a staff-level public hearing, to provide virtual sessions for the general public to voice their interests and concerns regarding the Al Fresco program and the proposed draft of the Al Fresco ordinance. As of March 3rd, 723 comments were collected and recorded to inform this report.

Letters were received from the following Neighborhood Councils:

- Los Feliz Neighborhood Council
- Mid City West Neighborhood Council
- United Neighborhoods of the Historic Arlington Heights, West Adams and Jefferson Park Communities Neighborhood Council (UNNC)
- Chatsworth Neighborhood Council
- Hollywood United Neighborhood Council

The Los Feliz Neighborhood Council, Mid City West Neighborhood Council, UNNC, and Chatsworth Neighborhood Council expressed general support for the implementation of a permanent Al Fresco program and the proposed Ordinance with certain amendments.

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<sup>2</sup> See footnote 1.

The most consistently requested amendment was to “grandfather” temporary Al Fresco participants into the permanent program and let restaurants maintain their outdoor dining areas without requiring new planning approvals.

While supportive of the temporary Al Fresco program as an emergency measure, the Hollywood United Neighborhood Council expressed concern that Neighborhood Councils and stakeholders would be excluded from the input process for existing and future Al Fresco approvals under a permanent program.

The letters from the UNNC, Chatsworth Neighborhood Council, and Hollywood United Neighborhood Council included questions about the implementation of a unified Al Fresco program across all relevant City departments, as well as questions about the relationship between the proposed Ordinance provisions and existing Los Angeles Municipal Code regulations.

Comment letters were also received from the following stakeholder groups and organizations:

- Glassell Park Improvement Association
- Melrose Arts District Business Improvement District
- Westchester Town Center Business Improvement District
- Central City Association of Los Angeles
- Los Angeles County Business Federation
- California Restaurant Association
- Greater Los Angeles Hospitality Association
- Los Angeles Area Chamber of Commerce
- Los Angeles Business Council
- Los Angeles Drug & Alcohol Policy Alliance

### Public Outreach Events

The schedule of public outreach events conducted by DCP is presented below:

*Plan Check Neighborhood Councils Virtual Meeting - Saturday, January 14th, 2023, 10:00 - 11:00 AM*

DCP presented information on the initial draft of the Al Fresco ordinance at the monthly Plan Check Neighborhood Councils Meeting on Saturday, January 14th at 10:00 AM. About 20 representatives from Neighborhood Councils and community members attended the meeting. Neighborhood council members expressed their concerns, which included the potential impact of the Al Fresco program on street trees, parking, ADA access, and multimodality. There were also questions about enforcement, street vendors, and outdoor dining in Specific Plan areas. Neighborhood Councilmembers expressed concern that DCP’s efforts to make outdoor dining permanent on private

property was not visibly coordinated with the program to make outdoor dining permanent in the public right-of-way. Many questions and issues raised were concerned with outdoor dining in the public right-of-way.

*Virtual Information Webinar with Q&A - Wednesday, January 18th, 2023, 12:00 - 1:00 PM*

DCP held a virtual information meeting, featuring an overview presentation of the Ordinance and Q&A on Wednesday, January 18th, 2023, 12:00 - 1:00 PM. Questions from participants were submitted through the Zoom Q&A box, filtered by staff, and read out loud with live answers. Interpretations in Spanish were provided by DCP staff. A representative from the Bureau of Engineering was also present to answer questions about AI Fresco in the public right-of-way. Questions submitted included topics regarding proposed requirements in the initial draft of the AI Fresco Ordinance such as the five required parking space relief measure, design considerations, the discretionary permit approval process, enforcement, and application in Specific Plan areas and the Coastal Zone. The webinar hosted 175 total attendees.

*Ventura/Cahuenga Blvd Corridor Plan Review Board (PRB) - Thursday, February 2nd, 1:00 - 3:00 PM*

DCP presented information about the initial draft of the AI Fresco Ordinance at the Ventura/Cahuenga Boulevard Corridor Plan Review Board Meeting on Thursday, February 2nd at 1:00 PM. About 10 board members, neighborhood council members and members of the general public asked questions and received live responses about Ordinance provisions. In addition to DCP, representatives from BOE and DOT were also present to field questions about outdoor dining on the sidewalk, curb-side, and in the street. One of the biggest concerns voiced by board members included the loss of revenue generated from Project Impact Assessment (PIA) Fees that are typically collected from projects which have parking deficiencies and are used to fund public improvement projects. Other comments included concerns about the initial draft's omission of Building and Safety standards for outdoor dining and enforcement measures for safety standards, ADA compliance, and the implications of AB 2097 for parking in their community.

*Staff-Level Public Hearing - Wednesday, February 8th, 2023, 6:00 - 8:00 PM*

DCP held a virtual Public Hearing on Wednesday, February 8th, 6:00 - 8:30 PM. 54 participants provided public comment during the Public Hearing, the majority of whom supported the temporary AI Fresco outdoor dining program. However, support for the temporary AI Fresco program was qualified by concern that the process for obtaining required permanent building permits and planning approvals, as proposed in the initial draft of the Ordinance, would be lengthy and expensive. Supporters praised the temporary program for saving businesses during the pandemic, crediting the program's

low barrier for participation, and urged a similar process for the permanent program. Other comments included concerns about safety, pedestrian and bicycle access, as well as ADA access to outdoor dining infrastructure. Interest during the week leading up to the Public Hearing grew following extensive media coverage, including an article from the Los Angeles Times. The Public Hearing hosted 271 total attendees.

### Digital Presence

DCP continues to maintain a project website containing information and updates about the progress of the proposed draft of the AI Fresco ordinance at <https://planning.lacity.org/plans-policies/outdoor-dining>. Information on the project website is available in both English and Spanish, including recordings of the presentations, survey reports, a Fact Sheet with Frequently Asked Questions, and directions for submitting public comment. Additionally, DCP collected email subscriptions from interested parties to receive regular email progress updates and invitations to public outreach meetings. The following is a schedule of emails sent to invite interested parties to outreach events:

- Invitation to Virtual Information Webinar and Public Hearing - Sent January 9th, 2023
- Reminder to Attend the Virtual Information Webinar and Public hearing - Sent January 17th, 2023
- Notice of Public Hearing - Sent January 25th, 2023
- Reminder of Notice of Public Hearing - Sent February 6th, 2023
- Post Public Hearing Update - Sent February 23rd, 2023

### Summary of Public Sentiment

Public sentiment regarding the Temporary AI Fresco program has been overwhelmingly positive. 73% percent of the comments received by email and during the public hearing expressed support for a revised draft Ordinance. This resounding feedback reflects a change in the public's appetite for a more unilateral shift away from past policies and sent a strong message for the Department to support and prioritize outdoor dining. The desire to both support local businesses and create a safe dining experience for the public under a codified and regulated program is reflected in the revised Ordinance before the Commission. As we move into the endemic phase of COVID-19, the proposed Ordinance supports both the public health and safety as well as th economic development of the City.

Specifically, the most frequently mentioned topic was support for a permanent AI Fresco program that was streamlined and affordable, as well as fear that the permanent program would introduce stringent permitting requirements. Supporters of the AI Fresco program shared that outdoor dining increased customers' confidence that restaurants were practicing COVID-19 protocols to provide patrons with a safe dining experience,

while also creating a safety net for struggling businesses. Al Fresco proponents said that the temporary Al Fresco program had a positive impact and provided an enhanced community experience, especially when regulations are properly followed and enforced.

Community concerns recorded by non-business owners include enforcement of ADA accessibility due to the obstruction of the public right-of-way and inaccessible aisles in the outdoor dining area, grievances about heightened public safety and public health concerns due to the design and location of outdoor dining structures, as well as loss of existing parking. Other recorded grievances included an increase in noise after dark, poor sanitary conditions of outdoor dining structures, and disapproval of private businesses utilizing the public right-of-way for commercial interests. Of these concerns, many are not under the purview of Planning and Zoning matters, with the exception of parking. Overall, nearly all participants, patrons and stakeholders voiced approval of a permanent Al Fresco program that continues to support businesses affected by the pandemic, as well as the culture of safe and popular outdoor dining. All public comments received are attached in Exhibit J.

## FINDINGS

### Land Use Findings

**Charter Finding 556 (General Plan).** In accordance with City Charter Section 556, the proposed Ordinance is in substantial conformance with the purposes, intent, and provisions of the General Plan.

The City established the temporary L.A. Al Fresco program in May 2020 during the COVID-19 pandemic and local state of emergency to allow restaurants to operate outdoor dining areas through a free streamlined application process, bypassing many of the regulations of the Zoning Code. Following the success of L.A. Al Fresco, the City drafted a proposed Ordinance that would create a permanent administrative “by-right” approval process for outdoor dining areas on private property and ensure that existing participants are able to continue operations with their current approvals.

Both participating and new restaurants will be able to expand outdoor dining areas by-right if they comply with the proposed Ordinance’s standards for eligibility, operations, and, if applicable, alcohol service. These standards replace certain Zoning Code restrictions on outdoor dining on private property while taking into consideration impacts outdoor dining may have on neighbors and residential areas. By facilitating the expansion of outdoor dining, the proposed Ordinance aims to beautify, expand street use, and improve governmental services as prioritized in various elements of the General Plan.

This proposed Ordinance furthers the following objectives and policies of the General Plan:

<b>Land Use (<a href="#">Chapter 3</a>)</b>
<p><b>Policy 3.4.3</b> Establish incentives for the attraction of growth and development in the districts, centers, and mixed-use boulevards targeted for growth that may include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>d. Streamlined development review processes</li><li>f. Modified parking requirements in areas in proximity to transit or other standards that reduce the cost of development</li></ul>
<b>Economic Development (<a href="#">Chapter 7</a>)</b>

**Objective 7.4** Improve the provision of governmental services, expedite the administrative processing of development applications, and minimize public and private development application costs.

**Policy 7.4.1** Develop and maintain a streamlined development review process to assure the City's competitiveness within the Southern California region.

**Policy 7.4.2** Maximize opportunities for "by-right" development.

**Policy 7.4.3** Maintain development fee structures that do not unreasonably burden specific industry groups, are financially competitive with other cities in the region, and reduce uncertainty to the development community.

#### **Mobility Element ([Mobility Plan 2035](#))**

**Policy 1.7** Regularly Maintained Streets: Enhance roadway safety by maintaining the street, alley, tunnel, and bridge system in good to excellent condition.

**Policy 2.1** Adaptive Reuse of Streets: Design, plan, and operate streets to serve multiple purposes and provide flexibility in design to adapt to future demands.

**Policy 4.13** Parking and Land Use Management: Balance on-street and off-street parking supply with other transportation and land use objectives.

#### **Health Element ([Plan for a Healthy Los Angeles](#))**

**Policy 1.1** Leadership Position: Los Angeles as a regional leader by collaborating across departments, agencies, sectors, and jurisdictions to incorporate health, equity, and sustainability considerations into policies, programs, and procedures.

**Policy 2.9** Community Beautification: Proactively work with residents and public, private, and nonprofit partners to develop, execute, and maintain civic stewardship over community beautification efforts to promote neighborhoods that are clean, healthy, and safe.

The General Plan establishes growth and development policies by providing a comprehensive long-range view of the City as a whole. The proposed Ordinance contributes to the land use diversity and economic development of the City, while also carrying out policies in both the Mobility (Mobility Plan 2035) and Health (Plan for a Healthy Los Angeles) Elements.



The proposed Ordinance furthers Land Use Policy 3.4.4, namely by (d) creating a streamlined review process and (f) modifying parking requirements. The proposed Ordinance expands on the temporary LA Al Fresco program, creating a permanent “by-right” review process for outdoor dining areas on private property. The streamlined and “by-right” nature of the new approval process will allow current Al Fresco participants as well as new participants to continue or begin their outdoor dining operations at little to no cost, subject to the submission of the appropriate documentation to the Department of City Planning and Department of Building and Safety. Lastly, the proposed Ordinance will allow the replacement of automobile parking spaces by outdoor dining areas, which is vital for restaurants as it decreases development costs and allows for the maximum utilization of private property for outdoor dining.

The proposed Ordinance’s new streamlined “by-right” process for outdoor dining on private property also aligns with Economic Development Objective 7.4 and Policies 7.4.1, 7.4.2, and 7.4.3. Clear standards and requirements are established for current L.A. Al Fresco participants to transition into a permanent program, as well as new applicants to begin outdoor dining operations. The proposed Ordinance creates no new additional fees that would be required for applications for outdoor dining on private property. This is imperative to reduce costs for restaurants and allow them to continue their economic recovery from the COVID-19 pandemic and emergency. Additionally, the streamlining of outdoor dining applications will also allow the City to compete with cities throughout the Southern California region and statewide, as other cities and counties have already adopted permanent outdoor dining programs or are preparing a permanent program, such as the Cities of San Diego, Santa Monica, Beverly Hills, and San Francisco. Each jurisdiction has or is considering different application requirements and standards pertaining to outdoor dining, such as location, design, and hours of operation.

The proposed Ordinance further encourages “by-right” development as specified in Economic Development Policy 7.4.2 by establishing a streamlined pathway for current participants of the temporary LA Al Fresco program to transition to the permanent program. As part of this streamlining, the proposed Ordinance’s standards pertaining to outdoor dining areas may supersede project-specific conditions of approval (such as those associated with a Conditional Use Permit) that would preclude or conflict with outdoor dining, at the applicant’s request. The substitution of any conflicting conditions will promote the “by-right” character of the LA Al Fresco Program and greatly decrease the processing time for Al Fresco applications to allow small and local restaurants to continue their outdoor operations with little to no disruption in service and continue their economic recovery from the COVID-19 pandemic and emergency. Furthermore, the proposed Ordinance contains robust outdoor dining standards to protect the public health, welfare, and safety of communities and residential areas by addressing common issues that may be associated with outdoor dining, such as noise and operations.

Music, television monitors, and live entertainment would be prohibited in outdoor dining areas and they must be properly maintained at all times. If adjacent or across an alley to a residential use, the outdoor dining area must close at 10:30pm. The “by-right” nature of the permanent Al Fresco Program will promote livability and convenience for residents and employees, promote a variety of uses, and strengthen the employment and amenity base of communities.

The streamlining of outdoor dining approvals as outlined in the proposed Ordinance also aligns with Policies 1.7, 2.1, 2.14, and 4.13 of the Mobility Element (Mobility Plan 2035). First, as part of the outdoor dining standards, restaurants will be required to clean outdoor dining areas nightly and maintain adjoining sidewalk areas free of debris, litter, and graffiti. Furthermore, the proposed Ordinance will facilitate the conversion of off-street parking to outdoor dining areas. This will help de-emphasize land used for parking, such as surface parking lots, in favor of outdoor dining areas, promoting safety for patrons, residents, and the community. More importantly, automobile parking spaces used for outdoor dining will not need to be replaced.

Lastly, the proposed Ordinance aims to promote public health, namely Policies 1.1 and 2.9 of the Health Element (Plan for a Healthy Los Angeles). The temporary LA Al Fresco program was started to provide opportunities for patrons and residents to enjoy restaurant dining at locations where the risk of exposure to COVID-19 was minimized. Safety issues associated with the COVID-19 pandemic remain, and as such, the permanent outdoor dining program will prove vital in ensuring patrons and residents, especially those that are immunocompromised or have other health concerns, continue to have equitable access to outdoor dining. The proposed outdoor dining standards will ensure that outdoor dining areas approved through the new process do not cause adverse effects to the public health, safety, and welfare of neighbors and surrounding communities, such as limiting noise and requiring proper maintenance of outdoor dining areas.

For the reasons stated above, the proposed Ordinance is in substantial conformance with the purposes, intent, and provisions of the General Plan.

**City Charter Finding 558 and LAMC Section 12.32 (Public Necessity, Convenience, General Welfare, Good Zoning Practice).** In accordance with City Charter Section 558 (b)(2) and LAMC Section 12.32 C.2 and C.7, the proposed Ordinance is in substantial conformance with public necessity, convenience, general welfare, and good zoning practice by promoting economic development, public safety, and community vibrancy.

The City established the temporary L.A. Al Fresco program in May 2020 during the COVID-19 pandemic and emergency to allow restaurants to operate outdoor dining areas through a streamlined process with minimal fees and application process, bypassing many of the regulations of the Zoning Code. This temporary program created a lifeline for many restaurants to resume operations and stay financially viable during

the pandemic and emergency when indoor dining was limited due to local emergency orders. At the same time, the program promoted public health by providing opportunities for patrons and residents to enjoy restaurant dining at locations where the risk of exposure to COVID-19 was minimized. More than 2,500 restaurants citywide participated in the temporary L.A. Al Fresco program.

The proposed Ordinance expands on the temporary L.A. Al Fresco program by creating a new streamlined process in the Zoning Code to allow outdoor dining areas on private property, such as parking lots, with minimal requirements. The proposed Ordinance will allow restaurant owners to continue or begin outdoor dining operations at little to no cost, allowing them to fulfill the demand for safe dining spaces and an amenity that will serve patrons, residents, and visitors. Many of the benefits pertaining to economic development and public health brought forth by the temporary program will continue under the permanent program. Additionally, a permanent program will bring greater certainty to restaurants as it relates to outdoor dining regulations, which is vital for them to continue recovering economically from the COVID-19 pandemic and emergency. By streamlining outdoor dining in restaurants, the proposed Ordinance will help create more vibrant neighborhoods that will benefit local communities and commercial areas while leading to the growth of restaurants throughout the City.

### **Environmental Findings**

Approval of the proposed Ordinance (Project) is supported by the **Categorical Exemption (ENV-2022-8180-CE)** prepared for this Project. In accordance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), the proposed Project is exempt from CEQA pursuant to California Public Resource Code Section 21080.25 and meets the criteria of a Categorical Exemption pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15303 (New Construction or Conversion of Small Structures) and Section 15311 (Accessory Structures). Furthermore, there is no substantial evidence demonstrating that an exception to a categorical exemption pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15300.2 applies.

On the basis of the whole of the record before the Lead Agency including any comments received, the Lead Agency finds that there is no substantial evidence that the proposed Project will have a significant effect on the environment. The Project will not change zoning or General Plan designation or introduce any new land uses. It does not directly authorize new restaurants to be built and is only available where restaurants are an existing allowed use. The Project contains measures to avoid environmental impacts, such as noise and adverse behavior, and there is not a reasonable possibility that the Project may have a significant adverse effect on the environment given the existing physical conditions baseline and allowed use. As detailed in the Categorical Exemption document (Environmental Case No. ENV-2022-8180-CE) prepared by the Lead Agency, and attached to the subject case file, the Project would not result in a cumulative impact or significant effect on the environment.

Chapter 2.6, Section 21080.25 of the State's Public Resources Code provides a statutory exemption from CEQA for a "project carried out by a City or County to reduce minimum parking requirements." A central component of this Project pertains to eliminating automobile parking requirements and provisions. The Project provides regulatory relief from automobile parking requirements needed for the placement of outdoor dining structures on private property that are ancillary to a restaurant's by-right use. The relief provided exempts existing and/or new outdoor dining areas from parking requirements and further allows for restaurants to convert existing required automobile parking spaces to outdoor dining areas without needing to replace those spaces. This provision is permanent for eligible businesses and in some instances will result in an overall reduction of required parking below current LAMC parking requirements for the life of that use and/or structure. The utilization of a restaurant's parking spaces on private property would allow for the creation or modification of outdoor dining areas and would reduce minimum parking requirements. As such, the Project qualifies for the statutory exemption pursuant to Section 21080.25 of the State's Public Resources Code.

## **EXHIBITS:**

- A. Revised Draft Ordinance (April 2023)
- B. Initial Draft Ordinance (November 2022)
- C. AI Fresco - Simplified Comparison Chart
- D. AI Fresco - Summary of Regulations Comparison Chart
- E. Categorical Exemption ENV-2022-8180-CE
- F. Other Jurisdictions - Outdoor Dining
- G. Geographic Distribution of AI Fresco Outdoor Dining on Private Property (2023)
- H. Sample L.A. AI Fresco Temporary Use Authorization
- I. Survey Results Reports - General Public and Participant
- J. Public Comments

# **EXHIBIT A**

## **Revised Draft Ordinance (April 2023)**

**ORDINANCE NO.**

An ordinance amending Sections 12.03, 12.10.5, 12.11.5, 12.12.2, 12.13, 12.13.5, 12.14, 12.21, 12.21.1, 12.22, 12.24, and 16.02.1 of the Los Angeles Municipal Code (LAMC) in order to streamline outdoor dining provisions throughout the Zoning Code.

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**OUTDOOR DINING AREA.** A covered or uncovered but not fully enclosed portion of a restaurant which is located in a space that is outside of a wholly enclosed building or structure, including but not limited to an open to sky parking area, patio, courtyard, or plaza, and is used for the service and consumption of food and drinks by the patrons of the restaurant.

~~**OUTDOOR EATING AREA.** When used in Sections 12.12.2, 12.13, 12.14, 12.21.1 and 12.24, this term shall refer to a covered or uncovered portion of a ground floor restaurant which is not completely enclosed within the building; is used primarily for the consumption of food and/or drinks by the patrons of the restaurant; and is not larger than 50 percent of the dining area of the ground floor restaurant. A “ground floor” restaurant refers to any restaurant with an average finished floor elevation either below or not more than three feet above natural grade as measured from any point along the exterior building wall closest to the restaurant. (Amended by Ord. No. 165,403, Eff. 2/17/90.)~~

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2. All activities are conducted wholly within an enclosed building, except that restaurants may have ~~outdoor eating areas~~ Outdoor Dining Areas.

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**Sec. 5. (C1)** Subparagraph 2 of Paragraph b of Subdivision 2 of Subsection B of Section 12.13 of Article 2 of Chapter 1 of the LAMC shall be amended to read as follows:

(2) All activities are conducted wholly within an enclosed building, except that ~~ground floor restaurants may have~~ Outdoor Dining Areas. ~~outdoor eating areas.~~ ~~An outdoor eating area for a ground floor restaurants may be located anywhere between the building and its required front yard, or between the building and any required side or rear yard which side or rear yard abuts a public street.~~ **(Amended by Ord. No. 165,403, Eff. 2/17/90.)**



**Sec. 6.** (C1.5) Subparagraph 3 of Paragraph b of Subdivision 2 of Subsection A of Section 12.13.5 of Article 2 of Chapter 1 of the LAMC shall be amended to read as follows:

- (3) All activities, including storage, with the exception of Outdoor Dining Areas, shall be conducted wholly within an enclosed building.

**Sec. 7.** (C2) Subdivision 10 of Subsection A of Section 12.14 of Article 2 of Chapter 1 of the LAMC shall be amended to read as follows:

- (10) Restaurant, tea room or cafe (including entertainment other than dancing) or a ~~ground floor~~ restaurant with an Outdoor Dining Area ~~outdoor eating area~~. ~~An outdoor eating area for ground floor restaurants may be located anywhere between the building and any required side or rear yard. (Amended by Ord. No. 165,403, Eff. 2/17/90.)~~

**Sec. 8.** A new Subdivision 24 shall be added to Subsection A of Section 12.21 of Article 2 of Chapter 1 of the LAMC to read as follows:

**A. Use**

**24. Outdoor Dining Area Regulations for Restaurants**

**(a) Purpose.** The purpose of this section is to establish development, operational, and maintenance standards to facilitate outdoor dining areas to support public health, safety, and welfare.

**(b) Applicability.** Outdoor Dining Areas on private property in all RAS, C, and M zones, and/or wherever restaurants are allowed, shall be permitted pursuant to the regulations in this Subsection. This ordinance and the Outdoor Dining Area standards expressed herein may, at the applicant's request, supersede conditions associated with outdoor dining which were previously applied under a discretionary approval.

**(c) Eligibility.** A restaurant which currently provides and/or proposes to offer Outdoor Dining Areas shall have all necessary permits to operate a restaurant.

**(d) Outdoor Dining Area Standards**

**(1) Operations**

- (i) Music, television monitors, screens, and speakers are prohibited in Outdoor Dining Areas.

(ii) Live entertainment, dancing, pool tables, billiard tables, and adult entertainment uses are prohibited in Outdoor Dining Areas.

(iii) All Outdoor Dining Areas shall operate no later than 10:30 p.m. if adjacent or across an alley to a residential use.

a. Notwithstanding the above, an Outdoor Dining Area in a CR zone shall comply with the limitations of Sec. 12.12.2 A 13.

(iv) Outdoor Dining Areas shall be cleaned nightly and adjoining sidewalk areas shall be kept free of debris, litter and graffiti.

(v) A City-issued identification shall be posted in the Outdoor Dining Area and made clearly visible to the public, indicating that the area is subject to the standards of the Al Fresco Ordinance. This shall include a telephone number and an email address shall be provided for complaints or concerns regarding the operation of the Outdoor Dining Area.

**(2) Parking Relief.** When an Outdoor Dining Area is located in a building's parking area, automobile parking spaces may be replaced by Outdoor Dining Area.

**(3) Alcohol Service**

(i) In addition to the standards listed above in Sec. 12.21 A.24(d)(1) and (2), the following standards apply when alcohol service is provided in an Outdoor Dining Area on private property:

- a. All alcohol that is served shall be delivered to and served at tables by employees.
- b. All patrons shall be seated.
- c. No fixed or portable bar service areas are permitted in Outdoor Dining Areas.

(ii) When a revocable permit is issued for outdoor dining in the public right-of-way and alcohol service is proposed, the following standards apply and shall be enforced by the Department of Building and Safety:

- a. All alcohol that is served shall be delivered to and served at tables by employees.
- b. All patrons shall be seated.

- c. No fixed or portable bar service areas are permitted in Outdoor Dining Areas.

**(e) Administration**

- (1) **Alcohol Authorizations.** Notwithstanding the provisions of 12.24 W.1, modifications or expansions of alcohol service for an Outdoor Dining Area shall be authorized pursuant to this Subsection through an administrative verification process.

- (i) Restaurants shall be considered deemed to be approved and authorized to continue operations in compliance with the standards listed above in Sec. 12.21 A.24(d) if they meet the eligibility criteria listed below. No fee shall be charged for administrative verification of AI Fresco deemed to be approved status. Deemed to be approved status must be obtained within six months of the expiration of the LA AI Fresco Authorization.

- a. Have a valid LA AI Fresco Authorization issued or renewed as of the effective date of this ordinance;

- b. Have a valid approval for alcohol service from the Department of City Planning or have existing alcohol sales with no conditional use approval prior to March 1, 1977; and

- c. Have a license to sell alcohol from the California Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control.

- (ii) Restaurants that did not receive the above-stated deemed to be approved status shall be authorized to serve alcohol in Outdoor Dining Areas pursuant to an Expanded Outdoor Dining Area Clearance in compliance with the standards listed above in Sec. 12.21 A.24(d) if they meet the eligibility criteria listed below. The “Building Permit Clearance - Minor” fee pursuant to Sec. 19.04 of this Code shall be charged for an Expanded Outdoor Dining Area Clearance.

- a. Have a valid approval for alcohol service from the Department of City Planning or have existing alcohol sales with no conditional use approval prior to March 1, 1977; and

b. Have a license to sell alcohol from the California Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control.

(2) **Deviation.** Deviation from the Outdoor Dining Area standards in Sec. 12.21 A.24(d) may be requested through the approval of plans on the original discretionary entitlement pursuant to Sec. 12.24 M.

(3) **Enforcement.** Non-compliance with the Outdoor Dining Area standards may result in enforcement actions pursuant to Sec. 12.27.1.

**(f) Relationship to Other Zoning Provisions.** An Outdoor Dining Area shall not be considered a project nor require any design review procedures under any Specific Plan, Supplemental Use District, or other overlay, including but not limited to the Ordinance Nos. listed below. Furthermore, the Outdoor Dining Area Standards in Section 12.21 A.24(d) shall prevail and supersede any conflicting provisions found in such Specific Plans, overlays or Chapter I of this Code.

- (1) 171,139 (Alameda District Specific Plan)
- (2) 174,663 (Avenue 57 Transit Oriented District)
- (3) 182,576 (Bunker Hill Specific Plan)
- (4) 156,122 (Century City North Specific Plan)
- (5) 186,370 (Century City West Specific Plan)
- (6) 168,862 (Century City South Specific Plan)
- (7) 170,046 (Coastal Bluffs Specific Plan)
- (8) 186,105 (Coastal Transportation Corridor Specific Plan)
- (9) 185,042 (Coliseum District Specific Plan)
- (10) 178,098 (Colorado Boulevard Specific Plan)
- (11) 182,617 (Cornfield Arroyo Seco Specific Plan)
- (12) 184,795 (Crenshaw Corridor Specific Plan)
- (13) 168,937 (Devonshire/Topanga Corridor Specific Plan)
- (14) 186,402 (Exposition Corridor Transit Neighborhood Plan)
- (15) 170,694 (Foothill Boulevard Corridor Specific Plan)
- (16) 171,946 (Glencoe/Maxella Specific Plan)
- (17) 184,296 (Granada Hills Specific Plan)
- (18) 168,121 (Hollywoodland Specific Plan)
- (19) 184,346 (Jordan Downs Urban Village Specific Plan)
- (20) 167,940 (Los Angeles Airport/El Segundo Dunes Specific Plan)
- (21) 185,164 (Los Angeles International Airport (LAX) Specific Plan)

- (22) 181,334 (Los Angeles Sports and Entertainment District Specific Plan)
- (23) 181,605 (Loyola Marymount University Specific Plan)
- (24) 167,943 (Mulholland Scenic Parkway Specific Plan)
- (25) 171,128 (North University Park Hills Specific Plan)
- (26) 163,202 (North Westwood Village Specific Plan)
- (27) 170,155 (Oxford Triangle Specific Plan)
- (28) 184,371 (Pacific Palisades Commercial Village and Neighborhood Specific Plan)
- (29) 184,539 (Paramount Pictures Specific Plan)
- (30) 162,530 (Park Mile Specific Plan)
- (31) 165,638 (Playa Vista Area B Specific Plan)
- (32) 165,639 (Playa Vista Area C Specific Plan)
- (33) 176,235 (Playa Vista Area D Specific Plan)
- (34) 180,083 (Porter Ranch Land Use/Transportation Specific Plan)
- (35) 175,736 (San Gabriel/Verdugo Mountains Scenic Preservation Specific Plan)
- (36) 166,352 (San Pedro Specific Plan)
- (37) 173,381 (San Vicente Scenic Corridor Specific Plan)
- (38) 182,343 (University of Southern California University Park Campus Specific Plan)
- (39) 168,613 (Valley Village Specific Plan)
- (40) 175,693 (Venice Coastal Zone Specific Plan)
- (41) 174,052 (Ventura-Cahuenga Boulevard Corridor Specific Plan)
- (42) 173,749 (Vermont/Western Transit Oriented District Specific Plan (Station Neighborhood Area Plan))
- (43) 182,766 (Warner Center 2035 Plan)
- (44) 186,108 (West Los Angeles Transportation Improvement and Mitigation Specific Plan)
- (45) 187,644 (Westwood Village Specific Plan, Westwood Community Design Review Board Specific Plan)
- (46) 155,044 (Wilshire - Westwood Scenic Corridor Specific Plan)
- (47) 185,539 (San Pedro CPIO District)
- (48) 185,927 (South Los Angeles CPIO District)
- (49) 185,925 (Southeast Los Angeles CPIO District)
- (50) 184,268 (Sylmar CPIO District)

- (51) 184,794 (West Adams-Baldwin Hills-Leimert CPIO District)
- (52) 187,155 (Westchester - Playa del Rey CPIO District)
- (53) 180,871 (Broadway Theater and Entertainment District Design Guide)
- (54) 174,519 (Canoga Park-Commercial Corridor CDO District)
- (55) 108,561 (Cypress Park & Glassell Park CDO)
- (56) 173,508 (Downtown Canoga Park CDO District)
- (57) 179,907 (Downtown Westchester CDO District)
- (58) 180,880 (Echo Park CDO District)
- (59) 178,157 (Fletcher Square CDO District)
- (60) 179,906 (Lincoln Boulevard CDO District)
- (61) 176,658 (Lincoln Heights CDO District)
- (62) 183,011 (Little Tokyo CDO District)
- (63) 180,797 (Loyola Village CDO District)
- (64) 176,331 (Miracle Mile CDO District)
- (65) 175,545 (Pacoima CDO District)
- (66) 175,549 (Panorama City CDO)
- (67) 176,557 (Reseda Central Business District CDO District)
- (68) 174,398 (Sun Valley CDO District)
- (69) 184,366 (Toluca Lake Village CDO)
- (70) 174,420 (Van Nuys Central Business District CDO District)
- (71) 174,161 (West Wilshire Boulevard CDO District)
- (72) 173,676 (Atwater Village POD)
- (73) 171,859 (Westwood/Pico NOD)
- (74) 174,260 (Westwood Boulevard POD)

**Sec. 9. (*Height of Buildings or Structures*)** Subdivision 5 of Subsection A of Section 12.21.1 of Article 2 of Chapter 1 of the LAMC shall be amended to read as follows:

5. In computing the total floor area within a building, the gross area confined within the exterior walls within a building shall be considered as the floor area of that building, except for the space devoted to bicycle parking, stairways, elevator shafts, light courts, rooms housing mechanical equipment incidental to the operation of buildings, and ~~outdoor eating areas of ground floor restaurants.~~ Outdoor Dining Areas. (Amended by Ord. No. 182,386, Eff. 3/13/13.)

**Sec. 10.** Subparagraph (5) of Paragraph (a) of Subdivision 34 of Subsection A of Section 12.22 of Article 2 of Chapter 1 of the LAMC shall be amended to read as follows:

**(b) Eligibility Criteria.**

(5) The restaurant shall have between a minimum of 10 patron seats and a maximum of 150 patron seats, including any outdoor seating.

**Exemption.** Outdoor Dining Areas pursuant to 12.21 A.24 shall be exempt from the above outdoor seating limitation.

**Sec. 11.** Subparagraph (4) of Paragraph (b) of Subdivision 34 of Subsection A of Section 12.22 of Article 2 of Chapter 1 of the LAMC shall be amended to read as follows:

**(b) Development Standards and Operations.**

(4) For properties abutting or across an alley from an A or R zoned lot:

(i) a wholly enclosed building, at least 8 feet in height above grade and extending at least the full length of the outdoor dining area, shall be located between the outdoor dining area and an A or R zoned lot that may or may not be separated by an alley. This requirement shall not apply to outdoor dining permitted on a public sidewalk by a revocable permit issued by the Bureau of Engineering, Department of Public Works; and

(ii) outdoor seating shall be limited to the ground floor only.

**Exemption.** Outdoor Dining Areas pursuant to 12.21 A.24 shall be exempt from the above standards.



**Sec. 12.** Sub-subparagraph (ii) of Subparagraph (6) of Paragraph (e) of Subdivision 34 of Subsection A of Section 12.22 of Article 2 of Chapter 1 of the LAMC shall be amended to read as follows:

(e) **Administration.**

(6) The owner or the operator of the restaurant shall reapply for the administrative clearance if there is:

(ii) a modification to the floor plan, including, but not limited to, floor area or number of seats, or a modification to outdoor seating.

**Exception.** Modification to the number of seats or outdoor seating for the purposes of Outdoor Dining Areas pursuant to 12.21 A.24 shall not require reapplication.

**Sec. 13.** (CUB) A new Paragraph (e) shall be added to Subdivision 1 of Subsection W of Section 12.24 of Article 2 of Chapter 1 of the LAMC as follows:

(e) **Exceptions.** Notwithstanding Paragraph (d) above, conditional use approval or a plan approval shall not be required solely for the purposes of providing an Outdoor Dining Area pursuant to Sec 12.21 A.24.

**Sec. 14.** Subdivision 32 of Subsection W of Section 12.24 of Article 2 of Chapter 1 of the LAMC shall be deleted:

32. ~~Outdoor eating areas for ground floor restaurants in the CR zone, C1, and C1.5 Zones and/or wherever restaurants are allowed, if not permitted by right.~~

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2. Outdoor ~~Eating~~Dining Areas. Notwithstanding any provisions of this Code or any Zoning Administrator interpretations of this Code to the contrary, any new or expanded Outdoor ~~Eating~~Dining Areas shall not require any automobile parking, and the maintenance of existing automobile parking shall not be required for any portion of the parking lot utilized for an approved Outdoor ~~Eating~~Dining Area during the period that these provisions are invoked, pursuant to this section, if the following requirements are met:

- (a) **Eligibility.** Only permitted establishments with verifiable indoor seating for on-premise dining are eligible for the relief provided within this subdivision.
- (b) **Consistency.** The relief provided in this subdivision is limited to the automobile parking provisions enumerated herein, and the project shall otherwise be consistent with this Code and the General Plan.
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**Sec. 16.** The City Clerk shall certify that.....

## **EXHIBIT B**

### **Initial Draft Ordinance (November 2022)**

ORDINANCE NO. \_\_\_\_\_

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**A. Use**

**24. Outdoor Dining Regulations for Restaurants**

- a. Purpose.** The purpose of this section is to establish development, operational, and maintenance standards to support and facilitate outdoor dining without negatively impacting public health, safety, and welfare.
- b. Applicability.** Outdoor dining on private property, including but not limited to a parking lot, patio, courtyard or plaza, in all RAS, C, and M zones where restaurants are allowed, shall be permitted pursuant to the regulations in this Subsection.
- c. Eligibility**
  - i. Restaurants which currently provide and/or propose to offer outdoor dining shall have all necessary permits to operate a restaurant.
  - ii. Restaurants which serve alcohol and/or propose to serve alcohol shall operate under a valid license from the California Department of Alcohol Beverage Control; and
  - iii. Restaurants which serve alcohol and/or propose to serve alcohol shall be legally permitted to sell alcohol on site pursuant to regulations of the City of Los Angeles.

iv. Conditions for Continued Operations After Temporary Permit Expiration

1. Restaurants which serve alcohol may be authorized to continue operations if an application for a new Conditional Use Permit, Plan Approval, Restaurant Beverage Program Administrative Clearance, or any other applicable approval by the Department of City Planning has been submitted and accepted by the Department within six months of the temporary permit expiration or effective date of this ordinance.
2. The authorization for continued operations shall be valid for the duration of the time required by the Department of City Planning to process the application and issue a determination on the matter.

**d. Outdoor Dining Standards**

i. **Development/Site Design**

1. An Outdoor Dining Area may be covered or uncovered.
2. Fifty percent of the perimeter of an Outdoor Dining Area shall be fully open from the ground to the top of the structure with the exception of a partial height wall that is no taller than 42 inches in height.
3. An Outdoor Dining Area shall be designed and operated so that it may be used by people of all abilities according to the standards of the California Building Code.
4. An Outdoor Dining Area shall be designed and operated so that it is in compliance with regulations regarding access to building openings, fire lanes, use of combustible materials and other fire safety measures as identified in the LAFD Fire Code.
5. Outdoor Dining Areas which abut or are across an alley from an A or R zoned lot, shall not be located closer than 20 ft. from the abutting A or R zone. Notwithstanding the provisions of Sec. 12.21 A.3, a RAS zone shall not be considered an R zone for the purposes of this standard.
6. Outdoor Dining Area and Parking Lot Design.
  - a. When an Outdoor Dining Area is located on a surface parking lot or parking structure where

cars are parked, covered Jersey barriers or water barriers shall be installed to separate the two uses.

- b. If a parking lot is used entirely as an Outdoor Dining Area and is not used to park cars, the parking lot shall be designed so that barriers block vehicular access from the roadway into the parking lot, but shall allow for direct pedestrian access from the parking lot to the sidewalk and/or roadway.

ii. **Outdoor Dining Structures, Furniture, and Equipment**

- 1. All Outdoor Dining structures, furniture, and/or equipment, including but not limited to canopies, tents, heaters, lighting, ramps, platforms and walls, shall comply with all applicable Building Code and Fire Code requirements.

iii. **Operations**

1. Prohibited Activity

- a. Music, television monitors, screens and speakers are prohibited in Outdoor Dining Areas.
- b. Live entertainment, dancing, pool tables, billiard tables, and adult entertainment uses are prohibited in Outdoor Dining Areas.
- c. Private events and cover charges are prohibited in Outdoor Dining Areas.

2. Operating Standards

- a. Outdoor Dining Areas which abut or are across an alley from an A or R zoned lot shall be limited to hours of operation between 7:00 a.m. and 11:00 p.m. Notwithstanding the provisions of Sec. 12.21 A.3, a RAS zone shall not be considered an R zone for the purposes of this standard.
- b. All other Outdoor Dining Areas shall be limited to operating during the hours that the kitchen facilities of the associated restaurant are open for meal ordering.

- c. Notwithstanding the above, an Outdoor Dining Area in a CR zone shall comply with the limitations of Sec. 12.12.2 A 13.

- iv. **Maintenance**

- 1. Outdoor Dining Areas on private property shall be cleaned nightly and adjoining sidewalk areas be kept free of debris, litter and graffiti.

- e. **Parking Relief**

- i. If the Outdoor Dining Area is located in the restaurant's parking area, a maximum of five required automobile parking spaces, new or existing, may be replaced by Outdoor Dining Area; and
  - ii. When automobile parking is shared between multiple tenants on a lot, such as in a mini-mall or shopping center, a tenant may apply for the parking reduction allowed in this provision with signed and notarized proof of the property owner's permission.
  - iii. However, the total number of required accessible parking spaces may not be reduced by Outdoor Dining Area.

- f. **Administration**

- i. Restaurants with Outdoor Dining Areas that do not comply with the standards in Paragraph d and e shall apply for a Conditional Use Permit pursuant to Sec. 12.24 W.32.
  - ii. Citations or Orders to Comply in violation of the standards in Paragraph d and e may require restaurants with Outdoor Dining Areas to apply for a Conditional Use Permit pursuant to Sec. 12.24 W.32 to continue operations.

- g. **Relationship to Other Zoning Provisions.** The standards of Sec. 12.21 A.24 shall prevail over any conflicting provisions of any Specific Plan, Supplemental Use District or other overlay, or other zoning limitations.

**Sec. 9. (*Height of Buildings or Structures*)** Subdivision 5 of Subsection A of Section 12.21.1 of Article 2 of Chapter 1 of the LAMC shall be amended to read as follows:

- 5. In computing the total floor area within a building, the gross area confined within the exterior walls within a building shall be considered as the floor area of that building, except for the space devoted to bicycle parking, stairways, elevator shafts, light courts, rooms housing mechanical equipment incidental to the operation of buildings, and ~~outdoor eating areas of ground floor restaurants.~~



Outdoor Dining Areas. (Amended by Ord. No. 182,386, Eff. 3/13/13.)

**Sec. 10.** Subdivision 32 of Subsection W of Section 12.24 of Article 2 of Chapter 1 of the LAMC shall be amended to read as follows:

32. **Outdoor Dining Areas for ground-floor restaurants** in the ~~CR zone, C1, and C1.5~~ Zones RAS, C, and M zones if not permitted by right in compliance with Sec. 12.21 A.24.

**Sec. 11.** Subdivision 2 of Subsection D of Section 16.02.1 of Article 6 of Chapter 1 of the LAMC shall be amended to read as follows:

2. Outdoor ~~Eating~~Dining Areas. Notwithstanding any provisions of this Code or any Zoning Administrator interpretations of this Code to the contrary, any new or expanded Outdoor ~~Eating~~Dining Area shall not require any automobile parking, and the maintenance of existing automobile parking shall not be required for any portion of the parking lot utilized for an approved Outdoor ~~Eating~~Dining Area during the period that these provisions are invoked, pursuant to this section, if the following requirements are met:

**Sec. 12.** The City Clerk shall certify that.....

## **EXHIBIT C**

### **Al Fresco - Simplified Comparison Chart**

Proposed AI Fresco Program - Simplified Comparison Chart  
Department of City Planning

	<b>Temporary Program</b>	<b>Initial Draft Permanent Program</b>	<b>Revised Draft Permanent Program</b>
Duration of Outdoor Dining Approvals	Temporarily authorized under the Covid-19 emergency declaration	Permanent	Permanent
Limits on size of private property outdoor dining area	None	None	None
Limits on number of private property parking spaces that can be converted to outdoor dining	None	Up to 5 required spaces	None
Hours for outdoor dining areas	Until 10:30pm if next to residential, otherwise none	7:00 am -11:00 pm if next to residential	Until 10:30pm if next to residential, otherwise none
Expanding existing alcohol permit into outdoor dining areas	Free, online process	Planning entitlement required by Zoning Administrator, \$4,000-\$20,000 fee	Free for existing AI Fresco authorizations, \$400 for new service, online process.
Alcohol Operating Conditions	All alcohol to be delivered by employee to tables, patrons seated, no fixed or temporary bar installations in outdoor dining areas.	Case by case determination of conditions by a Zoning Administrator	All alcohol to be delivered by employee to tables, patrons seated, no fixed or temporary bar installations in outdoor dining areas.
Private events in outdoor dining areas	Not permitted	Not permitted	Permitted
Outdoor dining locations	Generally unrestricted on private property	Generally unrestricted on private property outside of required setbacks	Generally unrestricted on private property outside of required setbacks
Relationship to Other Zoning Regulations	Temporarily supersedes other regulations.	Permanently supersedes other regulations.	Permanently supersedes other regulations.

## **EXHIBIT D**

### **Al Fresco - Summary of Regulations Comparison Chart**

## AL FRESCO OUTDOOR DINING - SUMMARY OF REGULATIONS COMPARISON CHART

TOPIC	TEMPORARY AL FRESCO AUTHORIZATION*	SUMMARY OF ORDINANCE DRAFTS
<b>Accessibility</b>	<p><i>Tables shall be arranged so that the seating edges of adjacent tables are not less than 54 inches apart. Rectangular tables arranged to accommodate seating on one side only shall have not less than 36 inches between adjacent table edges.</i></p> <p><i>A minimum of 5% of outdoor seating spaces must be accessible.</i></p> <p><i>Aisles between tables and chairs must be 44 inches minimum width. A clear space of 36 inches minimum must be provided behind accessible seating spaces.</i></p> <p><i>A clear space of 36-inch minimum must be provided behind accessible seating spaces.</i></p>	<p><b>Initial Draft (11/2022):</b> An Outdoor Dining Area must be accessible by people of all abilities.</p>
		<p><b>Revised Draft (04/2023):</b> Silent, defers to accessibility regulations in the Building Code.</p>
<b>Alcohol - Authorizations</b>	<p><i>Alcoholic beverages may only be served with approval from the Department of City Planning and the California Department of Alcohol and Beverage Control.</i></p> <p><i>Exempt temporary outdoor dining seating from seating limits or an approved seating plan, if applicable in an existing Alcohol Use approval or other entitlement from the Department of City Planning, without requiring further approvals from the Zoning Administrator.</i></p> <p><i>For establishments with an existing Alcohol Use approval from the Department of City Planning, allow alcohol service to extend to both temporary outdoor dining areas and on-street outdoor dining areas without requiring further approvals from the Zoning Administrator.</i></p>	<p><b>Initial Draft (11/2022):</b> Restaurants with a valid alcohol approval need to apply to expand the service of alcohol in their Outdoor Dining Area. The type of entitlement needed for expansion depends on the initial alcohol approval.</p>
		<p><b>Revised Draft (04/2023):</b> If a Restaurant is participating in the Temporary Al Fresco Program and has valid approvals to sell alcohol, the Restaurant is eligible for deemed to be approved status. They must complete a short online application, at no cost, to City Planning within six (6) months of the expiration of the Temporary Authorization while they continue to sell alcohol in their Outdoor Dining Area.</p> <p>If a Restaurant has valid approvals to sell alcohol, but did <u>not</u> participate in the Temporary Al Fresco Program and wishes to add an Outdoor Dining Area where alcohol will be served, the Restaurant must complete a short online application to City Planning, costing ~\$400, to sell alcohol in their new Outdoor Dining Area.</p>

TOPIC	TEMPORARY AL FRESCO AUTHORIZATION*	SUMMARY OF ORDINANCE DRAFTS
<b>Alcohol - Standards</b>	<p><i>Operation must match the character and mode of the existing establishment in regards to alcohol service.</i></p> <p><i>All alcohol that is served shall be delivered to tables by employees.</i></p> <p><i>All patrons shall be seated.</i></p> <p><i>All alcohol service shall continue to require Department of City Planning approval. No fixed or portable bar service areas shall be placed in the temporary outdoor dining areas.</i></p>	<p><b>Initial Draft (11/2022):</b> Alcohol service standards or conditions of approval set by alcohol approvals (Conditional Use Beverage, Restaurant Beverage Program, or Plan Approval), as applicable to each property.</p> <p><b>Revised Draft (04/2023):</b> Alcohol served in an Outdoor Dining Area must be delivered to and served at tables by Restaurant employees to customers that are seated in an Al Fresco Outdoor Dining Area on private property (parking lot, patio, courtyard, or plaza) or in the public right-of-way (sidewalk, instreet, or curbside). No fixed or portable bar service areas are permitted in the Outdoor Dining Areas.</p>
<b>Alcohol - Planning Fees<sup>+</sup></b>	No application fee.	<p><b>Initial Draft (11/2022):</b> Conditional Use Beverage (CUB)..... ~ \$20,000 Restaurant Beverage Program (RBP)..... ~ \$4,000 Plan Approval..... ~ \$8,000</p> <p><b>Revised Draft (04/2023):</b> Restaurants with Temporary Authorizations.....no planning fee Alcohol in New Outdoor Dining Areas..... ~ \$400</p>
<b>Definition and Site Design</b>	<p><i>Allow temporary outdoor dining to be greater than 50% of indoor dining, without a specific restriction on the number of seats.</i></p> <p><i>Allow temporary covered outdoor dining areas to be exempt from zoning floor area limitations.</i></p> <p><i>Allow temporary outdoor dining on ground floor plaza and open space areas, as well as outdoor areas above the ground floor.</i></p>	<p><b>Initial Draft (11/2022):</b> An Outdoor Dining Area is an area located outdoors on private property (including ground floor areas as well as outdoor areas above the ground floor such as a parking lot, patio, courtyard, or plaza) for the consumption of food and drinks by the customers of a Restaurant. An Outdoor Dining Area may be covered or uncovered, 50% of the perimeter must be open, and barriers must be installed to separate parked or moving vehicles from the Outdoor Dining Area. An Outdoor Dining Area does not count toward a Restaurant's Floor Area calculation and there are no limitations on outdoor dining as it relates to indoor dining (i.e. removal of 50% restriction).</p>

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		<p><b>Revised Draft (04/2023):</b> An Outdoor Dining Area is an area located outdoors on private property (including ground floor areas as well as outdoor areas above the ground floor such as a parking lot, patio, courtyard, or plaza) for the consumption of food and drinks by the customers of a Restaurant. An Outdoor Dining Area does not count toward a Restaurant's Floor Area calculation and there are no limitations on outdoor dining as it relates to indoor dining (i.e. removal of 50% restriction).</p>
<p><b>Good Neighbor Policies - Maintenance, Operations, and Residential Adjacency</b></p>	<p><i>Requires nightly cleaning of premise, outdoor seating areas, and adjoining sidewalk areas free of debris and litter.</i></p> <p><i>All temporary outdoor dining areas shall operate no later than 10:30pm if adjacent to residentially zoned properties or residential uses.</i></p> <p><i>A City-issued identification shall be posted in the temporary outdoor dining area and made clearly visible to the public, indicating that the area is subject to the requirements and restrictions of the LA Al Fresco Program. This shall include a telephone number and an email address for complaints or concerns regarding the operation of the temporary outdoor dining area.</i></p>	<p><b>Initial Draft (11/2022):</b> Outdoor Dining Areas and adjoining sidewalks should be cleaned and maintained by the Restaurant and should only operate when the kitchen is open. Outdoor Dining Areas next to or across an alley from an Agricultural or Residential Zone (except Residential/Accessory Services Zones) can only operate between the hours of 7:00 a.m. and 11:00 p.m. and must be at least 20 feet away from an Agricultural or Residential Zone.<sup>‡</sup></p> <p><b>Revised Draft (04/2023):</b> Outdoor Dining Areas and adjoining sidewalks should be cleaned and maintained by the Restaurant. Outdoor Dining Areas adjacent or across an alley from a residential use must close by 10:30 p.m. The Restaurant must post a visible City-issued identification in the Outdoor Dining Area indicating that the area is subject to Al Fresco standards, and provides a telephone number and an email address for reporting complaints and concerns.</p>
<p><b>Good Neighbor Policies - Noise and Private Events</b></p>	<p><i>Prohibit music, television monitors, screens and speakers in temporary outdoor dining areas.</i></p> <p><i>Prohibit live entertainment, dancing, pool tables, billiard tables, and adult entertainment uses pursuant to LAMC 12.70 in all temporary outdoor dining areas.</i></p> <p><i>Prohibit private events and cover charges in temporary outdoor dining areas.</i></p>	<p><b>Initial Draft (11/2022):</b> Music, television monitors, screens, speakers, live entertainment, dancing, pool tables, billiard tables, adult entertainment uses, private events, and cover charges are prohibited in Outdoor Dining Areas.</p> <p><b>Revised Draft (04/2023):</b> Music, television monitors, screens, speakers, live entertainment, dancing, pool tables, billiard tables, and adult entertainment uses are prohibited in Outdoor Dining Areas.</p>

TOPIC	TEMPORARY AL FRESCO AUTHORIZATION*	SUMMARY OF ORDINANCE DRAFTS
<b>Non-Compliance and Enforcement</b>	<i>LADBS and LAFD (Public Assemblage Unit) shall have the authority to inspect and enforce conditions and may revoke any temporary use authorization for non-compliance with subject operating conditions.</i>	<b>Initial Draft (11/2022):</b> Violations of the ordinance's operational and parking relief standards may require a Restaurant with an Outdoor Dining Area to apply for a Conditional Use Permit.
		<b>Revised Draft (04/2023):</b> Violations of the Outdoor Dining Area standards may result in inspection and enforcement actions.
<b>Parking</b>	<i>Allow temporary outdoor dining without triggering new parking requirements.</i>  <i>Allow temporary outdoor dining in existing parking areas, without requiring replacement parking.</i>	<b>Initial Draft (11/2022):</b> No additional parking is required for the Outdoor Dining Area. A maximum of five required parking spaces may be replaced by an Outdoor Dining Area, however, accessible parking space requirements still apply. Converting shared parking spaces into an Outdoor Dining Area requires the property owner's permission.
		<b>Revised Draft (04/2023):</b> No additional parking is required for the Outdoor Dining Area and parking spaces may be replaced by an Outdoor Dining Area.
<b>Permitting Process for Outdoor Dining Area</b>	<p>(The applicant must self-certify that they are either the restaurant owner or a representative who is authorized to apply for the Temporary Authorization on behalf of the restaurant owner, and agree to the conditions of the Temporary Authorization)</p> <p><i>This approval constitutes a temporary use authorization for outdoor dining areas for the duration of the Mayoral order, subject to additional extensions by Mayoral order.</i></p> <p><i>At the expiration of this order, all temporary uses granted under this emergency order shall be subject to standard building and zoning codes and procedures.</i></p>	<p><b>Initial Draft (11/2022):</b>  A Restaurant operating an Outdoor Dining Area must have all necessary permits to operate the Restaurant. Outdoor Dining Areas that meet the standards established by the Ordinance are allowed without additional City Planning review, wherever restaurants are allowed (such as in RAS, C, or M Zones).<sup>‡</sup> A Restaurant who wants to deviate from the standards may request a Conditional Use Permit.</p> <p><b>Revised Draft (04/2023):</b>  A Restaurant operating an Outdoor Dining Area must have all necessary permits to operate the Restaurant. Outdoor Dining Areas that meet the standards established by the Ordinance are allowed without additional City Planning review, wherever restaurants are allowed (such as in RAS, C, or M Zones).<sup>‡</sup> A Restaurant who wants to deviate from the standards may request a Plan Approval.</p>



TOPIC	TEMPORARY AL FRESCO AUTHORIZATION*	SUMMARY OF ORDINANCE DRAFTS
Relationship to Other Zoning Provisions - Specific Plans, Overlays, and Code	Exempt temporary outdoor dining from geographic specific plans, zoning overlays, and other zoning code approvals.	<b>Initial Draft (11/2022):</b> Standards established by this Ordinance override standards in Specific Plans, Supplemental Use Districts or other overlays, or other zoning limitations.
		<b>Revised Draft (04/2023):</b> Standards established by this Ordinance override standards in Specific Plans, Supplemental Use Districts or other overlays, or other zoning limitations. This includes any additional requirements for design review.
Safety - Building and Fire Code	All shade structures or canopies shall only be overhead, without any vertical sides, and shall not exceed 400 square feet in size. Shade structures or canopies larger than 400 square feet shall require permits from the Los Angeles Fire and Building and Safety Departments. Full enclosures are prohibited. Exception: The aggregate area of multiple canopies placed side by side with a fire break clearance of 12 feet between each canopy may exceed 400 square feet total without requiring permits.  Exits from proposed outdoor dining areas must be provided with direct, unobstructed access to the public right of way. Fire apparatus access roads must remain unobstructed.  Immediate access to Fire Department connections shall be maintained without obstructions.	<b>Initial Draft (11/2022):</b> An Outdoor Dining Area must be accessible by people of all abilities. Additionally, all structures, furniture, equipment, and site configurations of an Outdoor Dining Area must follow Building Code and Fire Code standards.
		<b>Revised Draft (04/2023):</b> Silent, defers to safety regulations in Building and Fire Codes.
<p>* Italicized text represents direct quotes from the Temporary Al Fresco Authorization and Ordinance drafts. Non-italicized text represents text that has been paraphrased for ease of reading and/or a summary of key information.</p> <p>+ Fee amounts estimated with applicable surcharges.</p> <p>‡ To search a property's Zone, visit the Department of City Planning website at: <a href="https://planning.lacity.org/zoning/zoning-search">https://planning.lacity.org/zoning/zoning-search</a>.</p>		

## **EXHIBIT E**

### **Categorical Exemption ENV-2022-8180-CE**

COUNTY CLERK'S USE

## CITY OF LOS ANGELES

OFFICE OF THE CITY CLERK  
200 NORTH SPRING STREET, ROOM 395  
LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA 90012

## CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT

## NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

(PRC Section 21152; CEQA Guidelines Section 15062)

Filing of this form is optional. If filed, the form shall be filed with the County Clerk, 12400 E. Imperial Highway, Norwalk, CA 90650, pursuant to Public Resources Code Section 21152(b) and CEQA Guidelines Section 15062. Pursuant to Public Resources Code Section 21167 (d), the posting of this notice starts a 35-day statute of limitations on court challenges to reliance on an exemption for the project. Failure to file this notice as provided above, results in the statute of limitations being extended to 180 days.

PARENT CASE NUMBER(S) / REQUESTED ENTITLEMENTS

**CPC-2022-8179-CA**

LEAD CITY AGENCY

**City of Los Angeles (Department of City Planning)**

CASE NUMBER

**ENV-2022-8180-CE**

PROJECT TITLE

**Al Fresco Ordinance**

COUNCIL DISTRICT

**Citywide**

PROJECT LOCATION (Street Address and Cross Streets and/or Attached Map)

☐ Map attached.**Citywide**

PROJECT DESCRIPTION:

☒ Additional page(s) attached.

**A proposed Ordinance to amend Sections 12.03, 12.10.5, 12.11.5, 12.12.2, 12.13, 12.13.5, 12.14, 12.21, 12.21.1, 12.22, 12.24, and 16.02.1 of the Los Angeles Municipal Code (LAMC) to clarify and streamline Zoning Code regulations regarding outdoor dining on private property. As proposed, outdoor dining that complies with the applicable standards would be permitted as a by-right use in any zones where restaurants are currently permitted. Any outdoor alcohol service would continue to require compliance with all applicable zoning regulations as stated in an existing or new discretionary approval or in compliance with the proposed new ministerial approval.**

NAME OF APPLICANT / OWNER:

**City of Los Angeles (Department of City Planning)**

CONTACT PERSON (If different from Applicant/Owner above)

**Bonnie Kim**

(AREA CODE) TELEPHONE NUMBER

**(213) 978-1330**

EXT.

**N/A**

EXEMPT STATUS: (Check all boxes, and include all exemptions, that apply and provide relevant citations.)

## STATE CEQA STATUTE &amp; GUIDELINES

☒ STATUTORY EXEMPTION(S)Public Resources Code Section(s) **Sec. 21080.25**☒ CATEGORICAL EXEMPTION(S) (State CEQA Guidelines Sec. 15301-15333 / Class 1-Class 33)CEQA Guideline Section(s) / Class(es) **Sec. 15303 / Class 3 and Sec. 15311 / Class 11**☐ OTHER BASIS FOR EXEMPTION (E.g., CEQA Guidelines Section 15061(b)(3) or (b)(4) or Section 15378(b) )

JUSTIFICATION FOR PROJECT EXEMPTION:

☒ Additional page(s) attached**Please see the attachment to Notice of Exemption from CEQA.**☒ None of the exceptions in CEQA Guidelines Section 15300.2 to the categorical exemption(s) apply to the Project.☐ The project is identified in one or more of the list of activities in the City of Los Angeles CEQA Guidelines as cited in the justification.

IF FILED BY APPLICANT, ATTACH CERTIFIED DOCUMENT ISSUED BY THE CITY PLANNING DEPARTMENT STATING THAT THE DEPARTMENT HAS FOUND THE PROJECT TO BE EXEMPT.

If different from the applicant, the identity of the person undertaking the project.

## CITY STAFF USE ONLY:

CITY STAFF NAME AND SIGNATURE

Bonnie Kim

STAFF TITLE

City Planner

ENTITLEMENTS APPROVED

Code Amendment

FEE:

RECEIPT NO.

REC'D. BY (DCP DSC STAFF NAME)

DISTRIBUTION: County Clerk, Agency Record

Rev. 3-27-2019

**JUSTIFICATION FOR CEQA EXEMPTION**  
**(Class 3, Category 15303 New Construction or Conversion of Small Structures and Class 11, Category 15311 Accessory Structures)**

**I. PROJECT DESCRIPTION (CONTINUED)**

The Project is a proposed Ordinance (commonly referred to as the Al Fresco Ordinance) by the Department of City Planning (DCP) amending Sections 12.03, 12.10.5, 12.11.5, 12.12.2, 12.13, 12.13.5, 12.14, 12.21, 12.21.1, 12.24, and 16.02.1 of the Los Angeles Municipal Code (LAMC) to clarify and streamline Zoning Code regulations regarding outdoor dining on private property. In order to facilitate the maintenance of many outdoor dining options that were allowed during the COVID-19 emergency, the proposed Ordinance offers a by-right approval process for outdoor dining areas and relief from parking requirements for restaurants that comply with the proposed Ordinance's eligibility criteria and operational standards. The proposed standards remove certain Zoning Code restrictions on outdoor dining on private property to make permanent the rules and regulations set forth in the Mayor's emergency order establishing L.A. Al Fresco, a program which enabled Temporary Use Authorizations (Temporary Authorization) for outdoor dining. The proposed Ordinance codifies Citywide policies and practices used by the Los Angeles Department of Transportation (LADOT) during the Mayor's emergency order to issue Temporary Authorizations to those businesses participating in the L.A. Al Fresco Program. The proposed Ordinance will continue to allow outdoor dining on private property by providing relief from parking requirements for operators that meet the eligibility criteria, comply with the definition of an "Outdoor Dining Area", and comply with the operational standards. The Ordinance also establishes a streamlined, low cost authorization process for current and future Al Fresco participants to continue operation or begin operating outdoor dining areas with alcohol service. The Ordinance's proposed definition, applicability, and standards are summarized below:

***Site Design***

The proposed Project does not limit the square-footage or set parameters for the configuration of the outdoor dining area but does define the outdoor dining area to be a covered or uncovered but not fully enclosed portion of a restaurant which is located in a space that is outside of a wholly enclosed building or structure, including but not limited to an open-to-sky parking area, patio, courtyard, or plaza; and is used for the consumption of food and drinks by the patrons of the restaurant. The proposed definition of "Outdoor Dining Area" was crafted to include only the site design parameters that create a smooth transition for restaurants that have invested in their current site design configurations, as the Temporary Authorizations grant similar flexibility in site design permissions, with only full enclosures prohibited.

The temporary Al Fresco program currently in effect has been widely used by restaurants to establish outdoor dining areas, but the exact amount of how much space has been used for these purposes, or what configurations or structures have been built under Temporary Authorizations, are not known. To ascertain an approximation of the usage of space for outdoor dining under the temporary Al Fresco program, in Summer of 2022, DCP, in conjunction with the LADOT, conducted a survey of the current participants of the provisional L.A. Al Fresco program. 308 unique business owners responded out of 2,803 total Al Fresco temporary authorizations, representing an approximately 11% response rate. The survey found that restaurant operators have configured their outdoor dining areas in a variety of ways and that a majority of participants utilize their private property to place their outdoor dining areas.

The data output from the survey respondents was as follows: approximately 34% reported using private property only, 24.9% reported using private property and the public right-of-way, 19.5% reported using multiple types of right-of-way spaces (i.e. sidewalk, curbside, and in-street dining), and 19.2% reported using the sidewalk only. Further, data acquired from the ClearForms Database, the application portal for the L.A. Al Fresco program, shows that approximately 76.6% of the Temporary Authorizations were issued for outdoor dining involving private property and approximately 23.4% of the Temporary Authorizations were issued on the public right-of-way. Again, with this ClearForms data, it can be found that over half of the Temporary Authorizations have been issued for the use of private property as outdoor dining space.

The ClearForms Database also shows the average and median size of the outdoor dining areas and average and median number of seats provided by participating restaurants who offer outdoor dining on private property. According to those who responded to the Temporary Authorization application questions in ClearForms, the average size of an outdoor dining area was 1,036 square feet, with a median of 500 square feet, and the average number of seats was 34 seats, with a median of 24 seats. The current Al Fresco Program sets conditions for the arrangement and spacing of tables in outdoor dining areas in compliance with the accessibility standards of the California Building Code; the proposed Project maintains the applicability of these accessibility standards by staying silent on the matter and deferring to the California Building Code.

### ***Applicability/Eligibility Criteria and Operational Standards***

The Project includes applicability and eligibility criteria that need to be met in order for participants to be allowed to maintain or establish outdoor dining areas in their private property. Restaurants must have all necessary permits to operate a restaurant, which would include any required permits from the LA County Department of Public Health, any necessary entitlements from Los Angeles City Planning, and any necessary permits from Los Angeles Department of Building and Safety. The outdoor dining areas are allowed on private property in all RAS, C, and M zones, and/or wherever restaurants are allowed by-right. To reduce noise and other nuisances, the Temporary Authorizations prohibit the following activities: music, television monitors, screens and speakers, live entertainment, dancing, pool tables, billiard tables, adult entertainment uses, private events, and cover charges. The proposed Project retains all of these prohibitions except for the prohibition of private events and cover charges.

In addition, the operational standards require that all outdoor dining areas not operate any later than 10:30 p.m. if they are adjacent or across an alley to a residential use. Moreover, the Project includes a set of security, monitoring, and maintenance standards that require restaurants to take proactive measures to clean litter and debris, as well as require restaurants to post a City-issued identification on the premises that includes instructions on how patrons or community members can submit complaints or concerns regarding the operation of the outdoor dining area. These eligibility criteria and operational standards essentially align with what is required of current temporary Al Fresco program participants and provides a path for the City to review and verify the businesses that are able to provide outdoor dining on private property.

### ***Parking Relief***

The summary report of the 2022 participant survey discussed above in the ***Site Design*** subsection, indicated that nearly 80% of the 308 survey respondents who were providing outdoor dining in a parking area were using five parking spaces or fewer, which equates to an approximately 1,000 square-foot area of outdoor dining space based on parking stall dimensions established in the Zoning Code. The LADOT studies options for adopting Preferential Parking Districts and installing parking meters in parts of the City that require these additional parking measures to ensure that there is ample and adequate parking in neighborhoods. Additionally, the State of California adopted Assembly Bill 2097 (AB 2097), which prohibits public agencies or cities from imposing a minimum automobile parking requirement on most development projects located within a half-mile radius of a major transit stop, including residential, commercial and industrial projects. Approximately 1,758 (62.7%) of the total 2,803 Temporary Authorizations issued as of March 2023 meet the locational eligibility criteria for AB 2097. Out of those 1,758 Temporary Authorizations eligible for AB 2097, a minimum of 1,322 were issued for outdoor dining involving private property. In an effort to mirror the intent of AB 2097 and create equal opportunities for all outdoor dining expansion under the Project, parking relief is proposed for restaurants to add their outdoor dining area on private property where their required automobile parking spaces are located. The waiving of new parking requirements and requirements to maintain existing required parking for participating establishments has been a key feature of the current Al Fresco program, and has allowed for much of its flexibility and success. This has allowed the participating establishments to utilize existing parking spots and areas, both on private property and within the public right-of-way, without replacement. This concept is not contemplated by the current Zoning Code,

beyond the adopted Local Emergency Ordinance regulations or through a Zone Variance, and use of parking areas for anything other than automobile or bicycle parking is strictly limited, if not entirely prohibited, in most instances, including for use as outdoor dining. As such, this Project adds this new parking relief option to the Zoning Code, specific to outdoor dining areas on private property.

### ***Alcohol Service Standards***

According to those who responded to the Temporary Authorization application questions in ClearForms, approximately 69% of current Temporary Authorizations involving outdoor dining on private property reported serving alcohol. Additionally, the 2022 participant survey conducted by DCP and LADOT shows that approximately 72.7% of survey respondents reported serving alcohol in their outdoor dining area. These numbers indicate that a large majority of participating restaurant operators serve alcohol and therefore, the sale, dispensing, and consumption of alcoholic beverages will continue to also be allowed by the proposed provisions of the Project. The proposed Project provides streamlined, low cost processes for current and future AI Fresco participants to continue operating or begin operating outdoor dining areas while serving alcohol. As such, alcohol provisions will fall within the following three categories:

- 1) Restaurants that obtained a valid L.A. AI Fresco Temporary Authorization to operate an outdoor dining area as of the effective date of the proposed Ordinance and currently have a valid alcohol approval from the City and valid alcohol license from the State will be deemed to be approved to continue the sale of alcohol in their outdoor dining area if the business is in compliance with the alcohol service standards of the Ordinance;
- 2) Restaurants that currently serve alcohol under a valid alcohol approval from the City and a valid alcohol license from the State but did not obtain a valid L.A. Temporary Authorization to operate an outdoor dining area may serve alcohol in an outdoor dining area by obtaining an Expanded Outdoor Dining Area Clearance; and
- 3) Restaurants that currently do not serve alcohol but wish to do so in an outdoor dining area will be required to obtain a CUP or apply for the Restaurant Beverage Program (RBP), as is required in the LAMC today.

In order to qualify for category 1, which is considered an “AI Fresco deemed to be approved” status, participants must have a valid alcohol approval from the City and have an alcohol license issued by the California Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control (ABC). If eligible, current participants must submit required documents to the DCP within 6 months of the expiration of the L.A. AI Fresco Temporary Authorization. The list of required documents includes their issued or renewed L.A. AI Fresco Temporary Authorization, a valid alcohol approval from the DCP or proof showing existing alcohol sales with no conditional use approval prior to March 1, 1977, and an ABC-issued alcohol license. Upon verification of a complete application, DCP will confirm the participant’s “AI Fresco deemed to be approved status”. Once confirmed, the participant will still be required to comply with the conditions of approval or standards associated with the valid alcohol approval for all indoor areas and any outdoor dining areas included in the initial approval. However, the outdoor dining area standards of the Ordinance will supersede any conflicting conditions or standards pertaining to the expanded outdoor dining area that would preclude outdoor dining as described in the proposed Project. Additionally, restaurant operators will need to obtain any necessary approvals from ABC for permanent expansions of their State alcohol licenses. This approach will allow current AI Fresco participants to maintain their operations as they are today with no cost and minimal disruption to service.

For category 2, restaurants that do not qualify for “AI Fresco deemed to be approved status” will be authorized to serve alcohol in outdoor dining areas pursuant to an administrative clearance process. An applicant must have a valid approval for alcohol service from the DCP or have proof of existing alcohol sales with no CUP prior to March 1, 1977, and an ABC-issued alcohol license. This option requires the filing of a new application, called an Expanded Outdoor Dining

Area Clearance, and fee. The “Building Permit Clearance - Minor” fee pursuant to LAMC Section 19.04 will be charged for an Expanded Outdoor Dining Area Clearance. The restaurant will be required to comply with the conditions of approval or standards associated with the valid alcohol approval for all indoor areas and any outdoor dining areas included in the initial approval. However, an applicant may request that the outdoor dining area standards of the Ordinance supersede any conflicting conditions or standards pertaining to the expanded outdoor dining area, as indicated through a site plan. Additionally, restaurant operators will need to obtain any necessary approvals from ABC for permanent expansions of their State alcohol licenses. This administrative clearance process will provide eligible restaurants who did not participate in the temporary Al Fresco program a pathway for obtaining authorizations for alcohol service in an outdoor dining area.

Category 3 relates to provisions that already exist in the LAMC today and is therefore, not a proposed provision of this proposed Project. Restaurants who wish to serve alcohol will be required to follow the provisions of LAMC Sections 12.24 W.1 or 12.22 A.34 to obtain a CUP or RBP approval, respectively, from the Department of City Planning. Pursuant to LAMC Section 12.24 W.1, the CUP application process consists of a public hearing conducted by a Zoning Administrator, who has discretion over the outcome of the application. Upon the Zoning Administrator’s approval, the Zoning Administrator may impose site-specific conditions of approval intended to alleviate potential land use impacts associated with the sale of alcohol on neighbors and the surrounding community. In addition, as required by the State’s CEQA Guidelines, the CUP application requires an environmental analysis to determine whether there are any environmental impacts resulting from the discretionary action. This process can take at least 6 months and costs approximately \$14,000 or more. In February 2022, the City Council adopted the RBP Ordinance (CF 17-0981, Ordinance No. 187,402), which created a new administrative clearance process for bona fide restaurants seeking to obtain City approval to sell alcohol for on-site consumption as an alternative to obtaining a discretionary CUP approval. The RBP Ordinance created two versions of the RBP: a general version and an Alcohol Sensitive Use Zone (ASUZ) version. The RBP Ordinance granted the City Council the ability to designate specific geographies as eligible for either version. As of March 2023, the City Council has opted-in the entirety of Council Districts 2, 3, 4, 5, 10, 11, 12, and 13 into the general version of the RBP. In Council District 15, the City Council opted-in the southern portion of the district, including San Pedro, into the general version and the neighborhood of Watts into the ASUZ version. Pursuant to LAMC Section 12.22 A.34, eligible restaurants are required to comply with a series of operational, security, and monitoring standards to be able to participate in their respective version of the RBP. Such standards include closing at 11:00 p.m., installing and maintaining a camera surveillance system, providing adequate lighting, no live entertainment, no dancing, and additional noise-restricting measures. The RBP application process consists of an administrative review that takes approximately four weeks or less to complete and costs about \$5,000. Further, provisions of LAMC Sections 12.24 W.1 and 12.22 A.34 require an establishment selling alcohol with a CUP or RBP authorization to apply for a new alcohol authorization whenever there is substantial change in mode or character of operation of the business. Pursuant to LAMC Section 12.24 M, when an expansion is less than 20%, a Plan Approval may be required instead of a new CUP.

Similarly to the Temporary Authorizations, the Project would allow applicants to submit applications to provide outdoor dining and use their existing valid alcohol approval for their outdoor dining area on private property and/or the public right-of-way. The eligible restaurants will also be subject to a number of minimum operating standards that currently apply to the Temporary Authorizations, as summarized above under the ***Applicability/Eligibility Criteria and Operation Standards*** subsection. In addition to these operating standards, the Project proposes applicable standards when alcohol service is provided in an outdoor dining area on private property. These standards are the following:

- All alcohol that is served shall be delivered and served at tables by employees.
- All patrons shall be seated.
- No fixed or portable bar service areas are permitted in Outdoor Dining Areas.

Furthermore, the Project also proposes the same applicable standards for those eligible businesses that have a Revocable Permit for outdoor dining in the public right-of-way from LADOT and/or the Bureau of Engineering (BOE) and who are proposing alcohol service. These standards are necessary to ensure alcohol is monitored and regulated. Regardless of whether alcohol service is occurring in private property or in the public right-of-way, the alcohol service standards will be enforced by the Department of Building and Safety (LADBS).

Any deviations from the outdoor dining area standards of the proposed Project will be considered through a Plan Approval of the original discretionary entitlement pursuant to Section 12.24 M of Chapter I or Article 13 of Chapter 1A of the LAMC, as applicable. Non-compliance with the outdoor dining area standards may result in enforcement actions pursuant to Section 12.27.1 (Administrative Nuisance Abatement Proceedings) of Chapter I or Article 13 of Chapter 1A of the LAMC, as applicable. Lastly, the Project's provisions will ensure that an outdoor dining area not be considered a project nor require any general design review procedures under any Specific Plan, Supplemental Use District, or other overlay and will ensure that the outdoor dining area standards established in the proposed Section 12.21 A.24(d) of the LAMC will provide relief from any conflicting provisions found in such Specific Plans, overlays, or Chapter I of the LAMC.

## II. PROJECT HISTORY

In order to alleviate the COVID-19 pandemic impacts, the City of Los Angeles implemented a variety of emergency measures through the Mayor's local emergency powers. On May 29, 2020, the City launched a new program, L.A. Al Fresco, to allow for outdoor dining activities for qualifying food and beverage establishments. The program also provided aid to owners of local food establishments who were adversely impacted by the pandemic due to related public health restrictions. Under L.A. Al Fresco, food and beverage establishments were granted a streamlined temporary authorization to expand their operations with outdoor dining facilities, including the temporary suspension of existing LAMC regulations which would prevent or limit outdoor dining activity. The Temporary Authorizations enabled outdoor dining to occur without requiring the City's traditional outdoor dining permits (i.e. Bureau of Engineering's sidewalk dining revocable permit or Department of Building and Safety Temporary Special Event Permit). The L.A. Al Fresco Program is free, expedited, and the average time to apply is approximately 20 minutes. Approximately 2,803 Temporary Authorizations have been issued as of March 2023. According to the Office of Finance list of registered active businesses, there are 10,320 total restaurants in the City of Los Angeles. Businesses that have a valid L.A. Al Fresco Temporary Authorization (2,803), constitute 27.2% of all restaurants in the City of Los Angeles. Due to the City's successful implementation of a temporary program under the local emergency order, the City proposes to adopt a permanent version of the program, including any necessary amendments to the City's Municipal Code. On March 22, 2022, the City Council directed the Department of City Planning (DCP) in coordination with the Los Angeles Department of Building and Safety (LADBS), Los Angeles Fire Department (LAFD), and City Attorney, to prepare and present a Citywide Ordinance creating a permanent Al Fresco program and generally streamlining outdoor dining provisions throughout the Zoning Code. As a result, the Project involves a proposed Ordinance to clarify and streamline Zoning Code regulations regarding outdoor dining on private property citywide. The Project includes components such as a definition of outdoor dining area, operational standards, parking relief for outdoor dining areas, and streamlined alcohol authorizations for existing or new outdoor dining areas. Outdoor dining that complies with the applicable standards would be permitted as a by-right use in any zones where restaurants are currently permitted.

## III. ENVIRONMENTAL SETTING

As stated in the *II. Project History* section above, since 2020, the L.A. Al Fresco Program has allowed Temporary Authorizations for outdoor dining and has relaxed regulations in order to provide restaurants and other food establishments with an alternative to full indoor dining. Restaurant operators interested in the program have been able to apply online for self-certified Temporary Authorizations rather than the traditional outdoor dining permits (i.e. Bureau of Engineering's sidewalk dining Revocable Permit or Department of Building and Safety's Temporary Special Event Permit) required by the City. The temporary L.A. Al Fresco program charges no fees for applicants, the applications take approximately 20 minutes to complete online, and the program is available Citywide. The intent of the proposed Project is to allow for the continuation of



such authority for restaurants wishing to operate their outdoor dining areas on private property Citywide, so that current participants can transition their Temporary Authorizations into permanent approvals and future eligible participants have access to a streamlined application process.

### **Existing Regulatory Setting**

The existing temporary Al Fresco program provides streamlined approval for outdoor dining in the following areas:

- Private Property (Parking Lots, Patios, Courtyards, Walkways, Plazas)
- Sidewalks
- On-Street (Curbside Parking Spaces)
- On-Street (Parking Lane Closures)

The temporary L.A. Al Fresco program is open to all establishments that adhere to State and local public health guidelines and meet the following minimum qualification thresholds:

- Establishment must be licensed in the City of Los Angeles and have a Business Tax Registration Certificate;
- For establishments with existing alcohol permits, alcoholic beverages may only be served with the approval from the Department of City Planning and the California Department of Alcohol and Beverage Control (ABC) (applicants must obtain COVID-19 Temporary Catering Authorization from the ABC);
- Establishment must have a \$300,000 minimum Liability Insurance policy; and
- Business Owner must agree to defend, indemnify and hold the City of Los Angeles harmless for any loss or liability, including but not limited to, damage or injury related to the encroachments of this temporary authorization.

In addition, the existing temporary Al Fresco program requires that any operator that applies for a Temporary Authorization must self-certify that they will comply with the following minimum operating conditions:

- Operation must match the character and mode of the existing establishment in regards to alcohol service.
- All shade structures or canopies shall only be overhead, without any vertical sides, and shall not exceed 400 square feet in size. Shade structures or canopies larger than 400 square feet shall require permits from the Los Angeles Fire and Building and Safety Departments. Full enclosures are prohibited. Exception: The aggregate area of multiple canopies placed side by side with a fire break clearance of 12 feet between each canopy may exceed 400 square feet total without requiring permits.
- All alcohol that is served shall be delivered to tables by employees.
- All patrons shall be seated.
- All alcohol service shall continue to require Department of City Planning approval. No fixed or portable bar service areas shall be placed in the temporary outdoor dining areas.
- Prohibit music, television monitors, screens and speakers in temporary outdoor dining areas.
- Prohibit live entertainment, dancing, pool tables, billiard tables, and adult entertainment uses pursuant to LAMC Section 12.70 in all temporary outdoor dining areas.
- A City-issued identification shall be posted in the temporary outdoor dining area and made clearly visible to the public, indicating that the area is subject to the requirements and restrictions of the L.A. Al Fresco Program. This shall include a telephone number and an email address for complaints or concerns regarding the operation of the temporary outdoor dining area.
- Fire apparatus access roads must remain unobstructed.
- Tables shall be arranged so that the seating edges of adjacent tables are not less than 54 inches apart. Rectangular tables arranged to accommodate seating on one side only shall have not less than 36 inches between adjacent table edges.
- Aisles between tables and chairs must be 44-inch minimum width.
- This approval constitutes a temporary use authorization for outdoor dining areas for the duration of the Mayoral order, subject to additional extensions of Mayoral order.
- LADBS and LAFD (Public Assemblage Unit) shall have the authority to inspect and enforce conditions

and may revoke any temporary use authorization for non-compliance with subject operating conditions.

- All temporary outdoor dining areas shall operate no later than 10:30 p.m. if adjacent to residentially zoned properties or residential uses.
- Prohibit private events and cover charges in temporary outdoor dining areas.
- Require nightly cleaning of premise, outdoor seating areas, and adjoining sidewalk areas free of debris and litter.
- Exits from proposed outdoor dining areas must be provided with direct, unobstructed access to the public right-of-way.
- Immediate access to the Fire Department connections shall be maintained without obstructions.
- A minimum of 5% of outdoor seating spaces must be accessible.
- A clear space of 36-inch minimum must be provided behind accessible seating spaces.
- At the expiration of this order, all temporary uses granted under this emergency order shall be subject to standard building and zoning codes and procedures.

### **Existing Physical Conditions**

Under the current temporary Al Fresco program, the issuance of Temporary Authorizations are overseen by the LADOT and contain a number of minimum operating conditions (outlined above) that are self-certified by the restaurant operator. Further, restaurant operators wishing to participate in the program are still able to apply for new Temporary Authorizations as of the time of this analysis, and those establishments that already have a Temporary Authorization may continue to operate their outdoor dining areas until August 1, 2023, subject to additional extensions.

Applicants who provided outdoor dining on private property and/or the public right-of-way were given separate authorizations for each type of outdoor dining. Currently, there are 10,320 total restaurants in the City of Los Angeles. Businesses that have a valid L.A. Al Fresco Temporary Authorization (2,803) constitute 27.2% of all restaurants in the City of Los Angeles. Out of the 2,803 Temporary Authorizations issued as of March 2023, approximately 2,148 (76.6%) were issued for outdoor dining involving private property and 655 (23.4%) authorizations were issued for the public right-of-way. As stated in the **Site Design** subsection of the **I. Project Description (Continued)** section above, according to those who responded to the Temporary Authorization application questions in ClearForms, the average size of an outdoor dining area is 1,036 square feet, with a median of 500 square feet, and the average number of seats is 34 seats, with a median of 24 seats.

According to the data acquired by the DCP's Geographic Information Systems Unit, there is at least one Temporary Authorization in each of the 35 Community Plans areas that make up the General Plan's Land Use Element of the City of Los Angeles and at least one Temporary Authorization within the Los Angeles International Airport (LAX) Specific Plan and the Port of Los Angeles' Dual Coastal Plan Zone, which guide land use consideration at two of the City's proprietary agencies, namely the airport and port. The five Community Plan areas with the most Temporary Authorizations involving outdoor dining on private property are listed in descending order as follows: 416 (19.4%) are in the Wilshire Community Plan area, 212 (9.9%) are in the Hollywood Community Plan area, 139 (6.5%) are in the Sherman Oaks-Studio City-Toluca Lake Community Plan area, 119 (5.5%) are in the Northeast Los Angeles Community Plan area, and 119 (5.5%) are in the Central City Community Plan area.

### **Related Project**

LADOT has led concurrent efforts related to regulations to permit in-street and curbside dining, as well as the Bureau of Engineering (BOE) to permit expanded sidewalk dining. As such, outdoor dining on the public right-of-way was addressed separately in Ordinance No. 187,722 (CF 20-1074), which was adopted by the City Council on December 6, 2022 and became effective on January 19, 2023. Ordinance No. 187,722 is relative to amending the LAMC to use the Special Engineering Fee for certain Revocable Permit applications, and a Los Angeles Department of Transportation Application Review Fee for Revocable Permit applications for roadway dining areas.

As stated in the **I. Project Description (Continued)** section above, the proposed Project is an Ordinance that makes changes to the Zoning Code's limitations on outdoor dining on private property to facilitate outdoor

dining on a permanent basis. This includes: removing Zoning Code limits on the size and location of where outdoor dining is allowed; allowing for parking spaces to be removed and replaced with outdoor dining area while also not triggering additional parking requirements; relieving certain specific plan requirements to ensure that existing and future restaurants could elect to continue and participate in outdoor dining throughout the City; and establishing new alcohol authorization processes for eligible establishments to serve alcohol in outdoor dining areas.

#### **IV. ENVIRONMENTAL ANALYSIS**

##### **Class 3**

To qualify for a Class 3 Categorical Exemption pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15303, a project must consist of construction and location of limited numbers of new, small facilities or structures; installation of small new equipment and facilities in small structures; and the conversion of existing small structures from one use to another where only minor modifications are made in the exterior of the structure. Examples include but are not limited to, in urbanized areas, up to four commercial buildings not exceeding 10,000 square feet in floor area on sites zoned for such use, if not involving the use of significant amounts of hazardous substances where all necessary public services and facilities are available and the surrounding area is not environmentally sensitive.

Under the proposed Project, the existing and future use of a property as a restaurant with a Temporary Authorization for outdoor dining will not be changed but restaurants will be able to obtain necessary permits for outdoor dining areas via a by-right approval process as long as the restaurants comply with the outdoor dining area standards established by the Ordinance and any applicable health and safety guidelines. Operators that have not yet expanded their food and beverage establishments with outdoor dining facilities on private property will be able to do so through by-right approvals, and operators seeking to serve alcohol in newly expanded outdoor dining areas will be able to do so through a streamlined administrative clearance process. In those instances where restaurants do not have any designated outdoor space for dining, new configurations and structures will have to be considered and either constructed, installed, or converted.

The temporary L.A. Al Fresco program currently charges no fees for applicants, the self-certified applications take approximately 20 minutes to complete online, and the program is available Citywide. Under that existing regulatory setting, restaurants with Temporary Authorizations have used an average of 1,036 square feet and a median of 500 square feet for their outdoor dining areas involving private property, and it is reasonable to assume that outdoor dining areas authorized by the proposed Project would be of similar size, well below 10,000 square feet of floor area. Additionally, any new outdoor dining areas that involve the construction, alteration, or repair work of a restaurant would be subject to the LADBS Plan Check and Permit Compliance process, which could trigger an additional discretionary approval from the DCP inclusive of its own environmental analysis if applicable. Restaurants do not typically use hazardous substances beyond small amounts of chemicals used for cleaning purposes typical to commercial uses. Furthermore, the outdoor dining areas would be accessory uses to approved restaurants, which would be on developed commercial properties and require public services and facilities for the operation of the restaurant. Therefore, the outdoor dining areas would be small structures or facilities meeting the requirements of a Class 3 exemption.

##### **Class 11**

To qualify for a Class 11 Categorical Exemption pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15311, the project must consist of the construction or replacement of minor structures accessory to (appurtenant to) existing commercial, industrial, or institutional facilities. The existing structures in place for outdoor dining have been temporarily approved under the L.A. Al Fresco Temporary Authorizations and could be replaced under this program. New outdoor dining areas would all be required to be accessory uses to restaurants approved under standard zoning regulations and the LADBS Plan Check and Permit Compliance process, and any new outdoor dining structures would be required to not be enclosed, and be further restricted to dining uses. The proposed Project, then, would authorize the construction or replacement of minor structures accessory to existing commercial facilities, and a Class 11 Categorical Exemption would apply.

## Exceptions

Furthermore, since the proposed Project falls within the Class 3 and 11 Categorical Exemptions criteria, the Exceptions outlined in the State CEQA Guidelines Section 15300.2 are analyzed below and do not apply to the project:

- a) **Location.** CEQA Guideline Section 15300.2(a) states that classes 3, 4, 5, 6, and 11 are qualified by consideration of where the project is to be located - a project that is ordinarily insignificant in its impact on the environment may in a particularly sensitive environment be significant. Therefore, these classes are considered to apply in all instances, except where the project may impact on an environmental resource of hazardous or critical concern where designated, precisely mapped, and officially adopted pursuant to law by federal, state, or local agencies.

The proposed Project does not fall under this exception as it would only consist of the construction, installation, or conversion of small new structures from one use to another where only minor modifications are made in the exterior of the structure. As stated in the ***I. Project Description (Continued)*** section above, the Project involves a code amendment to allow restaurants the ability to expand their already by-right or approved use by allowing food and beverage service to be provided outdoors on their private property. The outdoor dining areas would be established only as accessory uses to restaurants. These restaurants would be subject to standard zoning and permitting processes, including maximum occupancy requirements, and are generally located on developed, urbanized sites, which are not considered environmentally sensitive sites. Future restaurants are unlikely to be located on environmentally sensitive sites, as restaurants are by their nature located in accessible, urbanized areas that are zoned for such a use; any future restaurants that require additional discretionary entitlements would be required to review any potential environmental impacts through a separate environmental review process.

Furthermore, the proposed Project prohibits the removal of protected trees or shrubs for the establishment of outdoor dining areas, preventing environmental impacts in this regard. Further, regulatory compliance with Ordinance 186,873 (commonly referred to as the Protected Tree and Shrub Ordinance that applies Citywide) prohibits the removal of protected trees or shrubs without review and approval by the Board of Public Works, Advisory Agency, or other designated decision maker as applicable, inclusive of its own environmental analysis. Therefore, this exception does not apply.

- b) **Cumulative Impact.** CEQA Guideline Section 15300.2(b) states that all exemptions for these classes are inapplicable when the cumulative impact of successive projects of the same type in the same place, over time is significant. The proposed small expansions, additions, and/or tenant improvements will not exceed thresholds identified for new impacts to the area (i.e. traffic, air quality, water quality, noise, etc.) and will not result in new significant cumulative impacts for restaurants currently using Temporary Authorizations as the by-right and/or approved uses for outdoor dining have been operating through the emergency order and continue to exist. The proposed Project will serve as a means for such operations to continue under the amended regulations of the Zoning Code.

The proposed Project provides a pathway for existing restaurants that do not have outdoor dining on their private property to apply for outdoor dining building permits and request an alcohol approval through a ministerial process. It is reasonable to assume that the proposed project could lead to more restaurants opening outdoor dining areas. However, the Project's eligibility criteria and operating standards (see ***I. Project Description (Continued)*** section above) are designed to filter out inappropriate operators and minimize significant environmental impacts, such as noise, by prohibiting dancing, live entertainment, and adult entertainment at all times in outdoor dining areas and by restricting hours of operation to ensure outdoor dining closes at 10:30 p.m. if adjacent or across an alley to a residential use. Music, speakers, television monitors or screens are prohibited in outdoor eating areas. Moreover, outdoor dining establishments would be required to follow the LAMC Noise Ordinance, keeping noise to within legal limits.

In addition to these standards, the Project proposes the following applicable standards when alcohol service is provided in an Outdoor Dining Area on private property and the public right-of-way:

- All alcohol that is served shall be delivered and served at tables by employees.
- All patrons shall be seated.
- No fixed or portable bar service areas are permitted in Outdoor Dining Areas.

These standards, which currently exist in Temporary Authorizations and which are standard conditions of approval for CUPs when restaurants are applying for a permit to serve alcohol, ensure that potential noise impacts to neighboring properties will be avoided. Security and monitoring guidelines further attempt to minimize impacts by mandating restaurants to take proactive measures to clean litter and debris, as well as require restaurants to post a City-issued identification on their outdoor dining area that includes instructions on how patrons or community members can submit complaints or concerns regarding the operation of the outdoor dining area.

Furthermore, the outdoor dining areas would only be available as an accessory use to restaurants. These restaurants either already exist or would be required to go through the full permitting process. As such, new outdoor dining areas would be established on land already used for urban, commercial uses. The proposed Project would also prohibit the removal of protected trees or shrubs for outdoor dining areas, preventing impacts in that regard. Moreover, regulatory compliance with Ordinance 186,873 (commonly referred to as the Protected Tree and Shrub Ordinance that applies Citywide) prohibits the removal of protected trees or shrubs without review and approval by the Board of Public Works, Advisory Agency, or other designated decision maker as applicable, inclusive of its own environmental analysis. Therefore, impacts in that regard would be prevented.

For a full summary of the outdoor dining area standards, please see the ***I. Project Description (Continued)*** section above. In short, the outdoor dining area standards remove certain Zoning Code restrictions on outdoor dining on private property while taking into consideration impacts of outdoor dining on neighbors and neighborhoods. As such, the Project will not result in any significant impacts and, therefore, will not make a cumulatively considerable contribution to any significant impacts that are not already accounted for by the General Plan and future environmental clearances.

- c) **Significant Effect.** CEQA Guideline Section 15300.2(c) states that a categorical exemption shall not be used for an activity where there is a reasonable possibility that the activity will have a significant effect on the environment due to unusual circumstances. The proposed Project is an Ordinance to clarify and streamline Zoning Code regulations regarding outdoor dining on private property. This means that the proposed Project would only address provisions that regulate the eligibility criteria and operational standards of the outdoor dining areas on private property, with the exception of including a provision regarding alcohol service proposed in the public right-of-way. As previously explained, this provision is limited to including operational standards that are enforced by LADBS and allows for those operating an outdoor dining area in the public right-of-way to be eligible for alcohol authorizations as proposed by this Project so long as the applicants meet the operational standards. For restaurants using Temporary Authorizations, this provision essentially allows for the continuation of an existing use.

New outdoor dining areas would only be available as accessory uses to restaurants, and would be subject to standard zoning restrictions and permitting processes. Restaurants eligible for the AI Fresco program thus consist of commercial uses and operations that are compatible with the surrounding urban development and consistent with the underlying zone. Whether with or without new structures, the work involved to establish outdoor dining areas is typical of restaurants wishing to add or expand their outdoor dining even prior to the temporary AI Fresco program. Additionally, restaurant uses would have to comply with the applicable permanent standards for outdoor dining proposed in the Ordinance.

Any restaurant seeking to serve alcohol would still need to obtain an alcohol approval from the Department of City Planning and alcohol license from the California Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control. Restaurants that are already built and that wish to have new outdoor dining on private property would be permitted as a by-right accessory use in any zone where restaurants are currently permitted

and would be subject to regulatory conditions. Projects that involve the construction, alteration, or repair work of a restaurant will be subject to the LADBS Plan Check and Permit Compliance process which could trigger an additional discretionary approval from the DCP inclusive of its own environmental analysis. Furthermore, there is a limited amount of land allotted for restaurant use in the City. It would be speculative to anticipate that a program like the proposed Project would introduce an unusual number of new restaurants in addition to the thousands already established in the City. As such, no unusual circumstances or potential for significant impacts are present or foreseeable.

- d) **Scenic Highways.** CEQA Guideline Section 15300.2(d) states that a categorical exemption shall not be used for a project which may result in damage to scenic resources, including but not limited to, trees, historic buildings, rock outcroppings, or similar resources, within a highway officially designated as a state scenic highway. The only officially designated state scenic highway located within the City of Los Angeles is a short portion of Topanga Canyon Boulevard, State Route 27, located within Topanga State Park. All of the land within City boundaries near this state scenic highway is public parkland, with no private development. The nearest private land within City boundaries to this state scenic highway is 0.8 mile away, and the nearest commercially zoned property within City boundaries is 1.3 miles away. Furthermore, mountain ridges separate the state scenic highway from this private land; the private land is not visible from the highway. As such, the Project would not result in any development having an effect on or near a designated state scenic highway and this exception would not apply.
- e) **Hazardous Waste Sites.** CEQA Guideline Section 15300.2(e) states that a categorical exemption shall not be used for a project located on a site which is included on any list compiled pursuant to Section 65962.5 of the Government Code, also known as the Cortese List. The new outdoor dining provisions for private property as intended by the proposed Ordinance would not be applicable on any property found on any list compiled pursuant to Section 65962.5 of the Government Code. Therefore, this exception would not apply.
- f) **Historical Resources.** CEQA Guideline Section 15300.2(f) states that a categorical exemption shall not be used for a project which may cause a substantial adverse change in the significance of a historical resource. State CEQA Guidelines Section 15064.5 defines a historical resources as: 1) a resource listed in or determined to be eligible by the State Historical Resources Commission for listing in the California Register of Historical Resources; 2) a resource listed in a local register of historical resources or identifies as significant in a historical resource survey meeting certain state guidelines; or 3) an object, building, structure, site, area, place, record or manuscript which a lead agency determines to be significant in the architectural, engineering, scientific, economic, agricultural, educational, social, political, military, or cultural annals of California, provided that the lead agency's determination is supported by substantial evidence in light of the whole record. A project-related significant adverse effect would occur if a project were to adversely affect a historical resource meeting one of the above definitions. The new outdoor dining provisions for private property as intended by the proposed Ordinance would be subject to historic preservation review to ensure historic compatibility on any property listed in the National Register of Historic Places, in the California Register of Historic Resources, as a local City Historic-Cultural Monument, within a Historic Preservation Overlay Zone, or as a resource by SurveyLA. Furthermore, any future restaurants that require additional discretionary entitlements would be required to review any potential environmental impacts through a separate environmental review process as required by the California Environmental Quality Act, as well as the City's HPOZ Ordinance (Los Angeles Municipal Code Section 12.20.3) and Cultural Heritage Ordinance (Los Angeles Administrative Code Section 22.171, et seq.). As such, it is unlikely that any outdoor dining area authorized by the proposed Project would cause a substantial adverse change in the significance of a historical resource. Therefore, this exception would not apply.

The proposed Project has been crafted to not apply in areas of the City that would be subject to several of the various categorical exemption exceptions, and would not otherwise result in a cumulative impact or significant effect. Therefore, none of the possible exceptions to categorical exemptions, found in CEQA Guidelines Section 15300.2, apply to this Project, and as such, the Project qualifies for a Class 3 and 11 Categorical Exemption.

**STATUTORY EXEMPTION**

Chapter 2.6, Section 21080.25 of the State's Public Resources Code provides a statutory exemption from CEQA for a "project carried out by a City or County to reduce minimum parking requirements." A central component of this Project pertains to eliminating automobile parking requirements and provisions. The Project provides regulatory relief from automobile parking requirements needed for the placement of outdoor dining structures on private property that are ancillary to a restaurant's by-right use. The relief provided exempts existing and/or new outdoor dining areas from parking requirements and further allows for restaurants to convert existing required automobile parking spaces to outdoor dining areas without needing to replace those spaces. This provision is permanent for eligible businesses and in some instances will result in an overall reduction of required parking below current LAMC parking requirements for the life of that use and/or structure. The utilization of a restaurant's parking spaces on private property would allow for the creation or modification of outdoor dining areas and would reduce minimum parking requirements. As such, the Project qualifies for the statutory exemption pursuant to Section 21080.25 of the State's Public Resources Code.

## **EXHIBIT F**

### **Other Jurisdictions - Outdoor Dining**



## **ADDITIONAL RESEARCH - OTHER JURISDICTIONS**

### **Transition to Permanent Outdoor Dining in Other Jurisdictions**

Cities and counties throughout California are currently making the transition from temporary to permanent outdoor dining programs. The COVID-19 emergency ended for the State of California on February 28, 2023 and the local state of emergency in Los Angeles was ended on February 1, 2023. Some cities and counties have already adopted their permanent outdoor dining programs, some are preparing a permanent program, and others have decided not to adopt a permanent outdoor dining program for private property. The following section summarizes how various cities and counties in California are moving forward with the transition from temporary to permanent outdoor dining and the stage of their transition.

#### **San Francisco, CA**

San Francisco's temporary outdoor dining program was called Shared Spaces. This temporary program applied to outdoor dining in the public right-of-way and on private property. As of April 1, 2023 Shared Spaces permits for private property will no longer be valid and operators will need additional approvals for continued use of these outdoor sites. The permanent Shared Spaces program includes outdoor dining in the public right-of-way, but not private property. Instead of applying for a permanent Shared Space, operators with outdoor dining sites on private property are directed to establish the outdoor use permanently by adding an Outdoor Activity Area use.

Depending on the site's location, the Outdoor Activity Area use can be added with a building permit. Outdoor dining sites on private property in a Neighborhood Commercial District or Neighborhood Commercial Transit District may establish the outdoor dining use with a building permit if the outdoor dining is located on the ground level, operates between 9 AM and 10 PM, is not associated with a Bar use, if the Outdoor Activity Use is associated with a restaurant, it must include only seated areas for patrons, no standing areas, and alcohol is dispensed only inside the premises or through wait staff services. If a restaurant's Outdoor Activity Use does not comply with these standards a Conditional Use Authorization is required.

#### **San Diego, CA**

San Diego's permanent outdoor dining program is called Spaces as Places, and replaces the temporary program which expired in July 2022. Spaces as Places allows permanent outdoor dining on private property to replace existing privately owned off-street parking within transit priority areas or excess existing privately owned off-street parking outside of transit priority areas. The San Diego program allows awnings or umbrellas in an outdoor dining area but not as a permanent roof or shelter over the dining area. The outdoor dining area must be delineated from the public

right-of-way by a barrier consisting of railings, fences, or some combination, and planter boxes that are not more than three feet in height, a clear shatterproof glass or similar material may be used on top of the barrier not to exceed five feet.

The San Diego program limits food and alcohol service in an outdoor dining area that is within 150 feet of an adjacent residential use to 7 AM-9 PM, Sunday through Thursday, and 7 AM-10 PM Friday through Saturday. The hours of operation are limited to the hours that the kitchen facilities of the associated restaurant are open for service. Live Entertainment requires a noise study and a Conditional Use Permit.

Annual permit fees range from \$10 to \$30 a square foot, depending on where the restaurant is located. San Diego uses a climate equity index that relies on environmental and socioeconomic factors for determining what an operator will pay. Financial assistance to restaurants in underserved communities is also available.

### **Santa Monica, CA**

In October 2022 Santa Monica started limiting the number of curbside parking spaces used for outdoor dining to two spaces per restaurant operator and started requiring restaurants that were using these “parklets” to pay for permitting and inspection. Restaurants which added seats during the temporary program had to pay a one-time fee per seat added and pay a monthly rental fee for the use of curbside parking spaces. No new permanent regulations were established for outdoor dining on private property. Santa Monica’s existing regulations for outdoor dining on private property, which were adopted in 2015 and amended in 2017, allow only moveable tables, chairs and umbrellas in an outdoor dining area and the hours of operation are limited to the hours of operation of the associated restaurant. Where an outdoor dining area is less than 200 sq. ft. additional parking spaces are not required.

### **Anaheim, CA**

In February 2022 Anaheim adopted a permanent outdoor dining program. These new standards do not allow outdoor dining to encroach into any public right-of-way or any required setback, yard, landscaping or parking area, with the exception that restaurants located within a Large Commercial Shopping Center may convert up to three parking spaces to outdoor dining. Furnishing must not exceed a maximum of seven tables and fifteen chairs. The outdoor dining area must be enclosed by permanent improvements at least 3 feet high and/or decorative barriers, which physically define and/or separate the outdoor dining area from other open or public areas. Outdoor dining areas over 1,000 sq.ft are included in gross floor area to determine parking requirements. A Conditional Use Permit is required for outdoor entertainment.

**Burbank, CA**

In December 2022 the Burbank City Council voted to extend Burbank's two outdoor dining programs, the Downtown Program, which allows outdoor dining in the public right-of-way, and the Citywide Private Parking Lot Dining Program, through December 31, 2023. The Citywide Program allows restaurants to use private parking lots to accommodate expanded outdoor dining, temporarily suspending parking requirements. The extension of the Citywide Program will allow Burbank an opportunity to conduct a study on the conversion of private parking lots to outdoor dining areas for consideration of a more permanent program.

**Beverly Hills, CA**

Beverly Hills' temporary outdoor dining program is called OpenBH. In February 2023 the City Council approved an ordinance that gives the City Manager authority over OpenBH permits while the two OpenBH City Council subcommittees finalize recommendations for a permanent outdoor dining program. The ordinance also authorizes the City Manager to reduce the number of curbside pick-up spaces if it is being misused, is no longer necessary to accommodate a business' needs, substantially impacts traffic or if the demand for parking outweighs the demand for pick-up spaces.

**Los Angeles County**

The County's temporary outdoor dining program expires March 31, 2023. An interim process has been established which will extend until January 1, 2024, while the County works on preparing a permanent outdoor dining program. In the temporary program, restaurants were allowed to displace required parking. For the permanent program, the County is considering limiting that parking displacement to restaurants located in Transit Oriented Districts or High Transit Corridors. County staff are conducting listening sessions to gather public feedback and will hold a hearing regarding proposed recommendations for a permanent program before the Regional Planning Commission in July 2023.

## **EXHIBIT G**

### **Geographic Distribution of Al Fresco Outdoor Dining on Private Property (2023)**

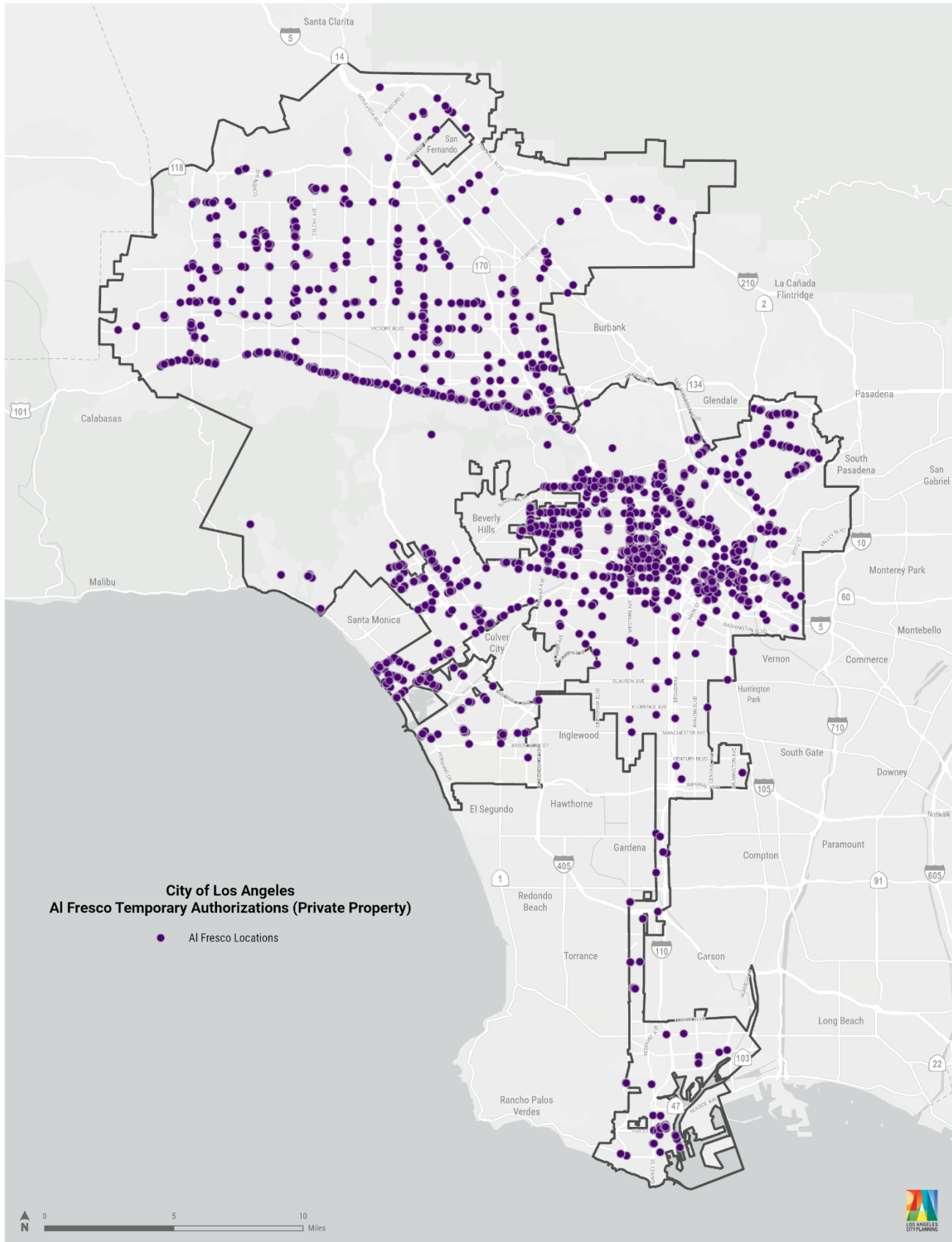
**TABLE 1: GEOGRAPHIC DISTRIBUTION OF L.A. AL FRESCO OUTDOOR DINING INVOLVING PRIVATE PROPERTY BY COMMUNITY PLAN AREA<sup>1</sup>**

COMMUNITY PLANNING AREA	PHASE 1	PHASE 2	TOTAL	%
Wilshire	80	336	416	19.4%
Hollywood	56	156	212	9.9%
Sherman Oaks - Studio City - Toluca Lake - Cahuenga Pass	48	91	139	6.5%
Northeast Los Angeles	34	85	119	5.5%
Central City	42	77	119	5.5%
Venice	49	63	112	5.2%
West Los Angeles	27	49	76	3.5%
Silver Lake - Echo Park - Elysian Valley	29	45	74	3.4%
Canoga Park - Winnetka - Woodland Hills - West Hills	8	57	65	3.0%
North Hollywood - Valley Village	16	41	57	2.7%
Palms - Mar Vista - Del Rey	23	33	56	2.6%
Encino - Tarzana	8	48	56	2.6%
Central City North	15	37	52	2.4%
Van Nuys - North Sherman Oaks	7	45	52	2.4%
Chatsworth - Porter Ranch	4	45	49	2.3%
Westchester - Playa del Rey	14	33	47	2.2%
South Los Angeles	9	31	40	1.9%
Brentwood - Pacific Palisades	15	23	38	1.8%

<sup>1</sup> Phase 1 includes Temporary Authorizations for an Outdoor Dining Area on private property and/or sidewalk. As mentioned, it is unclear how many Authorizations are for either type due to a limitation in the data collected from Phase 1 applications. Phase 2 includes Temporary Authorizations for an Outdoor Dining Area on private property only, as well as operations on private property and the sidewalk. The percentages were calculated using the total number of 2,148 Temporary Authorizations. 12 Temporary Authorizations did not submit a business address.

Reseda - West Van Nuys	2	33	35	1.6%
Northridge	3	32	35	1.6%
San Pedro	19	15	34	1.6%
Boyle Heights	10	22	32	1.5%
Westwood	6	20	26	1.2%
Mission Hills - Panorama City - North Hills	3	22	25	1.2%
West Adams - Baldwin Hills - Leimert	7	18	25	1.2%
Harbor Gateway	1	23	24	1.1%
Westlake	10	14	24	1.1%
Granada Hills - Knollwood	2	18	20	0.9%
Sun Valley - La Tuna Canyon	2	16	18	0.8%
Southeast Los Angeles	2	11	13	0.6%
Sylmar	1	11	12	0.6%
Arleta - Pacoima	0	10	10	0.5%
Sunland - Tujunga - Lake View Terrace - Shadow Hills - East La Tuna Canyon	1	9	10	0.5%
Wilmington - Harbor City	0	7	7	0.3%
Port of Los Angeles	3	1	4	0.2%
Los Angeles International Airport	1	1	2	0.1%
Bel Air - Beverly Crest	0	1	1	0.0%
<b>Total</b>	<b>557</b>	<b>1,579</b>	<b>2,136</b>	<b>99.4%</b>

# MAP 1: GEOGRAPHIC DISTRIBUTION OF L.A. AL FRESCO OUTDOOR DINING INVOLVING PRIVATE PROPERTY ACROSS THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES



## **EXHIBIT H**

### **Sample L.A. Al Fresco Temporary Use Authorization**





# Temporary Use Authority for Outdoor Dining on:

☐ Sidewalks ☐ Private Property



DATE ISSUED: \_\_\_\_\_

A copy of this certificate must be displayed on site, adjacent to the temporary outdoor dining area, and visible from the public right-of-way.

Valid Through: **December 31, 2022**

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Restaurant Name)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Address)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Contact Name and Phone Number)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Signature) \_\_\_\_\_  
(Application Number)

## Key Conditions of Authorization:

- A continuous 5-foot pedestrian access route is provided, generally utilizing the most passable portion of the sidewalk.
- The outdoor dining area shall comply with requirements and guidelines from the City of Los Angeles, Los Angeles County Public Health, and all others as applicable.
- Alcoholic beverages may only be served with the approval from the Department of City Planning and the California Department of Alcohol and Beverage Control.



## Sidewalk

The applicant self-certified and agree to the following:

- Restaurant / Business Owner has a minimum \$300,000 liability insurance policy and a valid City of Los Angeles business license.
- A 5-foot wide pedestrian access route shall be maintained for pedestrian access, generally utilizing the most passable portion of the sidewalk.
- I understand that alcoholic beverages may only be served in the public right-of-way with the approval from the Department of City Planning and the California Department of Alcohol and Beverage Control.
- The sidewalk within or adjacent to the dining area shall be maintained in a clean and orderly manner at all times. All food or drink spills, and trash of any kind, must be immediately removed from the sidewalk area.
- The sidewalk dining area shall comply with requirements and guidelines from the City of Los Angeles, Los Angeles County Public Health, and all others as applicable.
- I understand this is an application for temporary authorization. This authorization may be revoked by the City at any time in its sole discretion for any reason including noncompliance, unsafe conditions, or discontinuation of the program.
- Restaurant / Business Owner / Vendor agrees to defend, indemnify and hold the City of Los Angeles harmless for any loss or liability, including but not limited to, damage or injury related to this temporary authorization.
- I have read and agree with the Sidewalk Dining Temporary Use Authority Program Rules and Guidelines available online at

<https://engpermitmanual.lacity.org/other-boe-permitsprocesses/technical-procedures/00-la-al-fresco-sidewalk-dining-program-rules-and>



## Private Property

The applicant self-certified and agree to the following:

- Operation must match the character and mode of the existing establishment in regards to alcohol service
- All shade structures or canopies shall only be overhead, without any vertical sides, and shall not exceed 400 square feet in size. Shade structures or canopies larger than 400 square feet shall require permits from the Los Angeles Fire and Building and Safety Departments. Full enclosures are prohibited. Exception: The aggregate area of multiple canopies placed side by side with a fire break clearance of 12 feet between each canopy may exceed 400 square feet total without requiring permits
- All alcohol that is served shall be delivered to tables by employees
- All patrons shall be seated
- All alcohol service shall continue to require Department of City Planning approval. No fixed or portable bar service areas shall be placed in the temporary outdoor dining areas
- All temporary outdoor dining areas shall operate no later than 10:30pm if adjacent to residentially zoned properties or residential uses
- Prohibit music, television monitors, screens and speakers in temporary outdoor dining areas
- Prohibit private events and cover charges in temporary outdoor dining areas
- Prohibit live entertainment, dancing, pool tables, billiard tables, and adult entertainment uses pursuant to LAMC 12.70 in all temporary outdoor dining areas
- Require nightly cleaning of premise, outdoor seating areas, and adjoining sidewalk areas free of debris and litter
- A City-issued identification shall be posted in the temporary outdoor dining area and made clearly visible to the public, indicating that the area is subject to the requirements and restrictions of the LA Al Fresco Program. This shall include a telephone number and an email address shall be provided for complaints or concerns regarding the operation of the temporary outdoor dining area
- Exits from proposed outdoor dining areas must be provided with direct, unobstructed access to the public right of way
- Fire apparatus access roads must remain unobstructed
- Immediate access to Fire Department connections shall be maintained without obstructions



- Tables shall be arranged so that the seating edges of adjacent tables are not less than 54 inches apart. Rectangular tables arranged to accommodate seating on one side only shall have not less than 36 inches between adjacent table edges
- A minimum of 5% of outdoor seating spaces must be accessible
- Aisles between tables and chairs must be 44-inch minimum width
- A clear space of 36-inch minimum must be provided behind accessible seating spaces
- This approval constitutes a temporary use authorization for outdoor dining areas for the duration of the Mayoral order, subject to additional extensions by Mayoral order
- At the expiration of this order, all temporary uses granted under this emergency order shall be subject to standard building and zoning codes and procedures
- LADBS and LAFD (Public Assemblage Unit) shall have the authority to inspect and enforce conditions and may revoke any temporary use authorization for non-compliance with subject operating conditions

# **EXHIBIT I**

## **Survey Results Reports - General Public and Participant**



# General Survey Results

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# Summary

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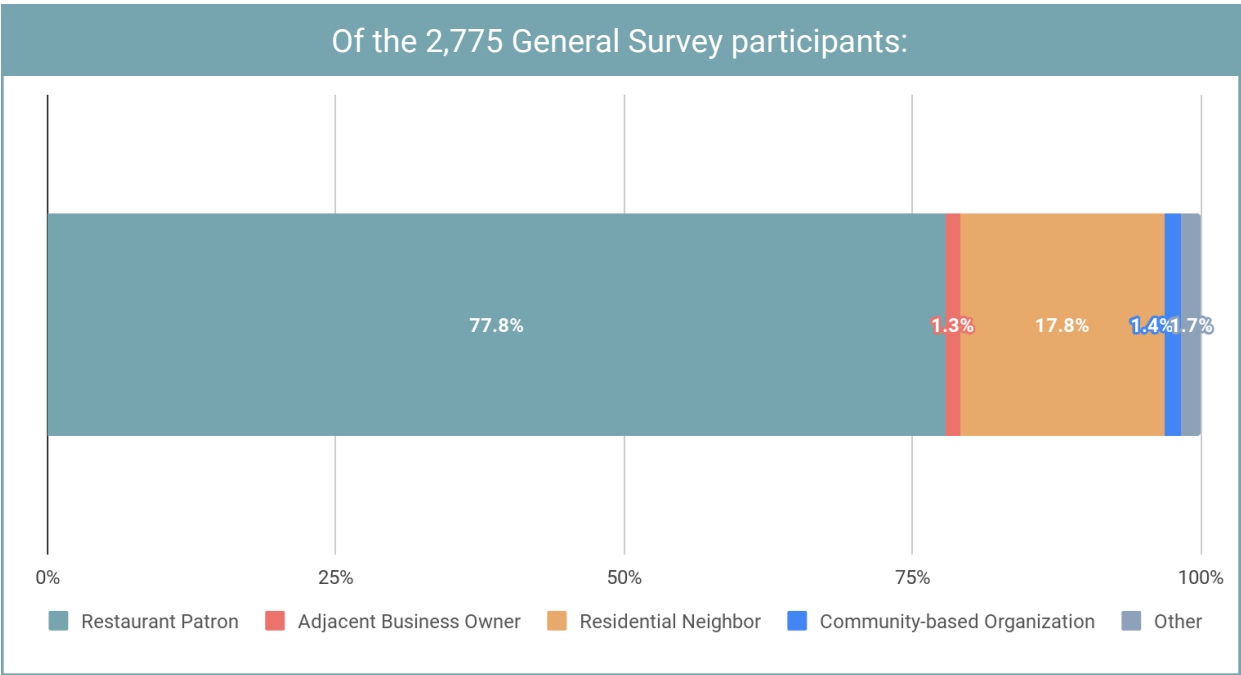
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# General Survey Results

## Respondents Impressions

Overall, a majority of General Survey respondents (96.3%) consisting of restaurant patrons, adjacent business owners and residential neighbors, and community-based organizations, reported a positive experience with the temporary Al Fresco outdoor dining program. Below is a breakdown of the Survey results regarding impacts, impressions, and considerations of the program. Please note that survey respondents were able to select more than one response in some questions. For example, many respondents have experienced more than one type of outdoor dining. Additionally, not every Survey respondent answered every question.

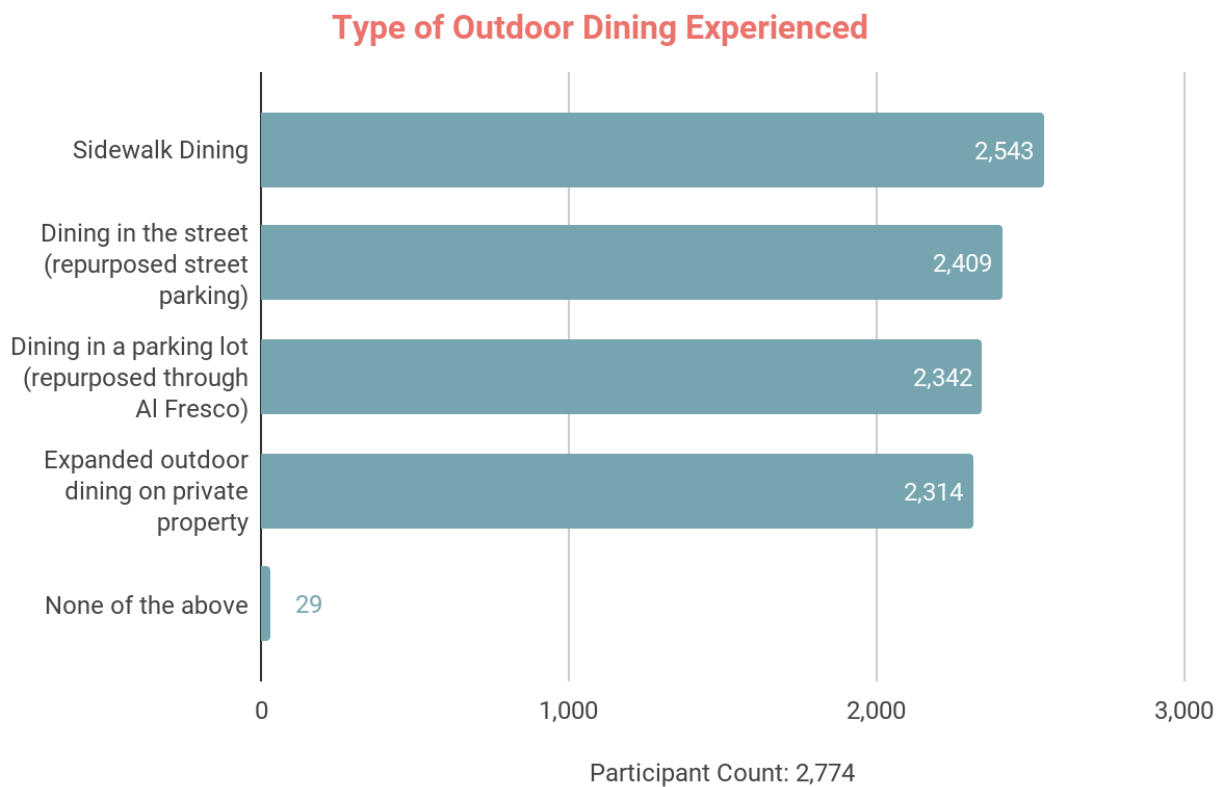


98.6%

Of survey respondents have dined at an Al Fresco restaurant.

96.3%

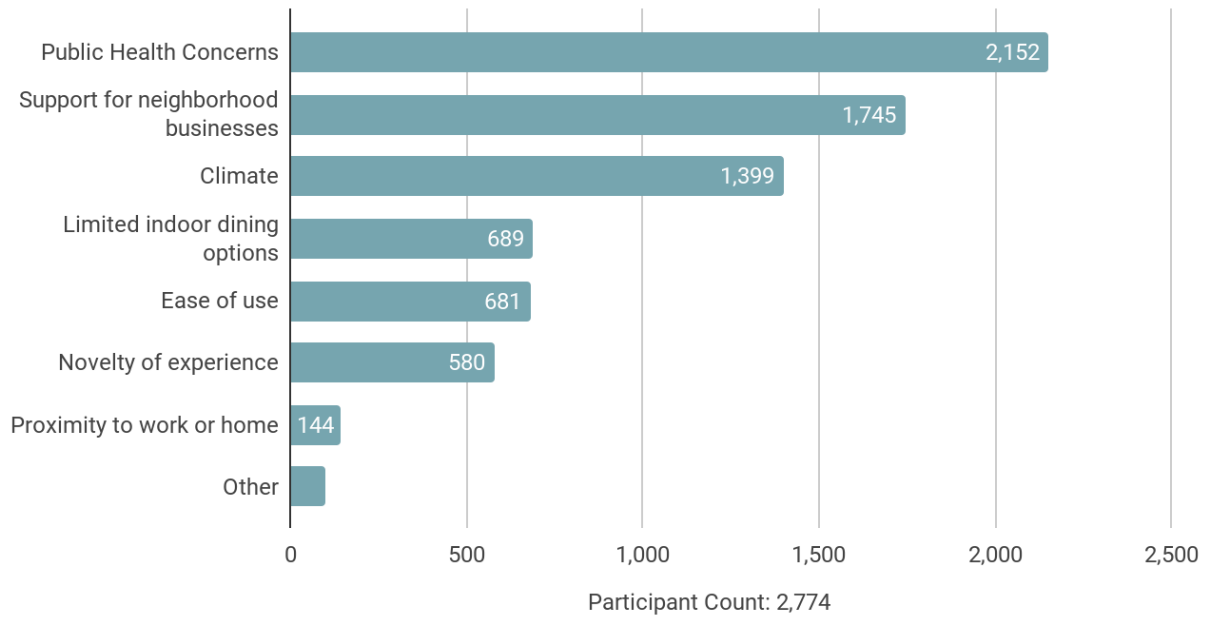
Of survey respondents have had a positive experience with Al Fresco.



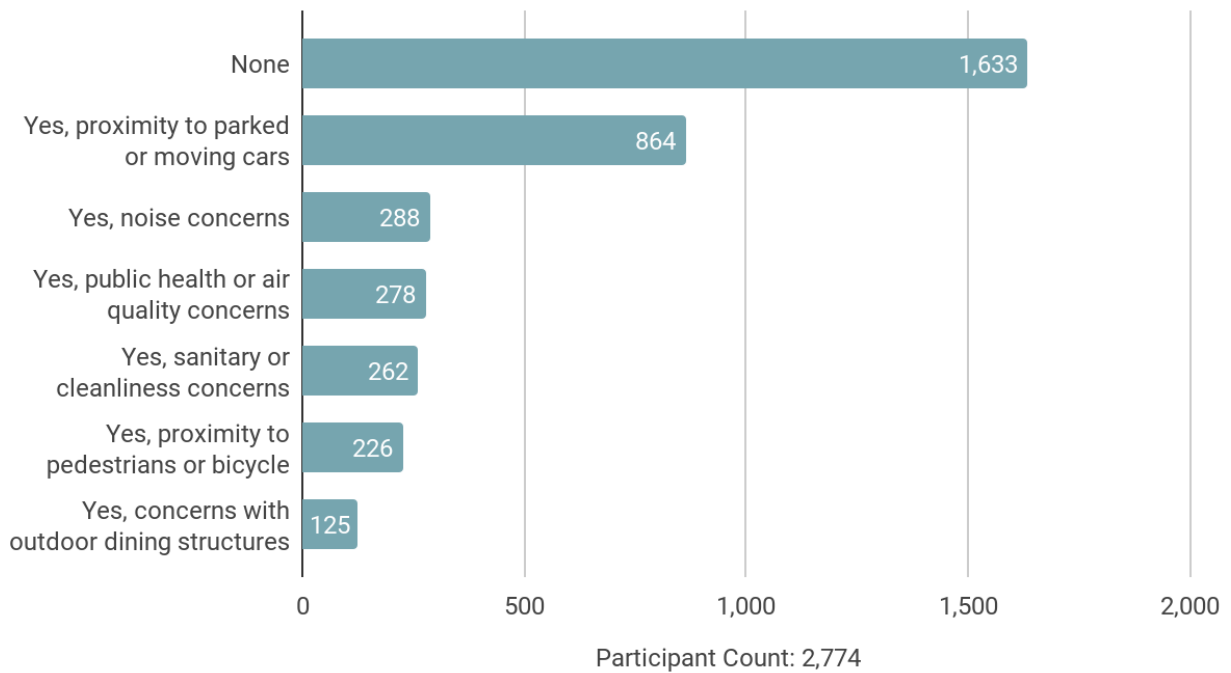
## Program Participation Considerations

General Survey respondents experienced the various types of Al Fresco outdoor dining options across Los Angeles, citing public health concerns as the top reason for choosing to dine outdoors, followed by a desire to support neighborhood businesses and agreeable weather conditions. A majority of respondents submitted no concerns with the Al Fresco outdoor dining program, however about a third expressed concern about adjacency to traffic. Weather was a factor when electing to eat outdoors for only about 21% of respondents, with an additional 45% selecting 'Sometimes' depending on colder temperatures and if outdoor covering is available. A canopy, tent or umbrella was preferred by about 11% of respondents, with an additional 58% of responses selecting that their preference to dine outdoors with or without overhead cover depended on weather conditions. 80% of respondents said that parking was not impacted when they visited participating Al Fresco restaurants. Details regarding participation considerations in the Al Fresco outdoor dining program are shared in Pages 4-6.

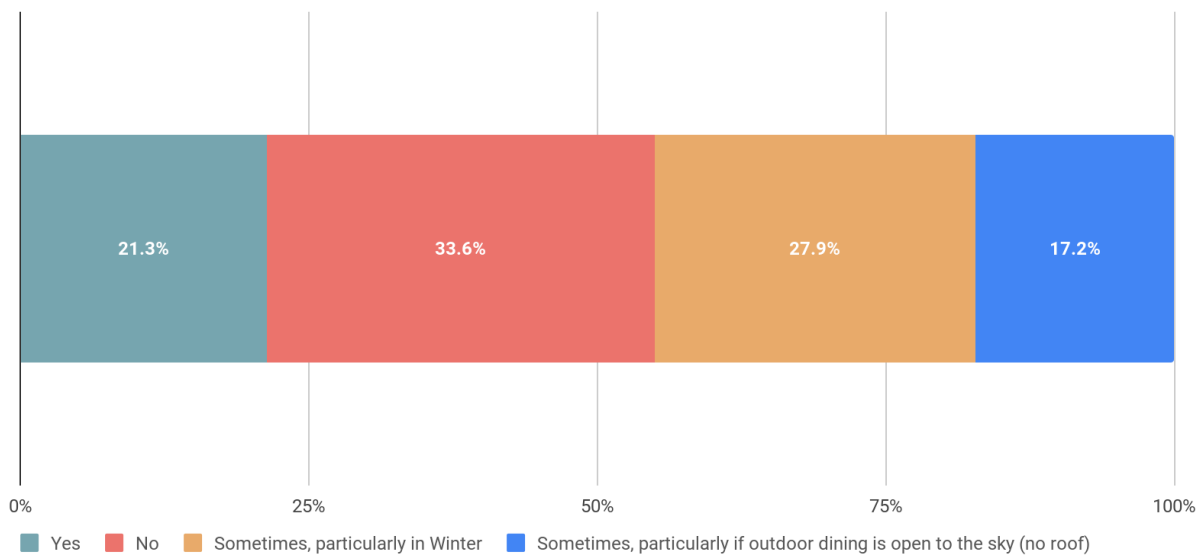
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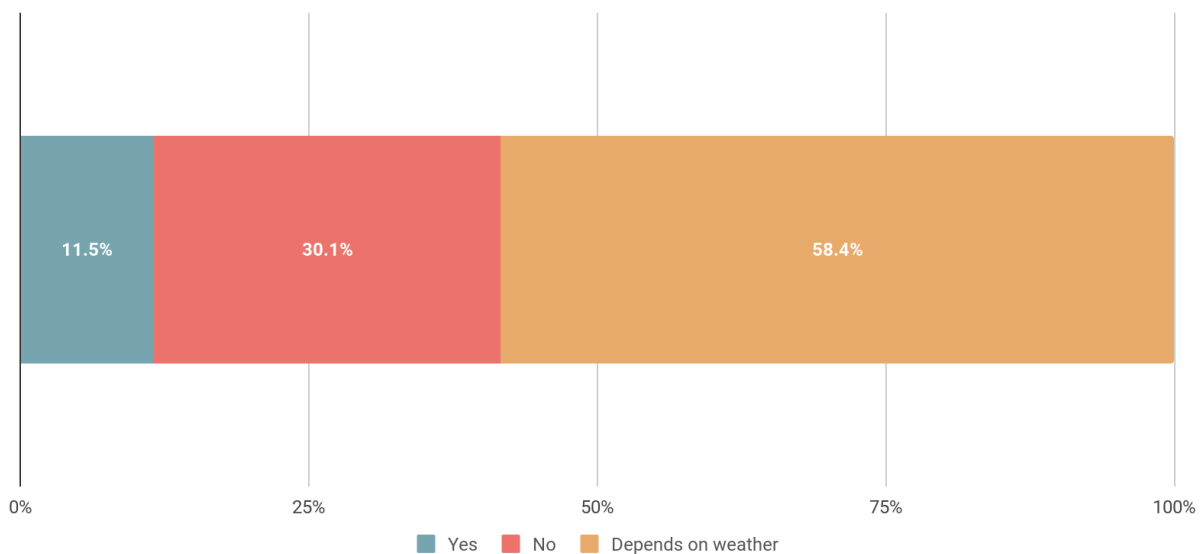
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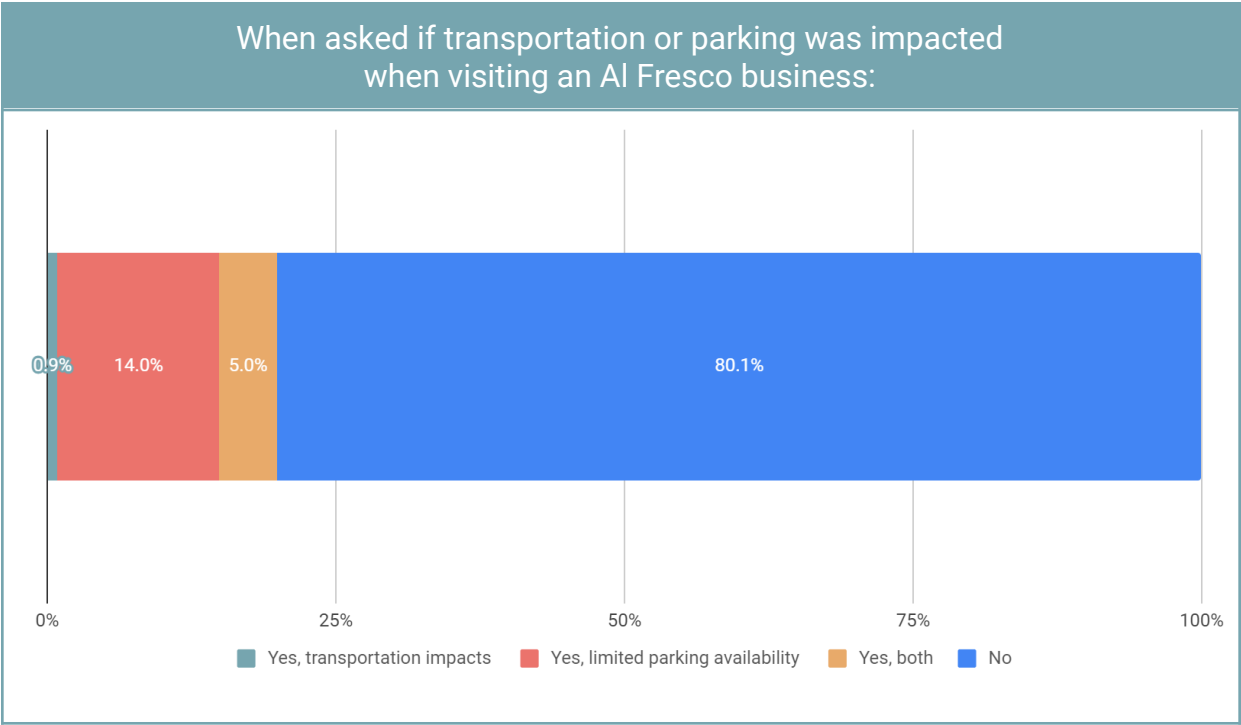


When asked if weather, climate, or season impact your decision to dine Al Fresco:



When asked if an uncovered outdoor dining area impacts your decision to dine Al Fresco:





# General Comments

The statements submitted by survey respondents parallel the trends seen in responses to the structured questions, centering around **eleven general themes**. A total of 1,471 out of the 2,775 survey respondents submitted a comment when asked to share ideas, feedback, concerns or impacts encountered during their outdoor dining experiences.

The most commonly discussed themes were selected based on the most frequently used words that were then categorized. The eleven themes and the respective comments are summarized in the table and in the narrative sections below. Please note that an individual comment may have discussed more than one theme. If a comment mentioned more than one theme, they were accounted for in each of the categories that the comment references.

Categories	Total Count	Comments
Confirmation of Positive Experience	462 (16.6%)	"I strongly support continuation and expansion. I feel it brings support to our local businesses and provides an enhanced quality of life for Angeles dining options."
Walkability and Multimodal Access	416 (15.0%)	"Expanded outdoor dining needs to be accompanied with better transit options so we can reduce the need for cars and parking spaces."
Parking	302 (10.9%)	"... vehicle parking must not [be] limited, restricted, or diminished in any way - in fact we need more available parking everywhere so all businesses can have customers."
Safety	214 (7.7%)	"There are no safety barricades and tables are in the street with tents."
COVID-19	196 (7.1%)	"I am immune-compromised and have not dined indoors since COVID began. Please keep it!"
Weather	195 (7.0%)	"We live in sunny CA, outdoor is a must."

Design	183 (6.6%)	"Encouraging good design for outdoor dining would be welcomed, e.g., utilization of plants, lighting, and less concrete barriers."
Noise and Air Pollution	153 (5.5%)	"The noise is often a factor, it's just too loud on Ventura Blvd in SF Valley to enjoy outdoor dining."
Enhances Community Experience	97 (3.5%)	"Downtown has become more vibrant with added seating from outdoor dining."
ADA Access	51 (1.8%)	"... the city provided very little oversight of this program and many businesses allowed their sidewalk dining or curbside to ignore ADA concerns."
Cleanliness	50 (1.8%)	"The streets are dirty and overcrowded, and restaurants do not seem to be adding increased trash receptacles/collection to address this."

### Confirmation of Positive Experience

*Comments included the words "positive," "great," "love," "wonderful," "enjoy" and "success."*

463 survey respondents (16.6%) expressed a positive sentiment as they recall their experience with the L.A. Al Fresco Program. Some of the most recurring impacts mentioned in the comments included public health safety due to COVID-19, supporting local business, temperate weather and increased vibrancy to the streetscape. Many comments were in favor of converting parking lots into outdoor dining areas, particularly with proper oversight, implementation and design considerations.

### Walkability and Multimodal Access

*Comments included the words "walk," "walkable," "walkability," "pedestrian," "bicycle," "bike," "multimodal," "transit," "stroll," "access," "accessibility," "slow down" and "active."*

416 survey respondents (15.0%) credited the Al Fresco program for improving the pedestrian experience and called for more multimodal infrastructure like expanding sidewalks, curb extensions and protected bike lanes, to be considered to continue slowing down car traffic. However, there was also concern about bicycle paths being blocked by in-street and curbside Al Fresco outdoor dining areas, as well as pedestrian access along sidewalk outdoor dining areas.

## Parking

*Comments included the word "parking."*

302 survey respondents (10.9%) specifically mentioned parking in their comment, receiving a mixed response. 155 comments (5.5% of survey respondents) stated that parking was impacted after in-street public and private parking spaces were converted to outdoor dining areas.

## Safety

*Comments included the words "safe," "safety," "hurt," "danger" and "fast."*

While many hope for a permanent program, 214 survey respondents (7.7%) mentioned safety as a concern that needs improvement, particularly for in-street and curbside Al Fresco outdoor dining areas that are located along busy thoroughfares and/or have poor protective barriers installed. Other comments mentioned that the outdoor dining areas also create a safer environment for pedestrian activity.

## COVID-19

*Comments included the words "COVID" and "pandemic."*

Few of the 196 survey respondents (7.1%) said that they no longer see the COVID-19 pandemic as a serious issue, however, the majority state that they continue to only eat at restaurants with open air dining for adequate air ventilation to protect themselves against COVID-19. Others mentioned that Al Fresco outdoor dining is a silver lining from the pandemic era.

## Weather

*Comments included the words "weather," "sun," "sunny," "rain," "warm" and "cold."*

195 survey respondents (7.0%) point to Los Angeles' weather as ideal for Al Fresco outdoor dining, with sunny and blue skies during most of the year.

## Design

*Comments included the words "design," "wood," "structure," "canopy," "shelter," "bollards," "planters" and "tent."*

183 survey respondents (6.6%) mentioned the need for quality design standards for outdoor dining infrastructure that permeates into the public right-of-way. Comments discussed appealing shade structures for hot days, protective barriers, permanent fixtures, as well as expanding sidewalks and more foliage.



## Noise and Air Pollution

*Comments included the words “noise,” “air,” “pollution,” “exhaust,” “sound,” “honk” and “loud.”*

153 survey respondents (5.5%) mentioned that emissions and noise from adjacent traffic were concerns impacting their experience dining outdoors. In contrast, some respondents who lived near Al Fresco restaurants cited loud, disruptive behavior from patrons dining outdoors and amplified music into the night. 45 survey responses specifically included the word “noise.”

## Enhances Community Experience

*Comments included the words “community,” “neighborhood,” “vibrant,” “enhance” and “active.”*

97 survey respondents (3.5%) believed the Al Fresco outdoor dining program enhanced the city’s street life by inviting visible civic and economic activity, improving overall quality of life in neighborhoods.

## ADA Access

*Comments included the words “ADA,” “wheelchair” and “ramp.”*

51 survey respondents (1.8%) were concerned about ADA accessibility in Al Fresco outdoor dining areas, suggesting that a permanent program should require ADA compliance.

## Cleanliness

*Comments included the words “clean,” “cleanliness,” “trash” and “dirty.”*

50 survey respondents (1.8%) were concerned about the cleanliness of Al Fresco spaces, particularly in the public right-of-way where dust and debris from nearby traffic accumulates in the outdoor dining areas and might not actively be maintained by the participating Al Fresco business.

## Other Themes

Based on comments submitted by the general public to date, the following other themes emerged in general survey responses:

- 17 survey responses included the word, “trees” for natural landscaping that enhances the pedestrian experience.
- 15 survey responses included the words, “drunk” or “alcohol.” Sentiments varied between positive and negative, advocating for no restrictions on serving alcohol, to restricting it entirely from outdoor dining due to safety and nuisance concerns.

- 5 survey responses contained the phrase “street vendors.” Some comments expressed their concern of the loss of public space for street vendors, further criminalizing this specific economic activity. In contrast, others were concerned that there would be no public health and safety enforcement, drawing comparison to street vendors.



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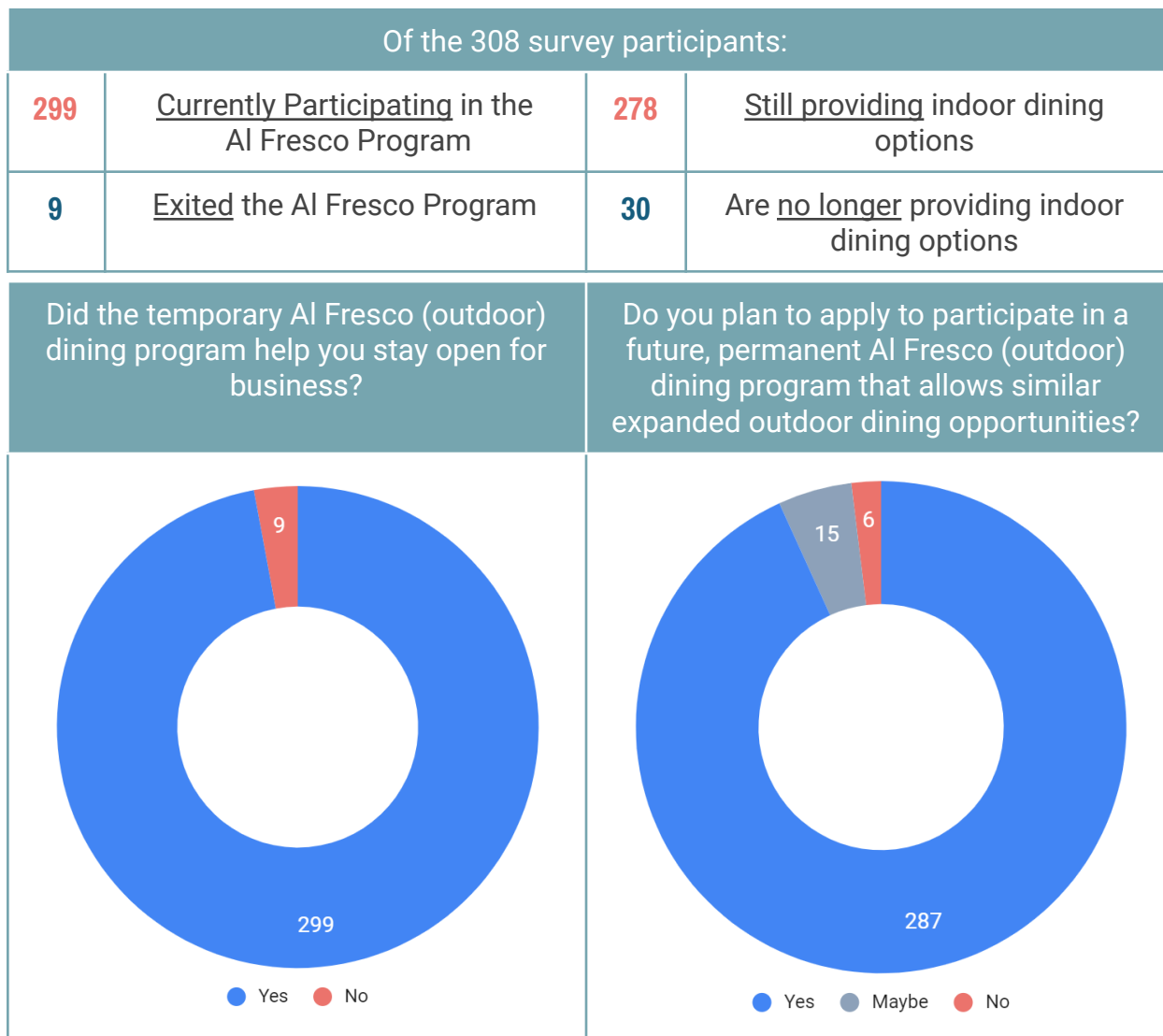
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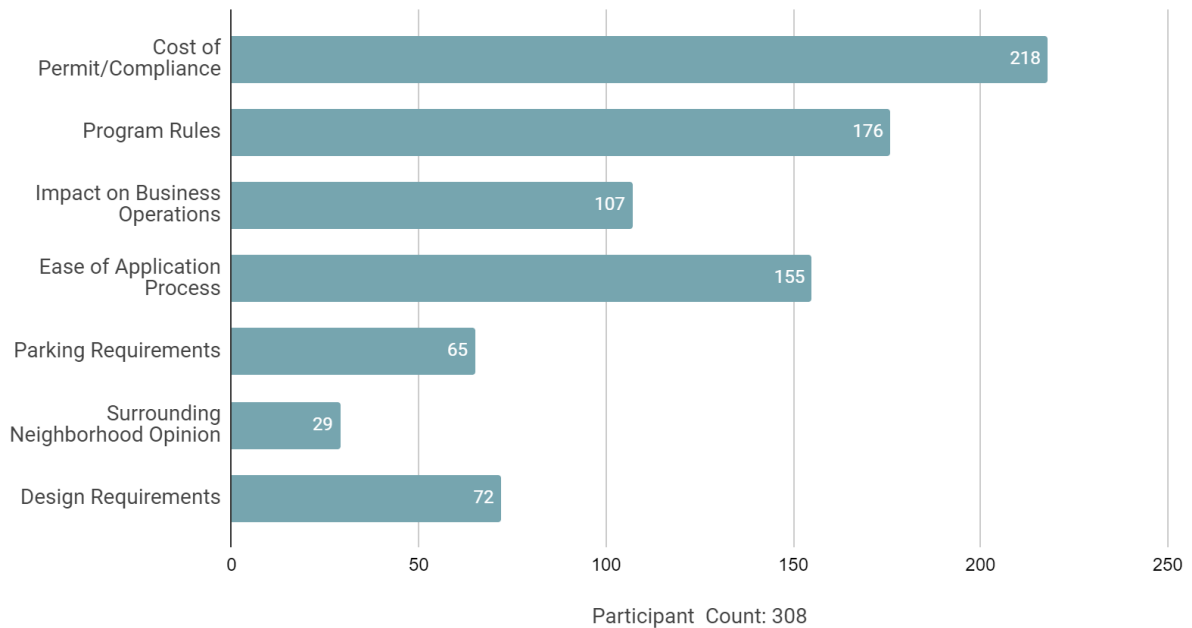
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## Program Impact and Impressions

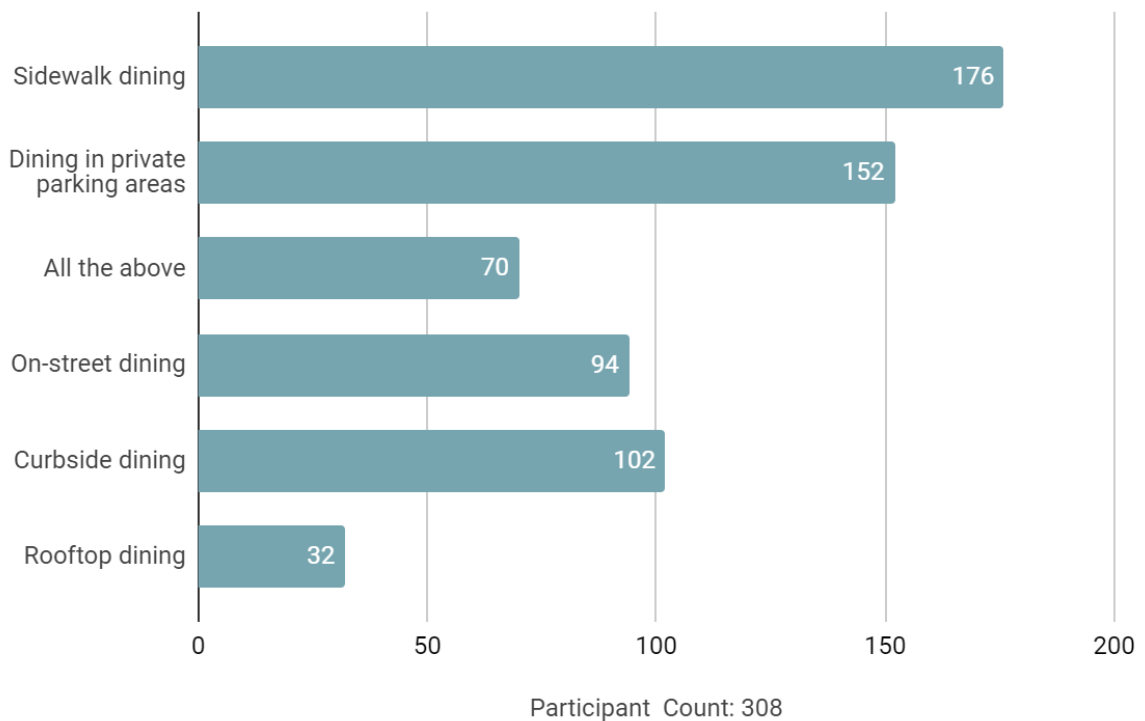
Overall, a majority of the survey respondents have reported a positive experience with the program and committed their participation in the permanent program. Below is a breakdown of the survey results regarding impact, impression, and considerations of the program. Please note that survey respondents were able to select more than one response in some questions. For example, many participants provided more than one type of dining. Additionally, not every survey participant answered every question.



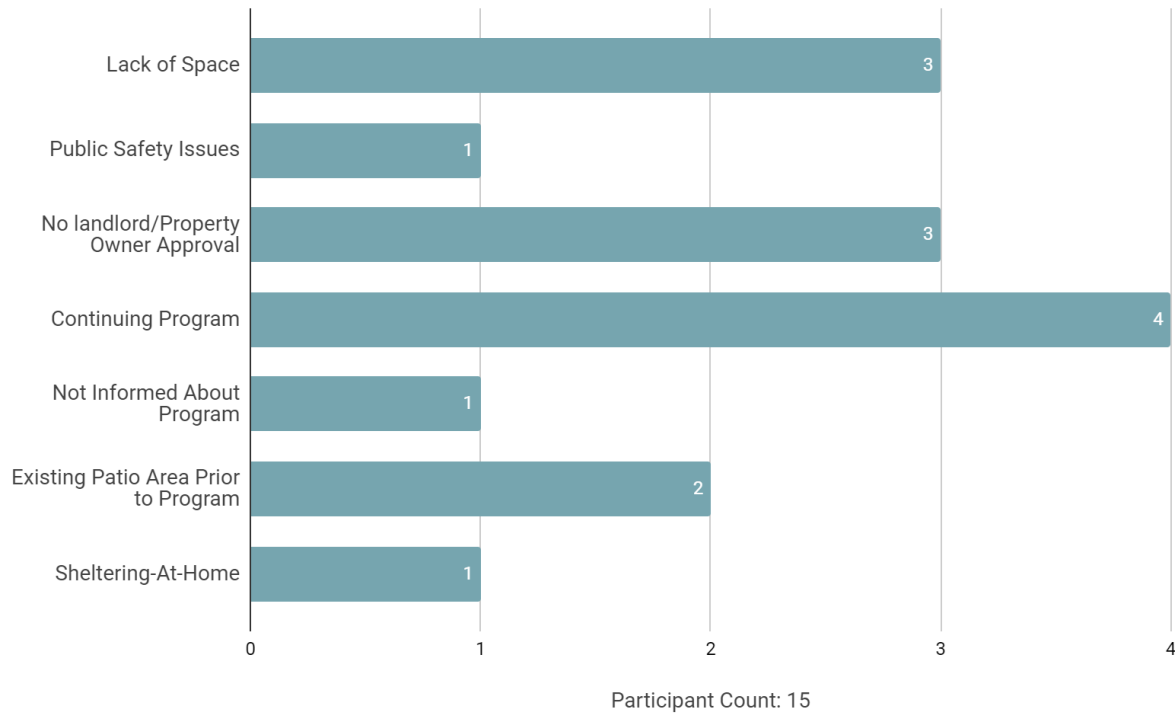
### Considerations Determining Future Participation in Permanent Program



### Al Fresco Dining Options Installation If Program Becomes Permanent



### Reasons for Exiting and or Not Participating in the Program



Below is a contextualized understanding of why survey respondents exited the program due to lack of space and public safety issues.

#### LACK OF SPACE

- Existing parking spots are needed for customers
- There is a general lack of space to expand outdoors for dining

#### PUBLIC SAFETY ISSUES

- Harassment by unhoused individuals is frequently experienced
- Moving vehicles are within dangerously close proximity to seated customers

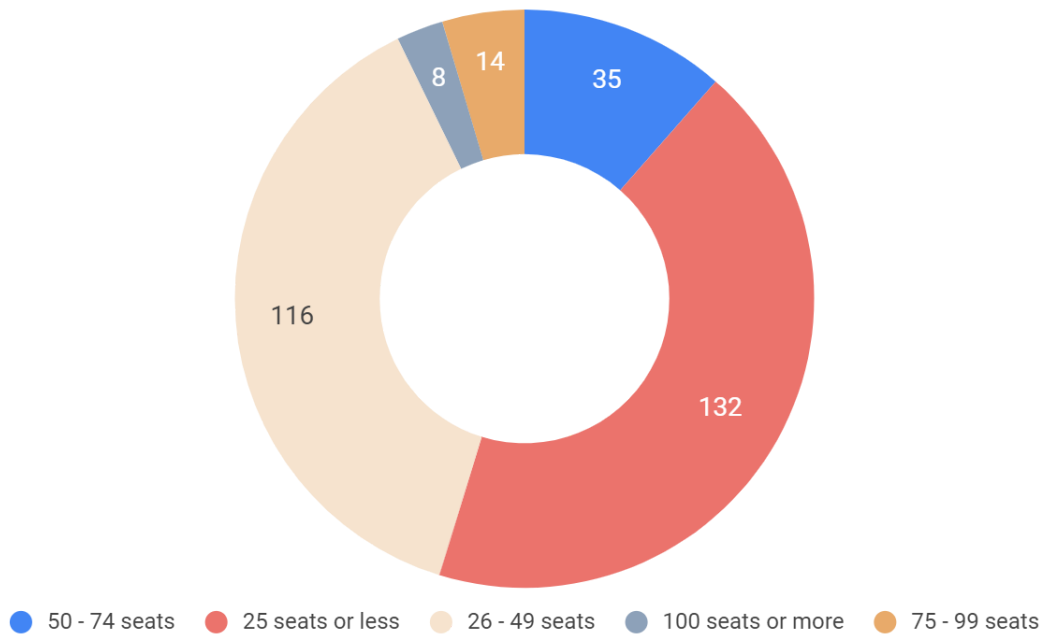


## Participating Site Details

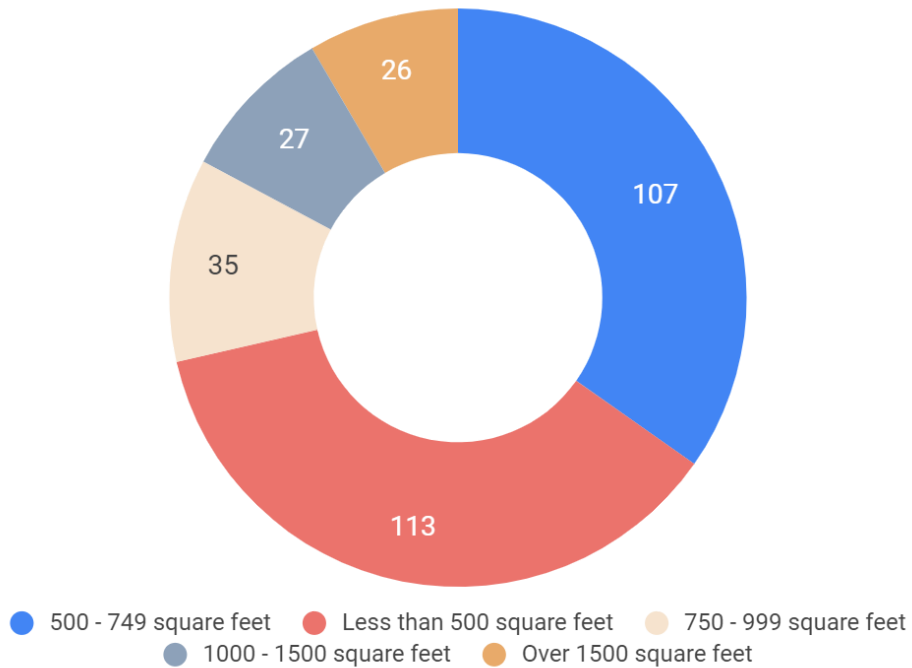
Type of Al Fresco Dining Provided:	Survey Participants Providing Dining:	Of the 308 participants, the following provided Al Fresco Outside Dining (%):
Expanded Private Property	189	61.4%
Sidewalk Dining	164	53.2%
Curbside Dining	68	22.1%
In-Street Dining	56	18.2%



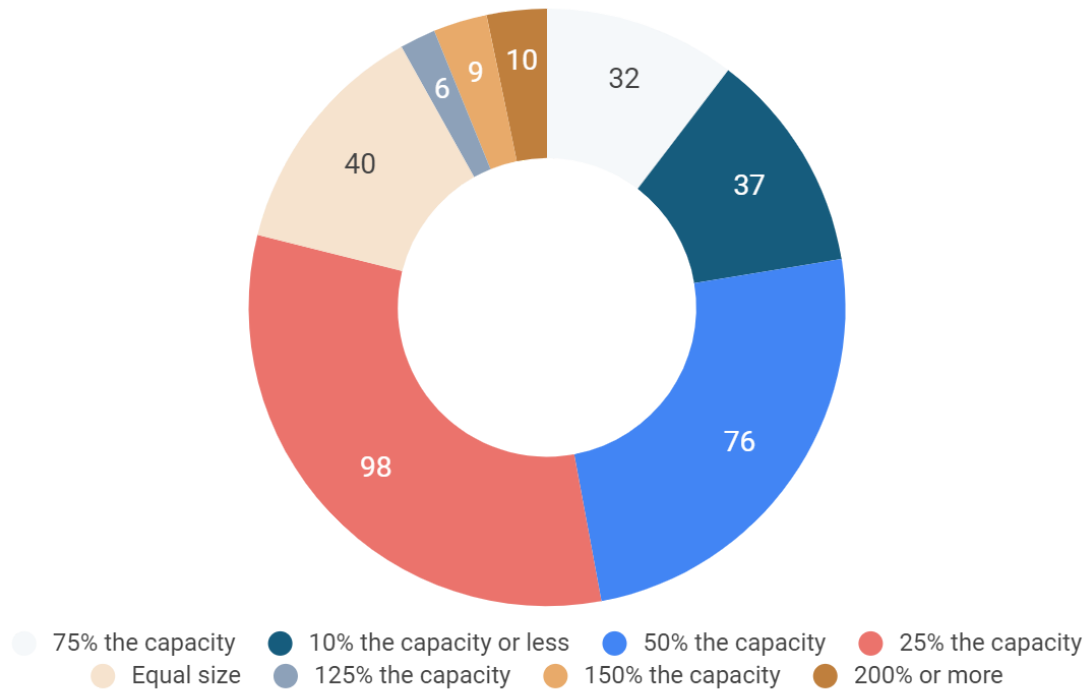
A total of 306 participants provided the following number of seats in their respective Al Fresco dining areas:



A total of 308 participants utilized the following square footage for their respective Al Fresco dining areas:



In comparison to their indoor dining area, 308 participants utilized the following capacity percentages for their Al Fresco (outdoor) dining area:



## Dining Area Infrastructure

A total of 196 participants covered Al Fresco dining areas (not open to the sky) in the following ways:

Tent	Wooden Structure	Metal Structure	Canopy
36	20	5	45
Umbrellas	Shade Structure (attached to building)	Other	
56	26	8	

A total of 166 participants anchored or supported their Al Fresco dining area in the following ways:

Attached to a Building:	Attached to the ground (bolted or staked):	Weighted (barrels, sandbanks, etc.):
45	71	50

A total of 205 participants had the following number of enclosures for their covered Al Fresco dining areas (not open to the sky):

Not Enclosed	Enclosed on 1 side	Enclosed on 2 sides	Enclosed on 3 sides	Full Enclosed
109	29	25	23	19

## Physical Space

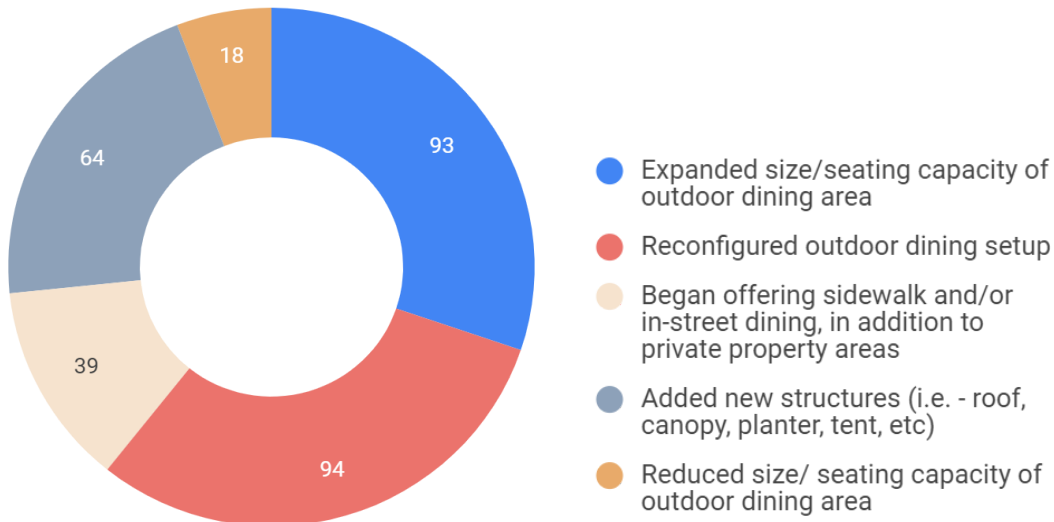
A total of 143 participants reported how parking is shared between other businesses:

Number of Respondents:	Shared Parking:
80	Parking lots or structure serving solely the food establishment
36	Shared parking lot (shared by 5 or less businesses)
20	Shared parking lot (shared by 6 or more businesses)
7	Shared parking structure

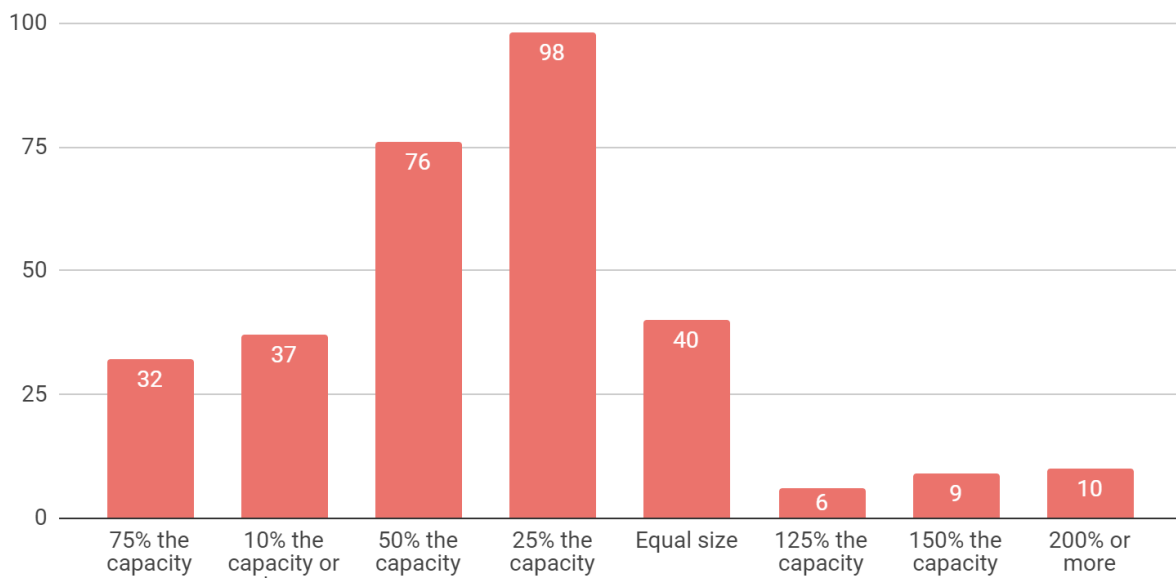
A total of 173 participants utilized the following number of parking spaces to operate the Al Fresco dining area:

Number of Respondents:	Number of Parking Spaces:
19	1 parking space
51	2 parking spaces
66	3-5 parking spaces
37	6 or more parking spaces

A total of 308 survey participants altered or expanded their (outdoor) dining offerings in the following ways:

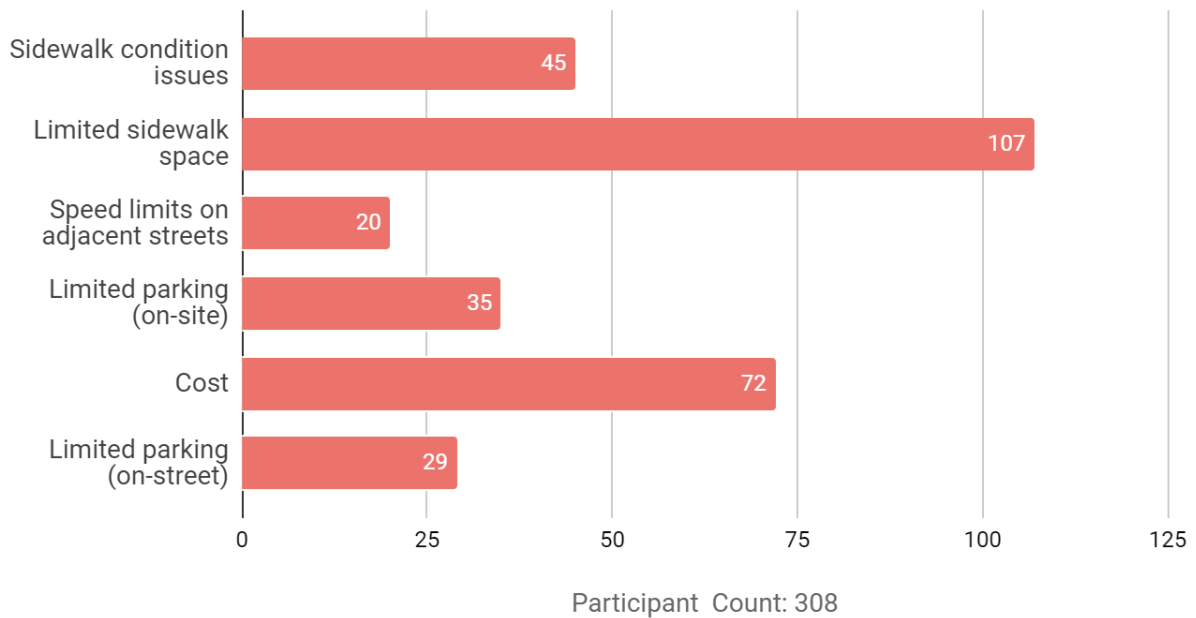


#### Approx. of Utilized Parking Spaces in a Parking Area for Al Fresco Dining



Participant Count: 308

## Limitations to Providing Al Fresco (outdoor) Dining Options

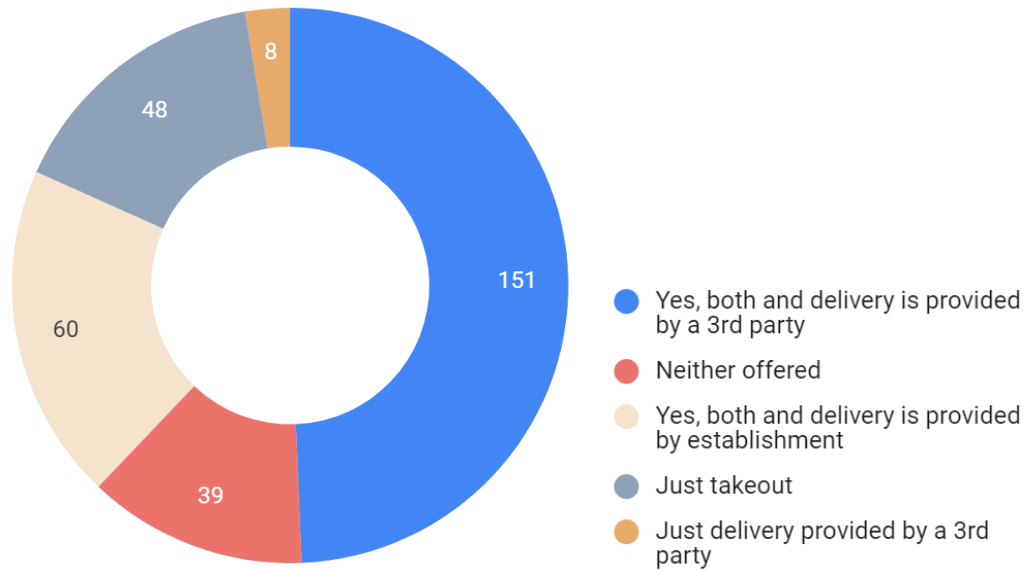


## Amenities and Services

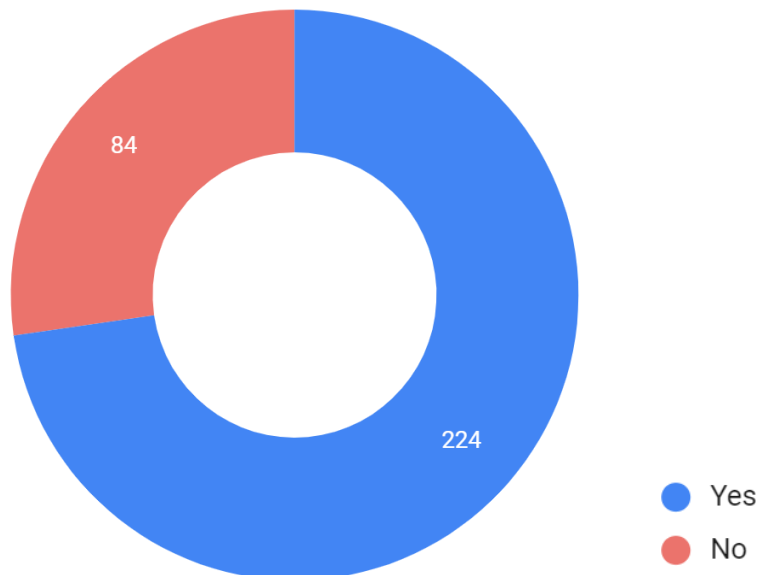
A total of 308 survey participants provided the following amenities in their respective Al Fresco (outdoor) dining area(s):

Portable Heaters	Lighting	Planters	Fencing
211	208	195	154
K-rails/similar barriers	Music and/or TV	Other	N/A
59	91	14	26

Of the 306 participants, the following offered takeout and/or delivery services:



Of the 308 participants, the following served alcoholic beverages in their Al Fresco (outdoor) dining area:





# General Comments

The statements submitted for participant comments are centered around **seven general themes**. These themes and the respective comments are summarized in the table and in the narrative sections below. Additional comments regarding survey troubleshooting are also included in the narrative sections below.

Participant Comment Categories	Total Count	Community Comments
Variables Preventing Participation	7	"...For some (me, personally), crime, vandalism, theft and harassment from the houseless community has posed a problem for my al fresco diners...."
In Opposition to Program Permanence	1	"Depends on [the] type of business or condition of business, [but] this Al Fresco [Program] helps or hurts someone's business. As a business owner, I believe that this Al Fresco should not be permanent."
In Favor of Program Permanence	47	"Having Al Fresco dining saved my business. Please continue the program."
Opposition to Fees	12	"It would be considerably frustrating if the city decided to charge us for outdoor dining spaces that they forced us to build when they forced indoor mandates on us...Please don't start charging us now when we are still recovering."
Loosen Program Stringency	11	"... The fear... [is] the rules, the regs, the procedure of implementing permanently, all of which this city has proven to make difficult for our businesses in costs, time and rules."
Confirmation of Positive Impact	77	"LA Al Fresco [program] helped save our business."
Gratitude	25	"Thank you for supporting the Hospitality Industry and the cultural importance of the human connection through food."

### **Variables Preventing Participation**

A total of seven participants reported variables preventing their participation in the Al Fresco Program. These variables include, but are not limited to, public safety issues such as crime, vandalism, and harassment from the unhoused community. For others, lack of workforce capacity prevented businesses from expanding their services to parking lots; thus, their business was rendered inoperable if inside seating was either not allowed or not preferred by customers. The conditions of the physical environment prevented participation in the following ways: 1) neglected public infrastructure, such as uneven pavement, made it difficult to provide adequate outdoor dining or 2) business owners were denied approval of land use if, in one instance, the outdoor dining area was within proximity of a bus stop. In some instances, landlords have denied business owners' requests to use outside space to participate in the Al Fresco program.

### **Opposition to Program Permanence**

Only one participant reported opposition to the program's transition to permanent status.

### **In Favor of Program Permanence**

Over 46 participants pledged support for the program's permanence due to positive programmatic impacts in maintaining their business during the height of the COVID-19 pandemic.

### **Opposition to Fees**

A recurring theme across the comments was support for the permanent Al Fresco Program to be free of charge or offered as a low-cost program, especially to small businesses still financially recovering from losses during the height of the pandemic. Moreover, expensive permit costs could prevent businesses from participating in the permanent program. Participants suggested the City offer financial assistance to small business owners to afford the permits if the program becomes permanent.

### **Loosen Program Stringency**

11 survey participants expressed interest in an easy-to-complete application process with nominal to no assistance of permit expeditors or public counter staff. A convoluted application process and strict regulations would deem the permanent program unsupportive and frustrate the participants as they feel they have experienced enough hardship the past two years.

### **Confirmation of Positive Impacts**

Nearly 80 survey participants commented on various positive impacts of the L.A. Al Fresco Program. The most frequent positive impact noted in the comments was the safety net provided for businesses to remain open during the pandemic. The program

encouraged employment creation and retention as their service area expanded or remained the same when converted to outdoor dining. The alternative of safe outdoor dining increased customer confidence in COVID-19 safety dining measures. The availability of an outdoor dining option led to a shift in patrons' seating preferences, including, for many patrons, a refusal to dine indoors. Lastly, participants reported a friendly ambiance and vibrancy in their neighborhoods since the implementation of the program. Outdoor dining has fostered a sense of community as the walkability has improved and open dialogue with neighbors has increased.

### **Participant Gratitude**

Nearly 30 participants shared gratitude for the program in the comment section.

### **Survey Troubleshooting**

Two participants suggested edits to the survey to allow for "no" as an option in required survey questions.

# **EXHIBIT J**

## **Public Comments**

**Date : 2/9/2023 1:58:14 PM**

**From : "Kent Vallette"**

**Subject : [ Proposal Projects #11-31066 From Skaggs Concrete Cutting Inc ]**

**Attachment : Skaggs Concrete Cutting Inc Projects #11-31066;**

Please see attached.

Proposal Due Date: 13th Feb 2023 @ 03:59 PM.

## Skaggs Concrete Cutting, Inc.

Kent Vallette

President

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**Date** : 2/9/2023 9:06:02 PM  
**From** : "Kent Vallette"  
**To** : "Kent Vallette"  
**Subject** : Skaggs Concrete Cutting Inc Projects #11-31066

Skaggs Concrete Cutting Inc, appreciate and invites you to submit a proposal for the scope of work outlined in this request. All RFP documents are provided in the link below.

[Click Here to View Proposal](#)

Attached Terms and Conditions are for your review and acceptance.

- Proposal Due Date: 13th Feb 2023 @ 03:59 PM
- Please acknowledge receipt of this Request for Proposal and confirm your intention.

**Date :** 2/8/2023 6:56:21 PM  
**From :** "Nicole Gilbert"  
**To :** [alfresco.planning@lacity.org](mailto:alfresco.planning@lacity.org)

**To:** [alfresco.planning@lacity.org](mailto:alfresco.planning@lacity.org)

**CC:** [info@IHCLA.org](mailto:info@IHCLA.org)

**Subject:** CPC-2022-8179-CA Permanent AI Fresco Program

On behalf of Civil Coffee, I am writing to comment on the City of LA Planning Draft Ordinance for a permanent AI Fresco Program. We are in support of a permanent program but the Ordinance requires in most cases a discretionary application filed with the Department of City Planning by means of Conditional Use Permit or Plan Approval. Additionally this ordinance requires a traditional permit through the channels of the Department of Building and Safety. These processes are very expensive and time burdening for the small business community.

Our number one request is to create an ordinance free from inequalities; to make this process accessible to all businesses in lieu of a fortunate few. We can take this opportunity to create a small business food operator friendly application that does not require expensive consultants or architects to gain permits. This can be a program for the people, by the people with built in equity and purpose; to incentivize and activate our streets creating a safer more local economically driven city.

We want this process to be similar to how the current Temporary AI Fresco permit software works taking no more than 20 minutes to apply.

Regards,  
Nicole Morelli

**Date : 2/8/2023 2:06:12 PM**  
**From : "Alan Morales"**  
**To : alfresco.planning@lacity.org**  
**Cc : "Civil Coffee"**

On behalf of CIVIL COFFEE, I am writing to comment on the City of LA Planning Draft Ordinance for a permanent Al Fresco Program. We are

in support of a permanent program but the Ordinance requires in most cases a discretionary application filed with the Department of City Planning by means of Conditional Use Permit or Plan Approval. Additionally this ordinance requires a traditional permit through the channels of the Department of Building and Safety. These processes are very expensive and time burdening for the small business community.

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We want this process to be similar to how the current Temporary Al Fresco permit software works taking no more than 20 minutes to apply.

We hope you consider this among the many small businesses who need this to survive and hopefully thrive in an already challenging industry where margins are slim and becoming slimmer as food costs rise. Therefore extending seating to outdoor areas and giving businesses room to grow seating area to increase volume is absolutely necessary.

Thank you for your consideration.

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**Alan Morales**  
**M: 818.238.7262**  
<http://civilcoffee.com>

It's A Good Day to Be Civil



Date : 2/21/2023 9:14:34 AM  
From : "Donald Crum"  
To : alfresco.planning@lacity.org

To Whom it May Concern,

I am writing to oppose the Al Fresco Ordinance, which would make patio dining permanent in Los Angeles.

In theory, it sounds like a good idea, but the new rules and regulations would ultimately put some of my favorite restaurants out of business.

In order to achieve a better community experience, I believe it is vitally important for outdoor dining to thrive in Los Angeles.

Thus, it is in our best interest to make patio dining easy for businesses to implement and maintain, especially in a post-COVID environment.

The Al Fresco Ordinance would place more cumbersome restrictions on local businesses during a time when they are already struggling to recover from the affects of the pandemic.

For this reason, I vehemently oppose this legislation and urge you to reconsider implementing it.

Sincerely,

Donald Crum

[Sent from the all new AOL app for iOS](#)

**Date : 1/25/2023 2:55:31 PM**  
**From : "Ian Johnson"**  
**To : alfresco.planning@lacity.org**

This is what I sent, if it helps.

To Whom it May Concern:

I'm writing on behalf of myself and my wife in response to the new rules which would limit outdoor dining.

Outdoor dining additions were the BEST thing to come out of COVID. The friendliness that comes with "cafe culture" significantly increases the quality of life in LA.

To put it quite frankly, reducing outdoor dining allowances for restaurants is a poor choice that decreases our quality of living as a city. Please reconsider at your earliest opportunity and make the choice to allow LA the kind of outdoor dining that nearly every other international city enjoys.

Best wishes,  
My Name

**Date : 1/14/2023 2:10:16 PM**  
**From : "Marianne King"**  
**To : alfresco.planning@lacity.org**  
**Subject : 1/18/23 Info Webinar on AlFresco Dining**

Hi Planning,

I just saw your presentation on PlanCkNCLA and it was very informative except that there were many questions regarding the requirements of BOE, DOT, UFD , etc., when it comes to using the PROW for dining. Can you have these agencies (DOT, BOE, B&S, UFD) at the 1/18/2023 Info Webinar so they can answer community questions before the public hearing? That would be extremely helpful.

Thanks,  
Marianne King

**Date : 2/10/2023 8:40:59 AM**  
**From : "Lisa Lee"**  
**To : alfresco.planning@lacity.org**  
**Subject : 2/8/23 Public Comment on CPC-2022-8179-CA**

Hello,

I was an attendee on Wednesday's Al Fresco Session. I noticed the public comment session was not uploaded to your drive along with the presentation slides. Will the audio from the public comment session be available for the public to listen to?

Thank You,  
Lisa

Date : 1/20/2023 4:46:12 PM

From : "Su In Lee"

To : [alfresco.planning@lacity.org](mailto:alfresco.planning@lacity.org)

Subject : Re: REMINDER: Permanent Al Fresco Ordinance - Virtual Information Webinar and Public Hearing | RECORDATORIO: Ordenanza Permanente de Al Fresco - Seminario Web de Información y Audiencia Pública

Hello,

Neighborhood Council is hoping to submit its motion on al fresco concerns to the planning department.

Can you please let me know if there is a deadline for the public comment submission?

Thank you.

--

Su Lee (she/her)

CD4 Field Deputy, Small Business Liaison

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On Tue, Jan 17, 2023 at 12:04 PM Brandi D'Amore <[brandi@myhunc.org](mailto:brandi@myhunc.org)> wrote:

This is a tricky one. We talked about this during our meeting. We are losing dedicated parking lots for parking which means that more people are parking on the street, and if parking is not available, they will not stop here. It's also potentially affecting pedestrian access..

An example of this is that Greg Morris' Oaks. Market is utilizing its parking for alfresco. Therefore people are now parking in the lot adjacent. He has a Restaurant at 1917 N. Bronson that is requesting an alcohol permit and does not want to obtain anymore spaces in the parking lot. However the parking lot spaces are being taken up by more than just the mall as long as Al fresco is default permitted.

There needs to be more new wants to this ordinance

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From: **Los Angeles City Planning** <[alfresco.planning@lacity.org](mailto:alfresco.planning@lacity.org)>

Date: Tue, Jan 17, 2023 at 12:01 PM

**Date : 1/17/2023 2:05:08 PM**

**From : "Judy Esposito"**

**To : "alfresco.planning@lacity.org"**

**Subject : Re: REMINDER: Permanent Al Fresco Ordinance - Virtual Information Webinar and Public Hearing | RECORDATORIO: Ordenanza Permanente de Al Fresco - Seminario Web de Información y Audiencia Pública**

It is wrong to confiscate PUBLIC land for restaurants !!! PLEASE DO NOT DO THIS !!!!! Judy Esposito Venice

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**From:** Los Angeles City Planning <alfresco.planning@lacity.org>

**Sent:** Tuesday, January 17, 2023 12:00 PM

**To:** judy.esposito@msn.com <judy.esposito@msn.com>

**Subject:** REMINDER: Permanent Al Fresco Ordinance - Virtual Information Webinar and Public Hearing | RECORDATORIO: Ordenanza Permanente de Al Fresco - Seminario Web de Información y Audiencia Pública

*Para español siga hacia abajo.*

### **Dear Al Fresco Participants and Interested Stakeholders:**

Los Angeles City Planning invites you to participate in a Virtual Information Webinar and Public Hearing on the draft of the proposed [Permanent Al Fresco Ordinance](#) for outdoor dining on private property.

In response to City Council instructions (CF [20-1074](#)), City Planning released the proposed Ordinance for public review and comment on November 30, 2022. The Ordinance aims to clarify and streamline Zoning Code regulations regarding **outdoor dining on private property**. Separate but related efforts are underway by the Department of Transportation (LADOT) to permit in-street and curbside dining, and by the Bureau of Engineering (BOE) to permit expanded sidewalk dining. These collective efforts will provide for a comprehensive transition from the temporary LA Al Fresco program to permanent outdoor dining opportunities.

The Virtual Information Webinar and separate Public Hearing are opportunities to learn more about the proposed regulations, ask questions, and provide feedback that will inform a staff report and recommendation to the City Planning Commission, City Council's Planning and Land Use Management Committee, and the full City Council.

The draft Ordinance, fact sheet, participant survey results, and more information can be found on the project webpage at <https://planning.lacity.org/plans-policies/proposed-land-use-regulations>.

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The Virtual Information Webinar will begin at 12 p.m. on January 18, 2023, with a presentation of the draft ordinance that will review the definition of an outdoor dining area, site design and operational standards, and criteria for replacing required parking spaces with an outdoor dining area. Participants can ask questions and get clarification in the Q&A portion that follows the presentation.

**Date : 2/15/2023 3:16:07 PM**

**From : "Laura Meyers"**

**To : "alfresco.planning@lacity.org", "mary.richardson@lacity.org"**

**Subject : Request, please for the Alfresco hearing "Live Transcript" saved text**

As mentioned in the "Q/A" section at the Feb. 8th hearing, you had "captions" live transcript turned on. I had asked in that messaging section if the transcript would be made available, and the answer came back that no one had previously asked (maybe because no one knew that Zoom had added Live Transcripts to most accounts!)

In any case, here is more more official request for a copy.

It is probably readily emailed -- this is more like a chat / notepad.

Thanks so much,

Laura Meyers  
323-868-0854

for UNNC

Date : 2/21/2023 9:41:17 AM

From : "Bebel Illa"

To : "alfresco.planning@lacity.org"

Subject : The Al Fresco Ordinance - Opposing to this new rule about patio dining Permanente in Los Angeles- It would put some of my favorites restaurants OUT OF BUSINESS

To Whom it May Concern,

I am writing to oppose the Al Fresco Ordinance, which would make patio dining permanent in Los Angeles.

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The Al Fresco Ordinance would place more cumbersome restrictions on local businesses during a time when they are already struggling to recover from the affects of the pandemic.

For this reason, I vehemently oppose this legislation and urge you to reconsider implementing it.

*Sincerely,*

***Bebel Vasconcelos***



**Date : 2/10/2023 12:41:27 PM**  
**From : "Alfresco Planning"**  
**To : "Alfresco Planning"**  
**Cc : "jake@9mileinvestments.com"**  
**Subject : Re: Comment Re: Al Fresco - Please limit seat count to pre-Covid levels!**

Hello,

Thank you for your email. It was received and your response will be recorded as Public Comment. For additional information regarding the proposed ordinance, please visit <https://planning.lacity.org/plans-policies/outdoor-dining> or the [Council File Management System, Council File Number 20-1074](#).

**Please note that the Permanent Al Fresco Ordinance addresses outdoor dining on private property.** The Department of Transportation (LADOT) and the Bureau of Engineering (BOE) are preparing regulations to address outdoor dining in the public right-of-way.

For any questions or comments about **outdoor dining on sidewalks**, please submit an inquiry online (under the Customer Service Request) to BOE directly at: <https://engpermits.lacity.org>. Questions or comments about **outdoor dining that is curbside or in the street**, please submit an inquiry to DOT by emailing: [alfresco@lacity.org](mailto:alfresco@lacity.org). All questions and comments concerning the Temporary Al Fresco Permit or outdoor dining in the public right-of-way will be forwarded to BOE and DOT.

You may also subscribe to receive electronic notification on City Council meetings and/or submit public comment directly to the Council File Number 20-1074, by visiting the Council File Management System [20-1074 \(CFMS\)](#).

Thank you for your interest in the Permanent Al Fresco Ordinance and your continued engagement with Los Angeles City Planning.

On Wednesday, February 8, 2023 at 7:55:57 PM UTC-8 LA Al Fresco wrote:  
Please see public comment below.

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From: **Jake Mathews** <[jake@9mileinvestments.com](mailto:jake@9mileinvestments.com)>

Date: Wed, Feb 8, 2023 at 7:50 PM

Subject: Comment Re: Al Fresco - Please limit seat count to pre-Covid levels!

To: <[alfresco@lacity.org](mailto:alfresco@lacity.org)>

Hi. I'm a restaurant owner in Venice, CA. I believe the #1 flaw in the Al Fresco program is that it allows restaurants to increase seat count without any limitations. I know of a number of restaurants that have used Al Fresco to double or triple their seat count. This actually hurts small

businesses and it hurts small restaurants. Please limit the total number of seats each restaurant can have to their pre-Covid levels. Alternatively, consider allowing restaurants to increase seating by 10% or 20% but more than that creates too much new capacity. Before COVID the number of seats in each restaurant was meeting the needs of Los Angeles diners. My restaurant was doing fine. Since COVID there is so much competition from all of the new outdoor seating our business is way down. Again, no problem for restaurants to move their existing seats outdoors but please don't let them expand capacity without limits. It creates unfair winners and losers if there is not a cap on the number of seats each restaurant can add. Thank you for your consideration.

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**Jake Mathews**

**Date : 1/26/2023 9:10:04 PM**

**From : johnwpruitt@mac.com**

**To : AlFresco.Planning@lacity.org**

**Cc : "John Pruitt"**

**Subject : Reporting an issue with a restaurant - draft outdoor dining program - prohibited activity - MUSIC**

Greetings,

My name is John Pruitt and I am resident of Los Angeles City.

I am inquiring about how to go about reporting a restaurant that is repeatedly involution of the LACPD draft ordinance regrading outdoor dining areas.

The restaurant in question consistently plays outdoor music, which can easily be heard by both neighbors homes directly across from it's location separated by an adjacent alley way.

I am referencing the following draft ordinance:

[https://planning.lacity.org/odocument/0d713059-f892-4c1f-8607-b37d4693a1be/Draft Ordinance.pdf](https://planning.lacity.org/odocument/0d713059-f892-4c1f-8607-b37d4693a1be/Draft%20Ordinance.pdf)

The section in question is:

- Sec 8, A, 24, d, iii, 1, a

And reads as follows:

Operations

1. Prohibited Activity

a. **Music**, television monitors, screens and speakers are prohibited in Outdoor Dining Areas.

Any assistance that you can provide regarding this issue is greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,

John

John Pruitt

C-(202) 258-1307

Los Angeles, CA

**Date : 1/15/2023 1:33:37 PM**

**From : "Laura Meyers"**

**To : "hagu.solomon-cary@lacity.org", "mary.richardson@lacity.org",  
"AlFresco.Planning@lacity.org", "regina.alcazar@lacity.org"**

**Cc : "jamie.hwang@lacity.org", "cindycleghorn@gmail.com"**

**Subject : Re: Thank you for the Dining al Fresco presentation at  
PlanCheckNC -- Will you please share the Presentation slides by Wed.  
morning?**

Misspoke about the hearing date (I now see that is Feb 8) but UNNC will still deal with this on Wed, Jan. 18 at 7 p.m.)

-----Original Message-----

From: Laura Meyers <lauramink@aol.com>

To: hagu.solomon-cary@lacity.org <hagu.solomon-cary@lacity.org>;  
mary.richardson@lacity.org <mary.richardson@lacity.org>; AlFresco.Planning@lacity.org  
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Cc: jamie.hwang@lacity.org <jamie.hwang@lacity.org>; cindycleghorn@gmail.com  
<cindycleghorn@gmail.com>

Sent: Sun, Jan 15, 2023 12:54 pm

Subject: Thank you for the Dining al Fresco presentation at PlanCheckNC -- Will you please share the Presentation slides by Wed. morning?

This is Laura Meyers, co-chair of UNNC's Planning & Zoning Committee.

I really appreciate the very-informative presentation you gave. As I mentioned, personally I, my family members and many of my friends are now prioritizing any restaurant that has outdoor dining, so of course this effort is of great interest to me -- and, I presume, UNNC's stakeholders.

UNNC's Planning & Zoning Committee meets this coming Wednesday (yes, 7 p.m., starting about halfway through your public hearing that same evening) and we have put this on our agenda. (We will also in our eblast let our stakeholders know about both the webinar and the hearing).

I would like to run through the presentation/slides for our meeting. I hope you are able to share the (PDF?) enough time in advance so that we can also post it into our online agenda packet in UNNC's google drive.

I have already downloaded the other materials including the fact sheet and the draft ordinance from your website.

Please let me know if you are able to do this, and thank you.

Laura Meyers

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**Date : 1/15/2023 12:54:25 PM**

**From : "Laura Meyers"**

**To : "hagu.solomon-cary@lacity.org", "mary.richardson@lacity.org",  
"AlFresco.Planning@lacity.org", "regina.alcazar@lacity.org"**

**Cc : "jamie.hwang@lacity.org", "cindycleghorn@gmail.com"**

**Subject : Thank you for the Dining al Fresco presentation at PlanCheckNC --  
Will you please share the Presentation slides by Wed. morning?**

This is Laura Meyers, co-chair of UNNC's Planning & Zoning Committee.

I really appreciate the very-informative presentation you gave. As I mentioned, personally I, my family members and many of my friends are now prioritizing any restaurant that has outdoor dining, so of course this effort is of great interest to me -- and, I presume, UNNC's stakeholders.

UNNC's Planning & Zoning Committee meets this coming Wednesday (yes, 7 p.m., starting about halfway through your public hearing that same evening) and we have put this on our agenda. (We will also in our eblast let our stakeholders know about both the webinar and the hearing).

I would like to run through the presentation/slides for our meeting. I hope you are able to share the (PDF?) enough time in advance so that we can also post it into our online agenda packet in UNNC's google drive.

I have already downloaded the other materials including the fact sheet and the draft ordinance from your website.

Please let me know if you are able to do this, and thank you.

Laura Meyers

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**Date : 2/24/2023 6:23:33 PM**

**From : "Jose Mendez"**

**To : alfresco.planning@lacity.org**

**Subject : Estoy de acuerdo que se siga apoyando a los pequeños negocios y se nos facilite una forma fácil de llenar por que los espacios de alfresco nos ayudan a elevar un poco más nuestras ventas**

**Date : 2/8/2023 3:16:25 PM**  
**From : "Kristin Borella"**  
**To : "alfresco.planning@lacity.org"**  
**Subject : Letter of Complaint: Proposed New Regulations for Alfresco Dining for Restaurants**  
**Attachment : image001.jpg;**

February 8, 2023

Dear Alfresco Planning Committee:

This letter is to register my deep concern for restaurant owners and our communities at large regarding the proposed planning measures for alfresco dining highlighted in today's *Los Angeles Times* article by Jenn Harris.

The notion that restauranteurs would be further hampered due to new permit processes and fines to continue to keep their alfresco dining environments operating is a sheer crime. The factors covered in this article demonstrate that this is a revenue grab at a time when restaurants are just getting back on their feet following the COVID-19 pandemic. It is nothing more than inflicting further trauma on people who are trying to make a living and provide a necessary service to their community. Surely, there *must* be a better solution.

Restaurants have invested thousands of dollars to create beautiful environments, and in doing so have made dining in Southern California *more* enjoyable. Why would you want to limit or take this away from the community by proposing such untenable measures? It makes no sense.

Just let this go and let businesses succeed.

Every generation, community, neighborhood and family has their restaurant where they gather, celebrate and find enjoyment. For me, that restaurant is Casa Vega, one of the San Fernando Valley's crown jewels. To read about what this restaurant would have to endure if these measures are enacted is deeply upsetting and makes me question the purpose of this planning committee.

I sincerely hope these proposed measures are rethought to actually help, rather than harm businesses.

Sincerely,

Kristin Borella

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**Date : 2/24/2023 1:59:38 PM**

**From : "Cherrill Mann"**

**To : "Los Angeles City Planning"**

**Subject : RE: So nice to hear of this Al Fresco Ordinance as long as people can still walk on the sidewalks. Post Hearing Up**

I Like karen Bass for her insightful acceptances.

Sent from [Mail](#) for Windows

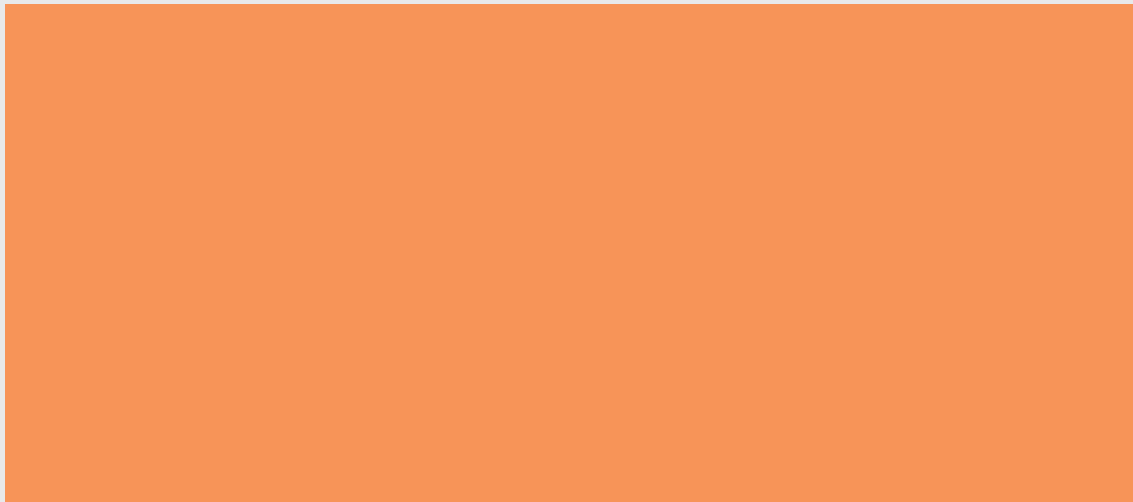
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**From:** [Los Angeles City Planning](#)

**Sent:** Friday, February 24, 2023 1:30 PM

**To:** [mannmcherie@yahoo.com](mailto:mannmcherie@yahoo.com)

**Subject:** Post Hearing Update - Al Fresco Dining on Private Property | Actualización Posterior de la Audiencia - Comedores al Aire Libre en Propiedad Privada



*Para español siga hacia abajo.*

## Resounding Feedback at the Public Hearing

Thank you to everyone who attended the Virtual Al Fresco Public Hearing! Over 250 people participated in the Al Fresco Public Hearing on Wednesday, February 8th. If you missed it, you can access a recording of the Informational Presentation and the Public Hearing on the proposed draft of the Al Fresco Ordinance on the [project website](#). The public comment period is open until **Friday, March 3, 2023 at 5 p.m.**

Mayor Karen Bass has shared her strong support for LA's Al Fresco program and has directed City Departments to work together to create a permanent program that incorporates everything that made the temporary program successful, including a simple application process and straightforward approval pathway.

The input from the public hearing was resounding: support small businesses by keeping the Al Fresco program alive and making it permanent. From the overwhelming feedback received to date, City Planning has heard loud and clear that this process should be as

**Date : 2/15/2023 2:56:52 PM**

**From : "A Bright"**

**To : alfresco.planning@lacity.org**

**Subject : CPC-2022-8179-CA Permanent Al Fresco Program - Request for simplification for restaurants**

Hi there,

I am writing to comment on the City of LA Planning Draft Ordinance for a permanent Al Fresco Program. I am in support of a permanent program, but the Ordinance requires in most cases a discretionary application filed with the Department of City Planning by means of Conditional Use Permit or Plan Approval. Additionally, this ordinance requires a traditional permit through the channels of the Department of Building and Safety. These processes are very expensive and time burdening for the small business community.

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I'd like this process to be like how the current Temporary Al Fresco permit software works taking no more than 20 minutes to apply.

Restaurants, especially small family operations, are why Los Angeles is so special and the program as proposed would cause many restaurants to close their doors which none of us want.

Amanda Bright

LA Resident (CD1)

**Date : 9/30/2022 11:26:34 AM**

**From : "ato paulo" <701fls@gmail.com>**

**To : Alfresco.planning@lacity.org**

**Subject : 5671 W. Pico blvd 90019**

Hello

I am a resident in the area. I am asking if this business has the right to take over a public sidewalk for their business use.

Please contact me at this email or call 949-566-5467 Michael Sullivan.

I will also be contact the mayors office and my local representative.

I look forward to hearing back from you.

Thank you kindly

**Date : 2/24/2023 2:31:01 PM**  
**From : "Chester"**  
**To : alfresco.planning@lacity.org**  
**Subject : Additional LA resident commentary**

Dear Ms. Richardson:

Hello, I am an Arts District resident and homeowner. I previously sent a letter attachment to you regarding the Permanent AI Fresco Ordinance - Private Property. I would like to add that at a minimum I encourage you to not allow businesses serving alcohol that already have received a LADBS order to comply or LAPD citation to automatically obtain a streamlined permanent AI Fresco Ordinance permit. That is, I hope you would require those businesses already found in violation to apply through the regular CUP/PA/RBP application process. I can think of a specific neighboring business to my residence with a LADBS order to comply on file - it would be a disaster to the neighboring residents if you rubber stamp their temporary AI Fresco permit into a permanent one.

Best regards  
Chester Bai

**Date : 1/1/2023 11:03:46 PM**  
**From : "Louis Schillace"**  
**To : AlFresco.Planning@lacity.org**  
**Subject : Al Fresco Design Standards**

Hello - I am thrilled to hear that LA will be moving forward with the Al Fresco Dining Program. The program has livened up city streets and created a sense of community where it has been done well.

The biggest concern with the program is the general clutter that has been allowed as restaurants have haphazardly thrown together patios. Signage, landscape, lighting, pop up tents, and in some cases complete structures have been erected in the streets with little or no regard to the surrounding businesses, or community aesthetic. These patios in some cases could go as far as to amount to blight and are in desperate need of guidelines.

If the city is going to move forward with this program there needs to be design standards and a design review for what's being put out in the streets. No different than any storefront or building being put up in the community. In most cases these patios have completely blocked storefronts and in some areas they are a clear safety hazard. It should be done but should be done with much more thought.

I hope this is seriously considered as we move forward with this initiative. Thank you.

Kind Regards  
Louis Schillace  
Secretary  
Greater Toluca Lake Neighborhood Council

Sent from my iPad

**Date : 2/8/2023 2:09:49 PM**  
**From : "THELMA MERICLE"**  
**To : alfresco.planning@lacity.org**  
**Subject : AL FRESCO DINING**

To the Planning Commission,

I speak for myself and my constituents who favor Al fresco dining. In light of COVID this represents a safe and preferred way to dine. Please do NOT over regulate and tax these restaurant owners who are struggling for their survival. If an overabundance of regulations are enacted this could end the life of many cherished restaurants.

Thelma Mericle  
Sherman Oaks Neighborhood Council  
818 989-5279  
Sent from my iPhone

**Date : 2/8/2023 6:33:45 PM**  
**From : "Eric Gmail 1 (thereal)"**  
**To : alfresco.planning@lacity.org**  
**Subject : Al Fresco Dining**

In the February 8 public hearing, lobbyists and staff for business organizations purported to speak for the residents of this city. They don't.

I am not opposed to Al fresco dining. I am opposed to cigarette and marijuana smoking in the outdoor vestibule of my apartment and noise at all hours outside my window, where al fresco dining has taken over my residential entrance. The restaurants and coffee houses say they are not the police and so anything goes.

I think al fresco dining in residential areas should end no later than 10:00 pm. That's when the noise nuisance laws kick in. And there should be no smoking allowed at these, period.

Best regards,

Eric Gordon

**Date : 2/8/2023 8:31:03 PM**  
**From : "Lorena Tomb"**  
**To : [alfresco.planning@lacity.org](mailto:alfresco.planning@lacity.org)**  
**Subject : Al fresco dining**

We urge you to not make any changes to the Al fresco dining laws that were passed during Covid. Cost of operations for restaurants have gone up and most are still trying to recover from the long closures of 2020 and 2021. To add to this, the outdoor dining adds vibrancy to the city and with our wonderful weather, should be welcome with open arms.

**Lorena Tomb**  
Principal  
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Please excuse typos



**Date : 2/22/2023 7:56:09 PM**

**From : taihaiteki@aim.com**

**To : alfresco.planning@lacity.org**

**Subject : Al Fresco dining is the shining silver lining of covid in Los Angeles**

To whom it may concern:

Al Fresco dining is the shining silver lining of covid in Los Angeles. Please do not drop government yokes on the shoulders of restaurateurs in the form of regulations, taxes, anything that will give disincentive to them for continuing, indeed expanding, outdoor dining. In which non-European city anywhere in the world is it better feasible, and better suitable, than Los Angeles? Minneapolis? Chicago where I grew up? Check the weather report. None. Please encourage outdoor dining. It is wonderful. At the very, very least, please don't do anything to discourage it. Thank you.

David Morgan  
1429 S Sherbourne Dr, L.A.

**Date : 10/31/2022 8:07:37 PM**  
**From : "Tony Russo"**  
**To : [alfresco.planning@lacity.org](mailto:alfresco.planning@lacity.org)**  
**Subject : Al Fresco Dining Ordinance - Implementation Questions**  
**Attachment : image.png;**

Hello Al Fresco Planning,

We have a client that is potentially interested in seeing if the Al Fresco ordinance could include covered seating areas as well considering the ordinance is still being drafted?

Separately, they are curious if the space could be used for something other than just outdoor seating (such as an expansion of a retail use)

Just wanted to know if that is at all being considered or could be considered



Thanks,

Tony Russo | *Director, Discretionary Entitlements Division*



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**Date : 2/20/2023 10:27:37 AM**  
**From : "Evan Weinstein"**  
**To : alfresco.planning@lacity.org**  
**Subject : Al Fresco Dining Ordinance**  
**Attachment : EW Mets.jpg;**

Dear Planning Commission:

I am writing to oppose the Al Fresco Ordinance as it has been written and proposed. While making al fresco dining permanent is a good idea that I fully support, and while I understand that rules and regulations around this must migrate from the emergency status established during the height of the pandemic to a more organized and sustainable model, I believe the currently proposed ordinance will be cumbersome, time consuming and overly (and unfairly) expensive for restaurant owners. If you proceed with the plan as formulated, you will most probably destroy much of the good that has been done, and you may put many restaurants out of business. I urge you to pause for a while; to hold meetings with the restaurant owners so that both sides can understand the other's needs, and to redraft an ordinance that allows al fresco dining to continue safely while remaining fair and affordable for the owners.

Again, I understand the need to fold these al fresco dining operations into a permanent code of health and safety regulations, but I'm certain there is a way to do this without putting undue bureaucratic and financial stress on the owners. I again urge you to take the time to do this in a way that works for everyone.

Many thanks for your time and attention. I appreciate your consideration.

Respectfully,  
Evan Weinstein

Evan Weinstein  
Executive Producer  
Hippodrum Entertainment  
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818-693-3232



**Date : 2/23/2023 4:39:08 PM**  
**From : "Jamie Mitchell"**  
**To : alfresco.planning@lacity.org**  
**Subject : Al Fresco Dining Ordinance**

The outdoor dining along Main Street in Santa Monica has helped create a dynamic strip of activity that's injecting new life into the area. The same is happening in many other areas across Los Angeles. Outdoor seating was a necessity during the pandemic and it kept dozens, maybe hundreds, of businesses from permanently closing. And although most of these establishments survived, many were able to do little more than keep the doors open, the lights on, and the employees paid. It's for this reason that the Al Fresco Dining Ordinance - and those behind it - seem remarkably disconnected from a community that will be in recovery for years.

What you've proposed with the new rules and fees is abhorrent. You might as well announce that your goal is to strip these business owners of their livelihood by forcing their restaurants to go out of business. Los Angeles is already over-regulated with enough fees and permits to discourage anyone's entrepreneurial spirit. The owners of the restaurants you're seeking to burden could have easily thrown in the towel as Covid ravaged business after business. But they didn't. They endured. And for what? To be slapped with new fees so exorbitant that the risk and sacrifice of the past three years becomes worthless.

This ordinance and its associated fees appear to be nothing more than a money grab at a time when we're all trying to make ends meet. This isn't the right message to send to these business owners or to the customers who support them. Please rethink this ridiculous assault on these communities.

Thank you for listening.

Date : 2/20/2023 10:36:48 PM  
From : "Barbara Bruderlin"  
To : [AlFresco.Planning@lacity.org](mailto:AlFresco.Planning@lacity.org)  
Subject : Al Fresco Dining Updates

Please include me in any updates on the Ordinance.

Best to Success,

*Barbara Bruderlin*  
Chief Executive Officer  
*MALIBU - PACIFIC PALISADES CHAMBER OF COMMERCE*  
(310) 456-9025



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**Date : 12/6/2022 7:19:12 AM**  
**From : "Allen Yuen"**  
**To : AlFresco.Planning@lacity.org**  
**Subject : al fresco dining**

Hello,

Please include me in any updates on al fresco dining.

Thanks,

Allen

**Date : 2/8/2023 10:42:09 AM**  
**From : "Allison Tolman"**  
**To : alfresco.planning@lacity.org**  
**Cc : info@ihcla.org**  
**Subject : Al Fresco Dining**

I'm writing to express my concerns over the proposed changes to outdoor dining ordinances. The neighborhood spots that survived the pandemic need to be protected so our communities can stay strong. It's the city's job to find a way to protect these businesses while also creating common spaces accessible for all residents. These ordinances will drive many businesses out with exorbitant costs.

Please reconsider,

Allison Tolman

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Allison Tolman  
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[www.allisontolman.com](http://www.allisontolman.com)

**Date : 2/8/2023 6:09:19 PM**  
**From : "Scott Fernandez"**  
**To : [alfresco.planning@lacity.org](mailto:alfresco.planning@lacity.org)**  
**Subject : Al fresco dining**

Hi: I am writing to comment on the City of LA Planning Draft Ordinance for a permanent Al Fresco Program. We are in support of a permanent program but the Ordinance requires in most cases a discretionary application filed with the Department of City Planning by means of Conditional Use Permit or Plan Approval. Additionally this ordinance requires a traditional permit through the channels of the Department of Building and Safety. These processes are very expensive and time burdening for the small business community.

Our number one request is to create an ordinance free from inequalities; to make this process accessible to all businesses in lieu of a fortunate few. We can take this opportunity to create a small business food operator friendly application that does not require expensive consultants or architects to gain permits. This can be a program for the people, by the people with built in equity and purpose; to incentivize and activate our streets creating a safer more local economically driven city.

We want this process to be similar to how the current Temporary Al Fresco permit software works taking no more than 20 minutes to apply.

Thank you.



Date : 2/21/2023 2:19:13 PM  
From : jcbmpi@aol.com  
To : "alfresco.planning@lacity.org"  
Subject : Al Fresco Dining

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For this reason, we vehemently oppose this legislation and urge you to reconsider implementing it.

Sincerely,  
Bill Melendez Productions, Inc.  
Joanna Coletta  
Annie Bardelli  
Katie Moore

**Date : 11/30/2022 1:21:23 PM**  
**From : "Ruth Gallardo"**  
**To : AlFresco.Planning@lacity.org**  
**Subject : Al Fresco Dining**

Hello,

I believe the Al Fresco Dining has been a great solution for the restaurants and cafes to still remain in business and also gives confidence for diners to be in a safe and fresh air experience and to help alleviate any virus spread.

I do hope it will always be allowed and will continue!

Best,

Ruth Gallardo

**Date : 1/14/2023 11:56:37 AM**  
**From : "ed kalpa"**  
**To : AlFresco.Planning@lacity.org**  
**Subject : Al fresco dinning**

Hello, hoping this outdoor dining is permanently terminated. Here in Los Feliz village it has brought filth, vermons , rats, coyotes and made a mess of garbage in our streets..... also graffiti is an issue. Those Krails and walls are always targeted and businesses could care less☐☐also those dumspsters GOT-TO-GO! Thank you Ed

Sent from my iPhone

**Date : 2/24/2023 10:25:16 PM**  
**From : "Colin Kuroishi"**  
**To : [alfresco.planning@lacity.org](mailto:alfresco.planning@lacity.org)**  
**Subject : Al Fresco In the City of Ventura, CA**

Hello,

I am in favor of keeping and expanding al fresco dining in the city of Los Angeles.

I wanted to let the planning commission know of a study that took place in the city of Ventura and it could be found here.

<https://www.cityofventura.ca.gov/DocumentCenter/View/29303/14A>

At the beginning of the 2020 Pandemic the city of Ventura closed down to most car traffic 4 1/2 blocks on Main street and it has been a welcome addition to the community. With the street closed to cars it has allowed the restaurants and businesses to expand seating in the street. An organization called "Main Street Moves" conducted a survey of nearly 10,000 people. Notably, 36.6% said the outdoor dining is what they like the most. (page 7) This was the most commonly selected choice as liked the most. If you are to do a survey of the areas affected in LA regarding al fresco dining I am sure you will see similar results.

Al fresco dining is highly appealing in our Mediterranean climate. An ordinance that expands al fresco dining will not only allow residents and tourists to enjoy the beauty of the outdoors of LA it will also be a large Fiscal draw. Referring back to the Ventura survey, 64.4% respondents stated they spent more time in Downtown Ventura since the street had been closed to cars. (page 6) The longer people stay in a shopping area the more money they spend. And the more money they spend the more tax revenue is generated.

Please do not go the way of Huntington Beach and roll back outdoor dining.

Once again I am IN FAVOR of al fresco dining and to the possibility of expanding it.

Sincerely,  
Colin Kuroishi

Date : 2/20/2023 1:21:41 PM  
From : "Paul Moshay"  
To : alfresco.planning@lacity.org  
Subject : Al Fresco ord.

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Sincerely,  
Paul Moshay  
5209 Lemona Ave.  
Sherman Oaks, CA 91411

**Date : 1/12/2023 2:28:44 PM**  
**From : "Florence Blecher"**  
**To : alfresco.planning@lacity.org**  
**Subject : Al Fresco Ordinance**

-What happens to how the lost parking impacts neighborhoods?

-What about the lost income for off-site parking to pertinent specific plans now occupied by al fresco dining?

-Why are you only addressing the applicants & not the affected communities & neighborhoods?

You've only addressed HALF of the issue. Please present a BALANCED picture of the effects of possibly making this ordinance permanent!

Thank you!

**Date : 2/20/2023 3:43:15 PM**  
**From : "James Moorer"**  
**To : alfresco.planning@lacity.org**  
**Subject : Al Fresco Ordinance**

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From : "Pam Windette"  
To : "alfresco.planning@lacity.org"  
Subject : Al Fresco Ordinance

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Date : 2/20/2023 1:08:17 PM  
From : "Phillip"  
To : "alfresco.planning@lacity.org"  
Subject : Al Fresco Ordinance

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Sincerely,

Phillip Lamond

**Date : 2/20/2023 10:11:52 AM**  
**From : "Amber Havens"**  
**To : alfresco.planning@lacity.org**  
**Subject : Al Fresco Ordinance**

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Sincerely,

Amber Havens

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~Amber~

Date : 2/20/2023 9:49:12 AM  
From : "michele shipley"  
To : "alfresco.planning@lacity.org"  
Subject : Al Fresco Ordinance

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Sincerely,

Michele Medeiros  
13561 Moorpark st #106  
Sherman Oaks, CA 91423

Date : 2/20/2023 9:43:00 AM  
From : "William Lebeda"  
To : alfresco.planning@lacity.org  
Subject : Al Fresco Ordinance

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Sincerely,  
William Lebeda  
818-681-6794

Sent from here

Date : 2/20/2023 12:22:38 PM  
From : "Alexandra Xavier"  
To : [alfresco.planning@lacity.org](mailto:alfresco.planning@lacity.org)  
Subject : Al Fresco ordinance

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Sincerely,  
Alexandra Xavier

Date : 2/20/2023 9:45:01 AM  
From : "Robert Anthony"  
To : alfresco.planning@lacity.org  
Subject : al fresco ordinance

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Sincerely,

Robert Anthony

**Date : 2/22/2023 4:31:57 PM**  
**From : "Robert Moynihan"**  
**To : "alfresco.planning@lacity.org"**  
**Subject : Al Fresco Ordinance**

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**Sincerely,  
M. Robert Moynihan**

***Humor is the universal solvent against the abrasive elements of life.***

**Date : 2/27/2023 10:45:08 PM**  
**From : cochran\_90036@yahoo.com**  
**To : alfresco.planning@lacity.org**  
**Subject : Al Fresco Ordinance**

Dear City Planning Member(s):

I strongly urge you to oppose the Al Fresco Ordinance as it is written today. This ordinance would put a great financial burden on our restaurants especially after the onslaught of Covid. If passed, the most likely outcome would be that chain restaurants would mainly survive since they're in a better position financially to afford the high cost of the permits required by this ordinance. We would therefore lose the diverse selection of smaller "mom and pop" restaurants that we enjoy today. These smaller enterprises have already suffered greatly due to Covid.

Once again, I strongly urge you to oppose this legislation.

Sincerely,  
Barbara Smith  
Sherman Oaks



**Date : 2/8/2023 8:57:58 PM**  
**From : "debbi singer"**  
**To : alfresco.planning@lacity.org**  
**Subject : Al Fresco ordinance/restrictions. CPC-2022-8179-CA**

City Councilmembers

I am a native Angeleno and 50 year restaurateur in Venice Beach.

I was forced to close one restaurant (opened in 1992) after Covid. It remains boarded up and closed to the public due to financial hardships from closure and challenges with the CUP process. 80 jobs were lost and many lives were impacted. I was able to pivot and keep my second location open as we were able to do take-out and delivery from that location. Ultimately thanks to The ease of permitting and opening patio seating in our parking area our business was saved and it allowed us to rehire 80 employees and to keep our doors open.

I understand the need for laws /ordinances that protect health and safety. There should be a streamlined process. The need to hire consultants and expeditors to keep our doors open is time-consuming, detrimental and unaffordable.

This ordinance seems like it was done quickly without consideration of the many businesses and residents, not to mention the employees and vendors that support these restaurants. This is anti- small business, anti community and is not consistent with the city I like to call home. Why would we put restrictions on private property? (Limiting businesses of all sizes to using only 5 parking space for seating on private property). These laws are onerous and will put many of us out of business.

We are Angelenos, where is our humanity? Don't hurt my fellow restaurateurs young and old. Haven't we suffered enough? We are paying back loans and excessive rents. We are still reeling from supply chain problems, increased food costs, payroll expenses, etc. Our profit margins are so thin that we sometimes fail to pay ourselves. We do this because we love feeding our community.

Help restaurants stay afloat. We are heading into a recession. Covid is not over. I beg you to do the right thing and rethink this ordinance. Take the time to get clear on our long term goals as a city. I would urge you to shelf this ordinance and seek guidance from other cities with successful al fresco programs, restaurant associations and others in our industry to put together a streamlined plan that will be good for all.

Thank you for your consideration. I would be happy to be contacted to assist in any way. I love my city.

Debbi Singer

Date : 2/9/2023 9:41:31 AM  
From : "Erienne D. Lee"  
To : "alfresco.planning@lacity.org"  
Subject : Al Fresco Permit for Bacaro LA  
Attachment : Al Fresco dining Permit 2023.pdf;

Good morning,

I am writing on behalf of the landlord for the property located at 2308 S Union Ave, Los Angeles CA 90007-1843. The tenant Bacaro LA Restaurant received the attached permit for outdoor dining on private property.

We are reaching to inquire if this permit requires permission or consent of the landlord? The tenant is currently operating their outdoor dining arrangement but never received permission or consent from the landlord. They are operating based on the consent of the temporary city permit alone.

Additionally, the parking area they are using to operate outdoor dining consists of 5 parking spaces 1 of which is an ADA zoned parking space. Does the city ordinance allow the ADA parking space to be used as an area for outdoor dining?

Your assistance on this matter would be greatly appreciated!

Best Regards,  
Erienne

Erienne Lee, Paralegal/Office Manager  
**Law Offices of Trudi J. Lesser**  
*Specializing in Commercial Real Estate Transactions*

[400 Continental Blvd., 6<sup>th</sup> Floor](#)  
[El Segundo, CA 90245](#)  
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[erienne@tjllawyer.com](mailto:erienne@tjllawyer.com)



# Temporary Use Authority for Outdoor Dining on:

☒ Sidewalks ☒ Private Property

Bacaro LA

(Restaurant Name)

2308 S Union Ave, Los Angeles CA 90007-1843

(Address)

Daniel

Kronfli

+18186456464

(Contact Name and Phone Number)

850

(Signature)

(Application Number)

## Key Conditions of Authorization:

- A continuous 5-foot pedestrian access route is provided, generally utilizing the most passable portion of the sidewalk.
- The outdoor dining area shall comply with requirements and guidelines from the City of Los Angeles, Los Angeles County Public Health, and all others as applicable.
- Alcoholic beverages may only be served with the approval from the Department of City Planning and the California Department of Alcohol and Beverage Control.

**DATE ISSUED:** 06/09/2020

A copy of this certificate must be displayed on site, adjacent to the temporary outdoor dining area, and visible from the public right-of-way.

**Valid Through: May 31, 2023**

## Sidewalk

The applicant self-certified and agree to the following:

- Restaurant / Business Owner has a minimum \$300,000 liability insurance policy and a valid City of Los Angeles business license.
- A 5-foot wide pedestrian access route shall be maintained for pedestrian access, generally utilizing the most passable portion of the sidewalk.
- I understand that alcoholic beverages may only be served in the public right-of-way with the approval from the Department of City Planning and the California Department of Alcohol and Beverage Control.
- The sidewalk within or adjacent to the dining area shall be maintained in a clean and orderly manner at all times. All food or drink spills, and trash of any kind, must be immediately removed from the sidewalk area.
- The sidewalk dining area shall comply with requirements and guidelines from the City of Los Angeles, Los Angeles County Public Health, and all others as applicable.
- I understand this is an application for temporary authorization. This authorization may be revoked by the City at any time in its sole discretion for any reason including noncompliance, unsafe conditions, or discontinuation of the program.
- Restaurant / Business Owner / Vendor agrees to defend, indemnify and hold the City of Los Angeles harmless for any loss or liability, including but not limited to, damage or injury related to this temporary authorization.
- I have read and agree with the Sidewalk Dining Temporary Use Authority Program Rules and Guidelines available online at <https://engpermitmanual.lacity.org/other-boe-permitsprocesses/technical-procedures/00-la-al-fresco-sidewalk-dining-program-rules-and>

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- All alcohol that is served shall be delivered to tables by employees
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- A City-issued identification shall be posted in the temporary outdoor dining area and made clearly visible to the public, indicating that the area is subject to the requirements and restrictions of the LA AI Fresco Program. This shall include a telephone number and an email address shall be provided for complaints or concerns regarding the operation of the temporary outdoor dining area
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- Immediate access to Fire Department connections shall be maintained without obstructions

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- Aisles between tables and chairs must be 44-inch minimum width
- A clear space of 36-inch minimum must be provided behind accessible seating spaces
- This approval constitutes a temporary use authorization for outdoor dining areas for the duration of the Mayoral order, subject to additional extensions by Mayoral order
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- LADBS and LAFD (Public Assemblage Unit) shall have the authority to inspect and enforce conditions and may revoke any temporary use authorization for non-compliance with subject operating conditions

**Date : 9/8/2022 12:51:59 PM**  
**From : "Lipman, Hanna"**  
**To : "alfresco.planning@lacity.org"**  
**Subject : Al Fresco Permit Renewal**  
**Attachment : LA Alfresco Program exp. 6.30.22.pdf;**

To whom it may concern:

I have a few questions regarding the renewal of an expired al fresco permit. I have attached the permit, which expired in June. At that time, we did not renew. Between the application for this al fresco permit and the present, we transitioned from a Type 23 License to a Type 01. We continue to have a full restaurant on site. I am trying to figure out if we are eligible to renew the existing permit, and if so, how to do so, or if we need to reapply. Additionally, while speaking to the CA ABC regarding permission to have alcohol, they said no additional Al Fresco permits were being issued, but on review it seems that the application is still live and extended through to December.

If you could assist with these questions, it would be greatly appreciated.

Best,  
Hanna Lipman  
Staff Attorney  
Boston Beer Company

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☐ Sidewalks ☒ Private Property

American Craft Brewery LLC DBA Angel City  
Brewery

(Restaurant Name)

216 Alameda Street Los Angeles, CA 90012

(Address)

Katelyn

Heyer

+16173685394

(Contact Name and Phone Number)

*K Heyer*

4018

(Signature)

(Application Number)

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04/13/2021

**DATE ISSUED:**

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**Date : 11/30/2022 1:04:33 PM**  
**From : "aliceon.joescafegh.com"**  
**To : "AlFresco.Planning@lacity.org"**  
**Subject : Al fresco permits**

I would like to receive updates.

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**Date : 2/8/2023 11:17:14 AM**  
**From : "Patrick Brammall"**  
**To : [alfresco.planning@lacity.org](mailto:alfresco.planning@lacity.org)**  
**Cc : [info@IHCLA.org](mailto:info@IHCLA.org)**  
**Subject : Al Fresco Planning**

**To: [alfresco.planning@lacity.org](mailto:alfresco.planning@lacity.org)**

**CC: [info@IHCLA.org](mailto:info@IHCLA.org)**

**Subject: CPC-2022-8179-CA Permanent Al Fresco Program**

**To: [alfresco.planning@lacity.org](mailto:alfresco.planning@lacity.org)**

**CC: [info@IHCLA.org](mailto:info@IHCLA.org)**

**Subject: CPC-2022-8179-CA Permanent Al Fresco Program**

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Sincerely,

Patrick Brammall

**Date : 2/8/2023 12:05:56 PM**  
**From : "PG Yahoo"**  
**To : alfresco.planning@lacity.org**  
**Cc : info@IHCLA.org**  
**Subject : Al Fresco Program / All Time Restaurant**

On behalf of All Time restaurant I am writing to comment on the City of LA Planning Draft Ordinance for a permanent Al Fresco Program. We are in support of a permanent program but the Ordinance requires in most cases a discretionary application filed with the Department of City Planning by means of Conditional Use Permit or Plan Approval. Additionally this ordinance requires a traditional permit through the channels of the Department of Building and Safety. These processes are very expensive and time burdening for the small business community.

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phillip gharabegian  
Los Feliz resident and home owner (property tax payer)

**Date : 2/14/2023 7:40:28 AM**  
**From : "Brad Johnson"**  
**To : "alfresco.planning@lacity.org"**  
**Subject : Al Fresco Program private property**

Hello. Is there a recording available of the Feb 8 staff level public hearing? Also I'm curious if the proposed allowance to displace 5 required parking spaces is for each business on a multi tenant property or 5 spaces total for a property (regardless of the number of tenants)? Thanks!

**Date : 11/30/2022 11:16:56 PM**  
**From : "Great Greek"**  
**To : AlFresco.Planning@lacity.org**  
**Subject : Al Fresco program updates**

Please continue this program. It is very important to our business and helped save us.

I'd appreciate updates as they become available.

Thank you!



**Date : 1/18/2023 4:00:30 PM**  
**From : "Raul Verdugo"**  
**To : AlFresco.Planning@lacity.org**  
**Subject : Al Fresco Program Webinar**

Good Afternoon Ms. Mary Richardson,

I hope you're doing well. My name is Raul Verdugo, Advocacy Manager at Alcohol Justice and Lead Coordinator for the Los Angeles Drug & Alcohol Policy Alliance (L.A. DAPA). I am very interested in learning more details about the proposed ordinance.

I was unable to attend the Virtual Information Webinar held this afternoon, but, I would like to ask if the webinar will be made available and added to the "project website" ? It would be a great opportunity to learn the specifics of the ordinance as it was discussed.

I would appreciate any information you could share.

Thank you for your time—

With kind regards,  
Raul

**Raul Verdugo**  
*Advocacy Manager*  
24 Belvedere St. San Rafael, CA 94901  
**p:** 310.689.9401 / **f:** 415.456.0491  
**alcoholjustice.org**

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**Date : 2/13/2023 2:21:51 PM**  
**From : "Karina M."**  
**To : alfresco.planning@lacity.org**  
**Subject : Al Fresco program**

Dear Councilmember Raman and City planning team,

As a CD 10 resident with immunocompromised family members, I am alarmed at the sudden move on the Al Fresco program <https://www.latimes.com/.../outdoor-dining-la-city-al...>

The plethora of outdoor dining options has been one of the few silver linings for our family, and as a family with small business owners we know how critical these low barrier programs have been for small businesses. Please consider long term public health and economic impacts before curtailing this program. All families deserve to have equal, safe access to dining options they can enjoy as we continue to move through this pandemic with care; not just for ourselves but our community.

Karina Murillo

**Date : 2/25/2023 4:51:03 PM**  
**From : "Jason"**  
**To : alfresco.planning@lacity.org**  
**Subject : Al Fresco Program**

To whom it may concern,

I love the Al Fresco program, it's been wonderful over the last few years since myself and my family will not eat indoors at restaurants due to being high risk of covid and other respiratory viruses. I am still able to enjoy restaurants thanks to the program and someone informed me that it may end or change because restaurants will have to pay money they cannot afford.

Please continue this program, many people will not be able to enjoy dining out anymore or to support our local restaurants if this is taken away.

Thank you for your time

Jason Munoz

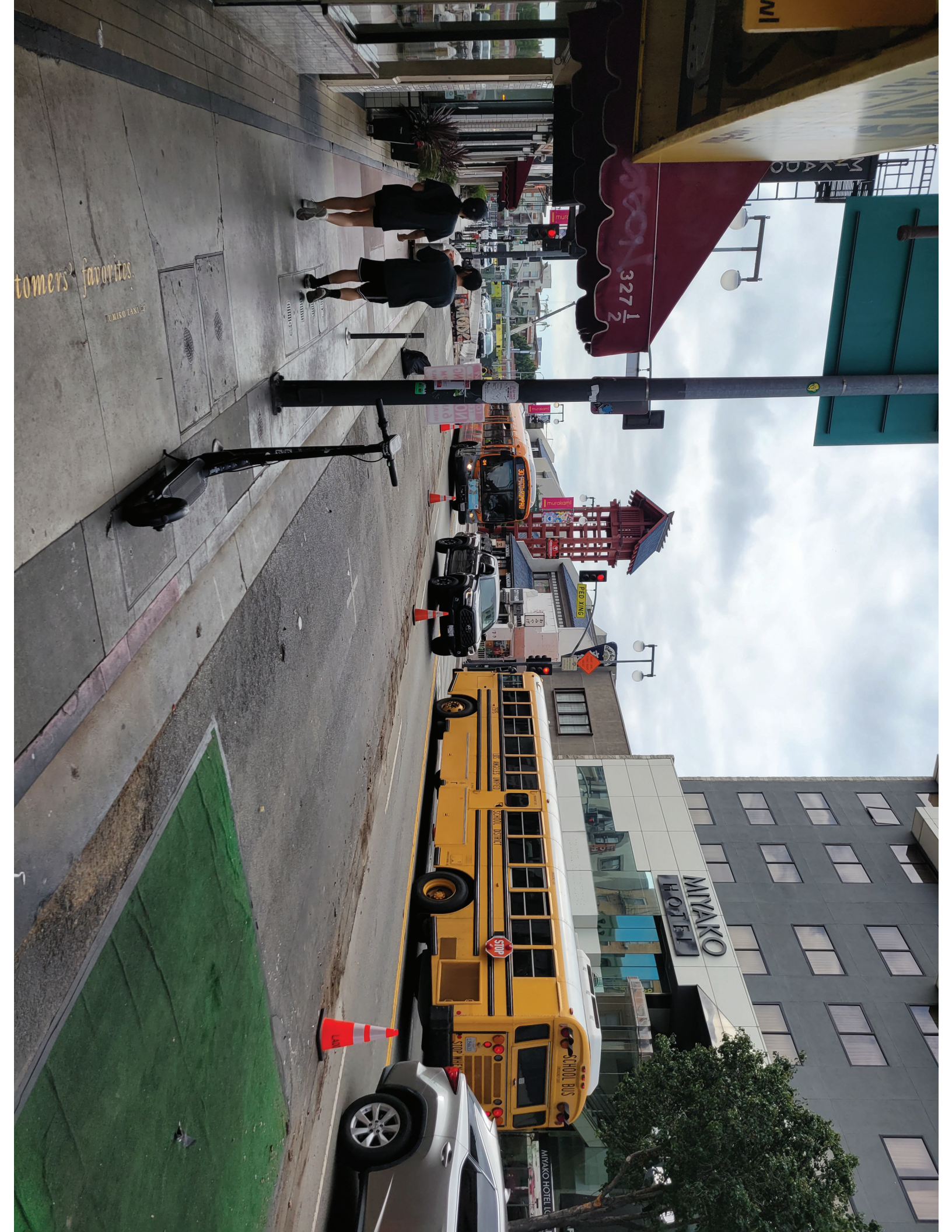
**Date : 9/14/2022 12:00:22 PM**  
**From : "alex0hager"**  
**To : alfresco.planning@lacity.org**  
**Subject : Al Fresco Removal**  
**Attachment : 20220914\_095101.jpg;20220914\_095104.jpg;**

Why is the outdoor dining in Little Tokyo along first street being removed?









customers' favorites.  
MIYAKO TANI

327 1/2

MIYAKO  
HOTEL

SCHOOL BUS  
STOP  
STOP



**Date : 11/30/2022 1:20:13 PM**  
**From : "KENT KILLIAN"**  
**To : AlFresco.Planning@lacity.org**  
**Subject : Al fresco updates**

☺ ☐ Thank you, Kent

**Date : 12/1/2022 5:04:03 PM**  
**From : "Ivan Vasquez"**  
**To : AlFresco.Planning@lacity.org**  
**Subject : al fresco**

I hope you keep the outdoor dining

thank you

Ivan A. Vasquez  
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**Date : 2/20/2023 2:17:48 PM**  
**From : "Bret Koehler"**  
**To : alfresco.planning@lacity.org**  
**Subject : Al Fresco**

I'm writing to oppose the Al Fresco Ordinance.

Per usual, the politicians have taken a good idea, and made it terrible for small businesses. To gain my support, the powers that be should consider making it more affordable, easier to implement, and make requirements more feasible/realistic.

Los Angeles, has a recent history of making terrible decisions for businesses. Let's not make this one of them.

Please consider revising the plan. Until then, I will do everything I can to strengthen opposition.

Thank you!

Bret Koehler  
Toluca Lake, CA

**Date : 2/27/2023 11:34:46 AM**  
**From : "Jay"**  
**To : "alfresco.planning@lacity.org"**  
**Subject : Al Fresco**

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For this reason, I vehemently oppose this legislation and urge you to reconsider implementing it.

Sincerely,

Jason Prushko

**Date : 11/29/2022 7:24:20 PM**  
**From : "Angela Marsden"**  
**To : alfresco.planning@lacity.org**  
**Subject : Al Fresco**

Hello,

Are they going to extend the temporary permits past Jan. 1? And is it still possible to try for a permanent permit?

Thank you

--

Angela Marsden  
Owner  
Pineapple Hill Saloon and Grill  
4454 Van Nuys Blvd #N  
Sherman Oaks CA 91403  
818.789.0679 Office  
213.840.1077 cell  
310.593.2444 fax  
[angelammarsden@gmail.com](mailto:angelammarsden@gmail.com)

**Date : 2/8/2023 6:49:32 PM**  
**From : "Judy"**  
**To : "alfresco.planning@lacity.org"**  
**Subject : Alfresco**

To whom it may concern:

How about the city start enforcing parking rules against the proliferation of food trucks that have been allowed leniency when the pandemic struck?

We no longer have restrictions in restaurants yet food trucks take up public parking spaces and are rarely ticketed or towed for overstaying the allotted time and other violations. A police officer told me it is due to Covid restrictions but there are no more restrictions.

Food trucks take up needed parking spaces that now cannot be used by residents or shoppers. They also do not pay BID fees like residents and businesses pay yet they reap the BID benefits.

A food truck near me is a permanent fixture. It also stays illegally parked past 2am when signs say No parking. IT's presence attracts drunks that leave bars forced to close at 2am and creates loud noises at 2am that wake us. These parking spaces were NEVER intended to house food trucks permanently.

If this is not the appropriate place to give comments PLEASE pass along this email to an appropriate team.

Thanks,

Judy Abel

Apologies for typos or terse tone

**Date : 2/6/2023 5:18:00 PM**  
**From : "Melissa Lewis"**  
**To : alfresco.planning@lacity.org**  
**Subject : Alfresco Dining**

Please do not limit alfresco dining in Los Angeles. You will be hurting small businesses and Los Angeles restaurant patrons! We live in Los Angeles to enjoy the weather. Do not limit this!

Melissa Lewis

Sent from my iPhone with love, please forgive any brevity or typos.

**Date : 1/9/2023 12:29:13 PM**  
**From : rowleytim@aol.com**  
**To : "alfresco.planning@lacity.org"**  
**Subject : alfresco dining regulation**

Why do you regulate/inspect/tax legitimate fixed-location businesses and allow unlicensed, unregulated street food vendors violate health/safety/code/tax regulations, block sidewalks, use government and private property without permission, etc?

Don't tell me I can "file a complaint". Almost all government regulators and inspectors stop working at 5pm. Then the unlicensed food vendors set up shop. Until Los Angeles City government treats ALL food businesses EQUALLY, discrimination against fully licensed and insured business owners will continue.

Where is my justice?

**Date : 2/7/2023 4:20:40 PM**  
**From : "Lucie Beeby"**  
**To : alfresco.planning@lacity.org**  
**Subject : Alfresco Dining**

Hello,

Please do not pass the proposal changing the outdoor dining regulations. It would be devastating the restaurants that are still struggling to survive the damage done during the pandemic. This would be a devastating blow to our city and does nothing to move these businesses forward during a still trying time.

Thank you,  
Lucie Beeby

**Date : 1/18/2023 12:08:37 PM**  
**From : "Ivonne Guzman"**  
**To : alfresco.planning@lacity.org**  
**Subject : Alfresco Dining**

Is there a limit on private and public property spaces utilized when it negatively affects the local residents.

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**Date : 1/18/2023 12:06:42 PM**  
**From : "Ivonne Guzman"**  
**To : alfresco.planning@lacity.org**  
**Subject : Alfresco dining**

I was not notified of alfresco dining on the block I live in. Is this a requirement for approval?

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**Date : 2/20/2023 1:36:22 PM**  
**From : "Kim Donovan"**  
**To : alfresco.planning@lacity.org**  
**Subject : Alfresco dining**

I am concerned over the new ordinance requiring some establishments to downsize their existing patio dining that they had prior to or put up because of the pandemic in order for their businesses to survive. I think these restaurants/bars should have their patios grandfathered in and not be subjected to further costs unless the city is willing to cover them. Many people still prefer outdoor dining and May cause some to lose their business if they can't afford to comply with new regulations after spending what little they could afford already to build the outdoor seating during Covid.

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**Date : 2/24/2023 7:44:06 PM**  
**From : "Elizabeth de Sosa"**  
**To : "alfresco.planning@lacity.org"**  
**Subject : Alfresco Dining**

Hello:

I am a citizen of Chatsworth and encourage the City Agencies involved to simplify the permit process for restaurants to provide our communities with outdoor dining.

Alfresco dining is enjoyable

Alfresco dining provides an accessible dining choice for immune compromised who are unable to participate in indoor dining

Alfresco dining takes advantage of our many days of beautiful weather

Thank you for your time and consideration of my opinion.

Best,

Elizabeth de Sosa

818 284 8648

10801 Fullbright Ave

Chatsworth, CA. 91311

esdesosa@hotmail.com

Sent from my iPad

**Date : 1/25/2023 2:50:41 PM**  
**From : "Erial Tompkins"**  
**To : alfresco.planning@lacity.org**  
**Subject : Alfresco Dining**

The strength of our city lies in the vitality of our communities. In these trying times, it is more important than ever to do everything in our power to keep alfresco dining a staple of our urban landscape. For too long, our city has been plagued by blight and neglect. But I believe that by encouraging our citizens to take ownership of their communities through walking, bicycling, dining, and investing in their neighborhoods, we can begin to turn the tide.

That is why I propose that we provide grants, loans, and tax incentives to small businesses that are working to establish and maintain alfresco dining spaces. We cannot afford to let the only patio spaces in our city be limited to fast food chains and shopping malls. Our wonderful small businesses deserve the opportunity to thrive and bring a sense of charm and character to our streets.

Every neighborhood in our city deserves sidewalk appeal. All citizens should have the opportunity to enjoy the benefits of an active and healthy lifestyle. Let us invest in our small businesses and our communities, and together we can build a brighter future for all.

Respectfully,

Erial Tompkins

**Date : 2/28/2023 9:42:21 AM**  
**From : "Jacqueline Loza"**  
**To : alfresco.planning@lacity.org**  
**Subject : Alfresco Dining**

I am writing in support of Los Angeles restaurants whom have over extended themselves during the pandemic by creating alfresco dining options. These smaller restaurants found creative solutions to keep their doors open to survive the closures and now to be told there will be fees, taxes and even tearing down their outdoor seating because of a new ordinance is harsh and is a further demonstration of how unfriendly LA is to small business. We live in a location that despite recent conditions, has the best climate anywhere all year long. I have personally enjoyed having more options to have a meal outside since the creation of alfresco dining in LA because we have great weather. Please reconsider the ordinance because of the financial impact it will have on smaller restaurants whom are still recovering from the past three years. Once this weather subsides Angelenos will want to be outside enjoying meals with their friends and families again-how disappointed we all will be to find our favorite spots either without outdoor dining or even closure of the restaurant.

Let's not strain these businesses more than they already have been.

Respectfully,

Jacqueline S. Loza, JD  
lozajacq@sbcglobal.net  
(818) 317-5580

**Date : 2/7/2023 12:32:52 PM**  
**From : "Bron H. Hager"**  
**To : alfresco.planning@lacity.org**  
**Subject : Alfresco dinning**

Dear City Planners, The news in today's Los Angeles Times frustrates me. Outdoor dining is a necessary source of revenue for small business owners. They operate on razor-thin margins, and adding more fees hurts the business and, ultimately, the community. Please do not burden small businesses with unnecessary regulations. Thank you for your consideration.

Bron

**Date : 1/2/2023 9:50:28 PM**  
**From : "Esther Castellanos"**  
**To : alfresco.planning@lacity.org**  
**Subject : AlFresco January 2023**

Dear sirs,

We are AlFresco participants and as of December 31, 2022 are no longer holding a valid AlFresco permit. Please inform us as to how we can obtain an extension or the permanent permit.

Cordially,  
Esther Castellanos

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**Date : 1/25/2023 2:55:33 PM**  
**From : "Rica Leon"**  
**To : alfresco.planning@lacity.org**  
**Cc : "James Emrani" , "Claudia Rauda" , "Justin Paul"**  
**Subject : Alfresco Ordinance Permanent application**

Hello,

I attended the webinar on January 18th, regarding the Alfresco Ordinance. My restaurant is Chifa 國偉 at 4373 Eagle Rock Blvd, Los Angeles, CA 90041. We have a private parking lot.

I contacted the restaurant and small business express team and they are not aware of this.

Please let me know what the next steps are for application.

Thank you.

Rica Leon  
Owner



**Date : 11/30/2022 1:25:28 PM**  
**From : "Hilda Mauro"**  
**To : Alfresco.Planning@lacity.org**  
**Cc : "Hilda Mauro" , "Lemuel Balagot" , "Ray osmond Medrocillo"**  
**Subject : Alfresco Ordinance Updates**

Yes, we are interested in getting updates of current status of the draft ordinance.

Many thanks,

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Hilda Mauro - Business Manager 818-917-6963 (mobile direct)

Proprietors: Lemuel L. Balagot & Ray O. Medrocillo

LA Rose Cafe

4749 Fountain Ave., L.A., Ca 90029

323-662-4024 Restaurant

<http://larosecafehollywood.com/>

**Date : 2/8/2023 4:28:19 PM**  
**From : "Morgan McCann"**  
**To : alfresco.planning@lacity.org**  
**Cc : info@ihcla.org**  
**Subject : alfresco.planning@lacity.org**

On behalf of Los Feliz and Silver Lake local restaurants, as an area resident and homeowner, I am writing to comment on the City of LA Planning Draft Ordinance for a permanent Al Fresco Program. We are in support of a permanent program but the Ordinance requires in most cases a discretionary application filed with the Department of City Planning by means of Conditional Use Permit or Plan Approval. Additionally this ordinance requires a traditional permit through the channels of the Department of Building and Safety. These processes are very expensive and time burdening for the small business community.

Our number one request is to create an ordinance free from inequalities; to make this process accessible to all businesses in lieu of a fortunate few. We can take this opportunity to create a small business food operator friendly application that does not require expensive consultants or architects to gain permits. This can be a program for the people, by the people with built in equity and purpose; to incentivize and activate our streets creating a safer more local economically driven city.

We want this process to be similar to how the current Temporary Al Fresco permit software works taking no more than 20 minutes to apply.

Thank you!  
Morgan McCann

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**Date : 2/8/2023 10:20:48 AM**  
**From : "Brana Rosenfeld"**  
**To : alfresco.planning@lacity.org**  
**Cc : info@ihcla.org, hello@alltimelosangeles.com**  
**Subject : All fresco dining**



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**To:** [alfresco.planning@lacity.org](mailto:alfresco.planning@lacity.org)

**CC:** [info@IHCLA.org](mailto:info@IHCLA.org)

**Subject:** **CPC-2022-8179-CA** Permanent AI Fresco Program

On behalf of All Time Restaurant, I am writing to comment on the City of LA Planning Draft Ordinance for a permanent AI Fresco Program. We are in support of a permanent program but the Ordinance requires in most cases a discretionary application filed with the Department of City Planning by means of Conditional Use Permit or Plan Approval. Additionally this ordinance requires a traditional permit through the channels of the Department of Building and Safety. These processes are very expensive and time burdening for the small business community.

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Brana Rosenfeld



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brana rosenfeld  
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email branala@mac.com



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**Date : 3/1/2023 9:21:45 PM**  
**From : "Nancy Worsham"**  
**To : [alfresco.planning@lacity.org](mailto:alfresco.planning@lacity.org)**  
**Subject : Allow alfresco dining**

Dear L A City:

Do not allow restrictions on alfresco dining in Los Angeles. That would be wrong headed after it has become common knowledge the shut downs in 2020 / 2021 resulted in too much harm on many levels. Not only small and medium businesses were ruined or harmed significantly, but also employees, customers and fellow citizens in Los Angeles were adversely affected (or worse).

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**Date : 2/18/2023 6:38:06 PM**  
**From : "Angela Marsden"**  
**To : alfresco.planning@lacity.org**  
**Subject : application for conditional use permit for patio**

Hello,

I have a patio on private property, do we have to fill out anything right now? Or are we waiting til the ordinance is approved?

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Angela Marsden  
Owner  
Pineapple Hill Saloon and Grill  
4454 Van Nuys Blvd #N  
Sherman Oaks CA 91403  
818.789.0679 Office  
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[angelammarsden@gmail.com](mailto:angelammarsden@gmail.com)

**Date : 2/8/2023 10:34:48 AM**

**From : "kirsten nygaard"**

**To : alfresco.planning@lacity.org**

**Cc : info@IHCLA.ORG**

**Subject : Are you Serious? CPC-2022-8179-CA Permanent Al Fresco Program**

On behalf of myself and my neighbors, I am writing to comment on the City of LA Planning Draft Ordinance for a permanent Al Fresco Program. We are in support of a permanent program but the Ordinance requires in most cases a discretionary application filed with the Department of City Planning by means of Conditional Use Permit or Plan Approval. Additionally, this ordinance requires a traditional permit through the channels of the Department of Building and Safety. These processes are very expensive and time burdening for the small business community.

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In a city with more people than some states, please listen to the outspoken people who have taken time out of their days and lives to write and call in.

In a time where many people are still dealing with the financial burden of the pandemic, with many restaurants shutting their doors because of this - more fees for outdoor dining to stay open; which is still a place many patrons feel safer going to. You'd not only be limiting restaurants, you'd be limiting civilians who are dealing with different medical concerns who don't feel safe eating indoors with others.

Please reconsider your motion.

With thanks,  
Kirsten Nygaard



**Date : 2/7/2023 2:34:53 PM**  
**From : "Samantha Lauber"**  
**To : alfresco.planning@lacity.org**  
**Subject : Attack on outdoor dining/our restaurants**

To whom it may concern,

I am writing due to my concern about the recent proposal limiting al fresco dining permits and the requirement for costly additional "conditional use permits."

Already in 2023 I have seen dozens of beloved LA restaurants close due to the offensively high rent in this city, and putting restrictions on outdoor dining (while COVID is still among us!) will make more and more local restaurants close.

LA is special because of institutions like the ones using outdoor dining currently, and to lose more of them would be a crime. In their stead, chains and corporations will overtake the small businessperson and make LA soulless, culture-less, and more corrupt than ever.

Please ensure these restrictions on our local restaurants do not go through.

Best,  
Samantha Lauber  
90029

**Date : 11/30/2022 1:02:39 PM**

**From : "Welch, Harriet M."**

**To : "Los Angeles City Planning"**

**Subject : Automatic reply: Permanent Al Fresco/Outdoor Dining Draft Ordinance Release | Al Fresco Permanente/Publicación del Borrador de la Ordenanza del Al Fresco Permanente**

Harriet Welch is no longer working at Squire Patton Boggs. For assistance with a matter being handled by Squire Patton Boggs, please contact Nathan Treu at [nathan.treu@squirepb.com](mailto:nathan.treu@squirepb.com). For general information or inquiries, please visit our website at [www.squirepattonboggs.com](http://www.squirepattonboggs.com).

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**Date : 1/25/2023 12:03:20 PM**

**From : "Tegan Klassen"**

**To : "Los Angeles City Planning"**

**Subject : Automatic reply: [External] - [BULK EMAIL] Permanent Al Fresco Ordinance - Notice of Public Hearing | Ordenanza Permanente de Al Fresco - Aviso de Audiencia Pública**

Thank you for your e-mail. I am out of the office from January 22 until January 30th. I will have limited access to email. If the matter is urgent please try calling or texting me.

Tegan

**Date : 11/30/2022 1:03:06 PM**

**From : "Carmen Noyola"**

**To : "Los Angeles City Planning"**

**Subject : Automatic reply: Permanent Al Fresco/Outdoor Dining Draft  
Ordinance Release | Al Fresco Permanente/Publicación del Borrador de la  
Ordenanza del Al Fresco Permanente**

Please be advised that Carmen Noyola is no longer employed with Craig Lawson & Co., LLC. Please contact Lauren Finkel at [lauren@craiglawson.com](mailto:lauren@craiglawson.com) if you need assistance.

**Date : 2/6/2023 12:16:30 PM**  
**From : "Ellia Thompson"**  
**To : "Los Angeles City Planning"**  
**Subject : Auto-response**

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**Date : 1/14/2023 1:35:34 PM**  
**From : "Diane Hawley"**  
**To : alfresco.planning@lacity.org**  
**Subject : awful parklettes on larchmont**

To whom it may concern, I was not aware of any survey city wide regarding outdoor dining . They are a disaster on Larchmont. not only do they take up valuable parking spaces ( now people park inside the middle lane of the two way traffic and causes a huge safety concern with opening and closing doors etc. ) also, when the establishments have closed the ugly green mats and barriers remain and are an eye sore. Finally, they are a safety concern while eating at them. I have seen one too many person almost get hit by a car pulling in or backing out. how safe can this be for the people inhaling fumes when the cars just sit there with their engine on. Please please, do not continue this. We have paid huge money in tax dollars for the parking spaces. The city is receiving the incremental tax dollars in sales from these establishments, but we the tax PAYER gets nothing. and can't even park their. more blight for the city of Los Angeles.

213-804-8832

I doubt anyone will take the time to respond to even let me know my comment has been tallied, but please call for more information. I silly survey was done by someone and it even said they don't want them

Diane Hawley (property owner) windsor square

**Date : 11/1/2022 10:59:33 AM**  
**From : "Issac Kunthara"**  
**To : AlFresco.Planning@lacity.org**  
**Subject : building a new veterinary clinic**  
**Attachment : West Hollywood Locations.docx;**

We are trying to build a new veterinary clinic (medical services only, no day care/boarding), and we'd like to better understand the zoning laws. Could you please let me know which zones my use is allowed in? And for each zone I am allowed in, do I need a CUP? Also, is there a map for me to see what zone my address is in? I am looking at a few properties at the moment, and before I sign an LOI, this would be important for me to know. Below is a document with a list of properties I am looking at. If you could let me know which zones my usage is allowed in, that would be great.

Thanks in advance for your time and help.

Best,

Issac Kunthara

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- (Q) RAS4-1

<https://www.loopnet.com/Listing/7920-W-Sunset-Blvd-Los-Angeles-CA/21685428/>

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**From : "Chris Wilson"**  
**To : alfresco.planning@lacity.org**  
**Cc : "Denise Kniter" , "Sarah Wiltfong"**  
**Subject : Case No: case number CPC-2022-8179-CA - BizFed Comment Letter**  
**Attachment : Al Fresco Permanent Dining Program - City of LA - BizFed.pdf;**

Good morning,

On behalf of the Los Angeles County Business Federation (BizFed), please see our attached comment letter regarding Permanent Al Fresco (CPC-2022-8179-CA).

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact us.

Thank you,



**Chris Wilson**, Senior Policy Manager  
(562) 201-6034 - [chris.wilson@bizfed.org](mailto:chris.wilson@bizfed.org)

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President Millman and Planning Commissioners  
Attn: Mary Richardson  
City of Los Angeles – Dept. of City Planning  
200 N. Spring St. Room 701  
Los Angeles, CA 90012

**RE: Proposed Permanent Al Fresco Ordinance – Case # CPC-2022-8179-CA**

Dear President Millman and Planning Commissioners,

On behalf of the Los Angeles County Business Federation (BizFed), a grassroots alliance of 235 diverse business groups mobilizing 410,000 employers with 5 million employees in Los Angeles County, we write to express our strong support towards making the “Al Fresco” outdoor dining program permanent.

As you are aware, the program, which began in May 2020, began as a temporary emergency response program that allowed outdoor dining on sidewalks, parking lots, and streets. Since then, more than 2,500 local businesses have taken advantage of the LA Al Fresco program. It has also offered a pathway for local restaurateurs to re-envision some of their own spaces and test how streets and lots that primarily serve cars can be opened to people-centered activity.

We also appreciate former Mayor Eric Garcetti, during his State of the City Address in 2021, calling on the City Council to make the Al Fresco dining program permanent. Other cities in Los Angeles County have reported favorable benefits of expanding and making permanent outdoor dining.

Therefore, we urge the Department of Planning and Planning Commission to support the collaborative efforts for a comprehensive transition from the temporary LA Al Fresco program to permanent outdoor dining opportunities for all Angelenos to enjoy.

Thank you for your consideration. If you have any questions, please don’t hesitate to contact our BizFed Policy Manager Denise Kniter at (323) 629-5019 or [denise.kniter@bizfed.org](mailto:denise.kniter@bizfed.org)

Sincerely,

John Musella  
BizFed Chair  
Santa Clarita Valley Chamber

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BizFed President

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**From : "Michael Shilstone"**  
**To : "mary.richardson@lacity.org", "alfresco.planning@lacity.org"**  
**Cc : "Marie Rumsey" , "Nella McOske" , "Clara Karger"**  
**Subject : CCA Letter re: AI Fresco**  
**Attachment : 2023 02 07 - City Planning - CCA Letter re Permanent AI Fresco.pdf;image001.png;image002.png;image003.png;image004.png;image005.png;**

Mary,

Please find attached a letter from our organization with comments on the proposed AI Fresco Ordinance for outdoor dining on private property. We appreciate your consideration and would be happy to discuss this further.

Thank you,  
Michael



**Michael Shilstone**

Director of Economic Development  
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February 7, 2023

Mary Richardson  
Department of City Planning  
200 N. Spring Street, Room 701  
Los Angeles, CA 90012

**Re: Al Fresco Ordinance – Outdoor Dining on Private Property**

Dear Ms. Richardson,

CCA represents over 300 members who share a mission to enhance Downtown Los Angeles' vibrancy and increase opportunity in the region. We are advocates for policies and projects that support a thriving culinary and cultural environment in Los Angeles, anchored by our many small local businesses. We know that the temporary Al Fresco Outdoor Dining Program was a critical lifeline for many of our city's restaurants during the worst periods of the pandemic and we are pleased that the City is now in the process of making the widely popular program permanent. **We write this letter to submit our comments on the Al Fresco Ordinance related to outdoor dining on private property.**

We are strongly supportive of the intent of this ordinance in general. In particular, we appreciate the updated definition of "outdoor dining" and the parking relief provisions that provides appropriate flexibility for operators. This flexibility is important, especially for small businesses that need to be able to quickly adapt.

In the interest of ensuring the ordinance provides needed flexibility in its other provisions, there are three elements we recommend be amended:

- Section 8.A.24.c.iv. Conditions for Continued Operations After Temporary Permit Expiration – **We recommend grandfathering in restaurants that serve alcohol into the permanent program and not requiring them to obtain discretionary approval when the temporary program expires.** These restaurants have likely been operating under their conditions for a year or more during the pandemic and it is punitive to now require them to undergo the lengthy and costly discretionary approval process to continue their operations, particularly if they have been responsible operators and not received any complaints.
- Section 8.A.24.d.i.6.a Outdoor Dining Area and Parking Lot Design. – We believe the requirement to use water barriers or jersey barriers is far too prescriptive and could be unsightly. **We recommend allowing for more design flexibility for selecting barriers or providing a buffer from active parking.**
- Section 8.A.24.d.iii.2.b. Operating Standards – **We recommend deleting this portion of the ordinance which ties outdoor dining operations to the hours of the kitchen facilities.** This is highly specific and not reflective of the way that restaurants operate. It is not uncommon for customers to linger after kitchen operations have closed and it does not make sense to require either businesses to unnecessarily keep their kitchens open or for them to force out customers in order to close their kitchens.

In addition to these specific provisions, **we want to stress the importance of making the full program as streamlined, simple, low-cost and clear as possible as the City transitions from the temporary program**



**to a permanent program.** This ordinance is only one piece to the full outdoor dining program, with additional rules and processes forthcoming from the Department of Transportation and Bureau of Engineering on top of this ordinance that creates rules and processes involving the Department of City Planning and Building and Safety. Each added set of rules, processes and departments creates a more complex environment and higher barriers to entry that disadvantage small businesses. We ask that the City consider this perspective to ultimately make the city a place where small businesses and local entrepreneurs can thrive and create great places across our communities.

We appreciate your consideration of these recommended amendments, and we are excited to see this ordinance be refined and move forward along with the related efforts to codify expanded permissions for outdoor dining on streets and sidewalks, which is especially crucial for our Downtown LA community.

Sincerely,

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Nella McOsker  
President & CEO  
Central City Association

**Date : 2/7/2023 9:58:12 AM**

**From : "Marianne King"**

**To : AlFresco.planning@lacity.org**

**Subject : Chatsworth NC comments RE: Case No: CPC 2022-8179-CA**

**Attachment : Al Fresco cnc letter to planning (2).pdf;**

Please see attached letter from the CNC for public comment for the record on the Proposed Permanent Al Fresco Program.

Thank You,  
Marianne King  
CNC Boardmember



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February 6, 2023

Case No: 2022-8179-CA / CF 20-1074  
Proposed Permanent AI Fresco Ordinance  
[AIFresco.planning@lacity.org](mailto:AIFresco.planning@lacity.org)

Dear Ms. Richardson,

The Chatsworth Neighborhood Council voted at their General Board meeting on February 1, 2023, in general support of the AI Fresco Ordinance however we would want the following concerns and/or questions addressed before this goes to the City Planning Commission.

The CNC has the following concerns/questions:

1. The ordinance is being proposed before we will know what DOT and BOE will permit/require. We want to know what the DOT and BOE requirements would be so we could understand the cumulative impact of a worst case scenario with respect to parking being eliminated.
2. Can existing landscaping/trees, (required or otherwise) be removed to provide outdoor dining? What would be the impact of that? (i.e., loss of trees/vegetation, conflict with conditions of approval or specific plan requirements, etc?)
3. Will there be a limit on size or number of seats for outdoor dining similar to the alcohol sales under the RBP which limits the by-right administrative clearance to a bona-fide restaurant that has a minimum of 10 seats and a maximum of 150 seats including the outdoor dining area?
4. Will the number of seats in a proposed outdoor dining area need to be shown on the submitted plans?
5. Will there be a new Certificate of Occupancy (C of O) that is issued which includes the outdoor dining and indoor dining total number of seats?
6. Will the C of O for the new permit indicate if alcohol is permitted or not in the outdoor patio area? This would be important for development and location requirements

under the RBP (alcohol sales program) which is more restrictive than the Al Fresco ordinance requirements.

7. The standards under 12.21.A.24 will prevail regardless of any conflict with an existing specific plan, overlay zone, or other zoning regulations. The proposed "prevail regardless" is a concern, especially if all the different possible regulations, specific plans, and overlays have not been reviewed and identified as a conflict.
8. We believe restaurants located within the inside of an office building should be permitted signage that is visible from the outside of the building.
9. Existing temporary Al Fresco's should be grandfathered in.

Sincerely,

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Jeff Hammond  
CNC President

cc: Councilmember Lee



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**From : "Richard Marciniak"**

**To : alfresco.planning@lacity.org**

**Subject : City bureaucrats running amok and against the people**

Please note the above problems and stop this over regulation.

Work for the people and not against us!!

Richard Marciniak

Sherman Oaks Resident

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**Date : 2/8/2023 6:32:45 PM**  
**From : "Jonathan Jae-an Crisman"**  
**To : alfresco.planning@lacity.org, "alfresco@lacity.org"**  
**Subject : Comment for Planning Case No. CPC-2022-8179-CA**

To whom it may concern,

I wanted to speak up in favor of al fresco dining, but AGAINST the proposed ordinance as it is currently written (Planning Case No. CPC-2022-8179-CA). I don't understand why you need to take something that is working -- the temporary Al Fresco program -- and then layer on a bunch of unnecessary bureaucracy, fees, and delays. Why not just permanently extend the temporary program? The al fresco dining areas are a public good because they make sidewalks more walkable, support local businesses, and improve the quality of life in LA. The proposed ordinance, among other things, yet again protects cars and parking over pedestrians, diners, and everyday streetlife.

We already have a housing crisis that is the product of a million tiny reasons, one of which is that city planning, building & safety, and other permitting agencies are overburdened with all of this bureaucracy as well -- it takes too long to receive approvals for building, let alone this newly proposed process, and arguably this new ordinance would further contribute to the impossibility of development, building, and business in Los Angeles, and further exacerbate our housing crisis.

I think that any permanent al fresco ordinance should allow for permitting that is AT MINIMUM fast, easy, and free. It should work like the current process which can be done in 20 minutes by a business owner. Please revise this ridiculous proposed ordinance so that it facilitates an improved quality of life in LA, instead of being a barrier to al fresco dining.

Best,  
Jonathan Crisman  
Highland Park

**Date : 12/8/2022 11:08:24 AM**  
**From : "Jeff S. McConnell"**  
**To : "AlFresco.Planning@lacity.org"**  
**Subject : comment on ordinance**  
**Attachment : image001.jpg;**

Private events should be allowed in outdoor eating areas. This is an essential option for customers concerned about having larger groups gathering indoors given the tridemic of Flu, RSV and Covid. You already protect against noise concerns by controlling amplified music and performances. Ther is no difference in having a birthday party for 40 people and siting 10 groups of 4 in normal operation.

Thanks for taking my comment.



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**Date : 2/8/2023 6:55:52 PM**  
**From : "Andrew Corbett"**  
**To : alfresco.planning@lacity.org**  
**Subject : Comment regarding new ordinance**

Hello,

I represent several small restaurants in Highland Park, Los Angeles. My main question regarding this proposed ordinance is why fix what isn't broken? Al fresco dining has worked for everyone: diners, restaurant operators, restaurant employees, beverage and food suppliers and distributors, etc. And who has it hurt? No one. What is to gain by adding a year of CUP process and thousands in fees when no one is being harmed by the current system? If it's money the city wants, they will make more allowing businesses to operate and continually generate sales tax and employment tax than they will charging a one time processing fee. The aim of this ordinance is lost on me, everyone in my industry, and any adjacent industry.

If this ordinance passes as proposed, hundreds of restaurants will have to close their outdoor areas, lay off employees, put compromised guests in danger, and will generate less tax revenue for the city and state.

I, along with our nearly 100 employees, strongly oppose the proposed ordinance and urge you to craft a system that is equitable, inexpensive, quick, and allows restaurants to continue to operate as they are now until they are able to navigate the new process.

Restaurants are a huge part of what makes Los Angeles a great city to live in. Don't force us to close, lay off staff, spend our savings on new CUPs that let us do what we have already been doing for years, safely and responsibly.

Thank you for your consideration.

Andrew



**Date : 1/14/2023 3:01:38 PM**  
**From : "Laurie"**  
**To : "AlFresco.Planning@lacity.org"**  
**Subject : Comments**

AlFresco Dining is great where it is ADA compliant. Too many places there are poles and chairs in the way for walkers and wheelchairs as well as no handicapped parking. Please consider how difficult it is for people with limited mobility when discussing your plans for the future .

Laurie Kelson  
Encino CA

**Date : 2/24/2023 2:02:10 PM**  
**From : "Judy"**  
**To : "alfresco.planning@lacity.org"**  
**Subject : Comments**

After reading the press release I see no mention of food trucks that have taken up permanently in public parking spaces. In my DTLA neighborhood food trucks illegally park all day in spots not intended to be restaurants. Two neighborhood restaurants have closed due to one truck that eliminates parking for the public, doesn't pay BID fees, doesn't pay meter fees etc. when my family wants to visit me there are no free parking spaces due to the food truck and its helper cars taking up spots forcing my family to pay higher fees at parking lots with a \$10 minimum even for 20 minutes.

How about addressing this problem? Just because 250 people attended your meeting doesn't mean everyone supports Al fresco

Judy Abel

Apologies for typos or terse tone

**Date : 1/26/2023 1:02:10 PM**  
**From : "mark galasso"**  
**To : "alfresco.planning@lacity.org"**  
**Subject : comments**

CPC-2022-8179-CA.

To whom it may concern,

Just a few comments re making al fresco dining a permanent fixture in LA.

First of all 95% of the "street structures" -and I use that term loosely- look awful. Main street in Santa Monica in particular is an eyesore. Secondly, they house rodents underneath them according to friends who work in the restaurants that have them. They have also taken away street parking which was never adequate to begin with in this city. They also obstruct trying to find neighboring businesses as the umbrellas block the view. If I owned a neighboring business I would be irate. All those businesses were "great sports" during the pandemic but that is OVER. The one I find unbelievable is that these structures ARE IN THE STREET!!! In zones that are marked red for safety reasons I guess are magically no more of concern. On streets with 35 mph limits that are rarely followed. Only a matter of time before a horrible accident occurs. This program also further punishes restaurants that didn't "luck into" having ample sidewalk or street space available not to mention the ones that actually bought businesses with patio dining to serve as an advantage over competing restaurants. The business they bought were BUILT for outside dining and added to the beauty of the city in complete contrast to these makeshift structures. Tables on a sidewalk on a side street against the restaurant? Sure. Tables extending past YOUR business and impeding wheelchairs fire hydrants and pedestrians? That's ridiculous. You need to do away with anything IN THE STREET unless you do away with traffic altogether. The STREET IS FOR CARS. NOT TABLES.

Mark Galasso

**Date : 2/8/2023 6:18:09 PM**  
**From : "ericalandia ♥"**  
**To : alfresco.planning@lacity.org**  
**Subject : Community Comment - CPC-2022-8179-CA**

Mary Richardson,

Please do everything in your power to maintain the new outdoor dining in Los Angeles. Please also recognize that the restaurant industry has NOT financially recovered from lockdown. So many long standing places closed permanently during covid, whose effects lasted longer than your estimated, mentioned 12 months, to be honest.

Please offset your normal fees for all of these permits you have rattled off -- to the restaurants who are still recovering from lockdown. EVERYONE knows that permits are a way for the city to make money. Please do not go for the pockets of small businesses. Omicron affected businesses in as recently as January and February of 2022. Effectively, Angelenos have not even had a whole calendar year without problems conducting normal business. (And tbh, I am not even in the industry of eateries. I am a dj but OUR industry of events has suffered a similar timeline of financial devastation.

PLUS, I am a bicyclist in Los Angeles and my bike lock just got CUT on the Santa Monica promenade and stolen because I was not within eyeshot of my bike. Sidewalk and patio dining areas are wonderful and make sense for the amazing weather that Los Angeles has and will facilitate green activities like bike riding in the city.

Please minimize cost and streamline the ways in which businesses can get through public safety issues and minimize all of the other administrative red tape.

Thank you,  
erica

**Date : 2/21/2023 11:05:55 AM**  
**From : "Buzz Park"**  
**To : alfresco.planning@lacity.org**  
**Subject : Concerned Citizen Asking to Please Vote NO on the Al Fresco Ordinance**

To Whom it May Concern,

I am writing to oppose the Al Fresco Ordinance, which would make patio dining permanent in Los Angeles.

In theory, it sounds like a good idea, but the new rules and regulations would ultimately put some of my favorite restaurants out of business.

In order to achieve a better community experience, I believe it is vitally important for outdoor dining to thrive in Los Angeles.

Thus, it is in our best interest to make patio dining easy for businesses to implement and maintain, especially in a post-COVID environment.

The Al Fresco Ordinance would place more cumbersome restrictions on local businesses during a time when they are already struggling to recover from the effects of the pandemic.

For this reason, I vehemently oppose this legislation and urge you to reconsider implementing it.

God Bless,

Brian "Buzz" Park  
Democrat  
Sherman Oaks, CA  
818.275.5327

**Date : 1/26/2023 8:21:14 PM**

**From : "Liz Amsden"**

**To : AlFresco.Planning@lacity.org**

**Subject : Concerns in addressing the Al Fresco dining ordinance**

Unfortunately, I was not able to attend your webinar. When will the City understand that most of its residents have jobs and work during the week?

My comments are addressed to the proposed expansion of outdoor dining on private property as well as on sidewalks and other public rights-of-way. Please feel free to pass my concerns along to LADOT and the BOE.

While I am in full support of expanding al fresco dining, especially in the wake of the pandemic where many of us are still at significant risk for serious illness, a risk which increases when people have to dine (or do anything) inside.

My concerns date from well before the pandemic when street food became ubiquitous in many parts of the City. From what I know, the proposed ordinance would also entrench a lot of the sidewalk food stands.

My first concerns are safety related - how is food safety maintained in outdoor environments?

How is the safety and property of passersby ensured?

I was burned by oil flying off a grill on York Blvd - a grill that easily took up half the sidewalk forcing pedestrians to walk within a foot. Furthermore, the oil permanently stained a silk blouse I was wearing. When I protested, I was called racist because I look (and am) very white. But injury from flying oil or bad food or falling glassware or being pushed into hot or dangerous cooking surfaces is NOT a racist issue. These are occurrences that could affect Hispanics, Blacks, Whites, Asians, children, the elderly, pets, whatever and MUST BE ADDRESSED.

Furthermore, food droppings and drippings attract animals, not just the local dogs and cats but also coyotes, raccoons and rats. The latter two are known to transmit various diseases.

Drinking in outdoor areas, needless to say needs to be monitored more closely as it will be harder to contain people from going postal and will expose more innocent pedestrians to potential acts of violence. These should NOT be within a block of private homes or two blocks of schools.

Note that the noise prohibitions (p. 5 iii 1) appear to be preexisting but either there have been a lot of waivers or a lot of lawbreaking because I used to pass restaurant/bars with outside sitting with full on sound systems late at night. These provisions need to be both enforceable and enforced.

Another time I witnessed a fall from some food a diner on a private patio ditched off his plate onto the sidewalk beyond a low (hmm - 42") divider.

Off-topic side note: I've also seen lit cigarette butts tossed from a patio into a baby carriage, and from one car onto the lap of the driver in another.

My second concern is being forced to smell the odors of these food carts which are a significant different issue than food being brought from an inside kitchen to an outdoor table. Some people have allergies. I have been a vegetarian for over 50 years and the smell of meat nauseates me. Why must I be forced to smell odors that I find offensive.

If people like the smell of bacon, chorizo, menudo or ducks' feet, they can go into a restaurant cooking these delicacies to inhale without forcing the smell on those who find the smell disgusting. Or cook it in their own kitchens.

But why should innocent pedestrians be forced to partake of something that they don't choose?

I would appreciate a reply detailing how this ordinance will protect me and others and our belongings.

Liz Amsden, Highland Park

**Date : 2/8/2023 11:52:30 AM**  
**From : "Haley Brown"**  
**To : alfresco.planning@lacity.org**  
**Cc : info@ihcla.org**  
**Subject : Concerns Regarding CPC-2022-8179-CA Permanent Al Fresco Program**

Hello,

I am writing to comment on the City of LA Planning Draft Ordinance for a permanent Al Fresco Program. I support a permanent program but the Ordinance requires in most cases a discretionary application filed with the Department of City Planning by means of Conditional Use Permit or Plan Approval. Additionally this ordinance requires a traditional permit through the channels of the Department of Building and Safety. These processes are very expensive and time burdening for the small business community.

My number one request is to create an ordinance free from inequalities—to make this process accessible to all businesses, not just to a fortunate few. We can take this opportunity to create a small business food operator friendly application that does not require expensive consultants or architects to gain permits. This can be a program for the people, by the people with built-in equity and purpose: to incentivize and activate our streets, creating a safer and more local economically driven city.

I want this process to be similar to how the current Temporary Al Fresco permit software works taking no more than 20 minutes to apply.

Thank you!

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Haley Brown  
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**Date : 2/8/2023 11:06:25 AM**  
**From : "Catherine Sebring Coddington"**  
**To : [alfresco.planning@lacity.org](mailto:alfresco.planning@lacity.org)**  
**Subject : Constituent Comment**

Hello - I support restaurants and think outdoor dining has not only helped save many restaurants during an incredibly challenging time but it is a great addition to make our city more walkable. I heavily oppose ending the current outdoor dining policies and creating more roadblocks and expensive fees for these constantly struggling businesses. Many restaurants invested heavily in parklets and other outdoor dining options, investing dollars they barely scraped together to save their business and keep their employees working. PLEASE do not penalize restaurants for making the pivots they had to make during COVID. Let them continue to operate as they have been.

There are SO many other vital topics for our City to be focused on right now.

Catherine Coddington  
14624 McCormick Street  
Sherman Oaks, CA 91411

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Catherine Sebring Coddington  
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**Date : 1/25/2023 5:47:24 PM**  
**From : "Robert Kotler"**  
**To : "alfresco.planning@lacity.org"**  
**Subject : CPC -2022-8179 CA Outdoor dining**

Strongly in favor.

Popular w diners.

Financial benefit to restaurants.

Presumably additional revenue for Beverly Hills and California secondary to increased patronage/income for restaurants.

The survey results tell a success story. Why dismantle a good thing?

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**Robert Kotler, MD, FACS**  
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**Date : 2/27/2023 2:37:49 PM**  
**From : "Mari Sunaida"**  
**To : alfresco.planning@lacity.org**  
**Subject : CPC-2022-8179-CA Al Fresco Ordinance Public Comment**

Dear Ms. Richardson,

As a resident living less than 500 feet from Abbot Kinney Boulevard and 100 feet from a BAR that was issued an Al Fresco dining permit, fellow residents and I have serious concerns regarding the proposal of a permanent Al Fresco dining ordinance. When the temporary Al Fresco program was initially implemented in May of 2020, we residents had no say so in the matter. We residents were excluded from the process and the businesses quickly expanded their operations installing barricades onto public sidewalks, curbs and parking lots taking away valuable street parking.

Parking is another issue that needs serious review and should not be ignored. Although there are metered and free public parking lots, the employees who work at the restaurants and stores on Abbot Kinney overwhelmingly prefer to park on the residential streets, straining the capacity for available street parking for residents and tourists, particularly at peak hours. While we understand the need for dining in the street during the pandemic, the time has now come to resume pre-Covid parking requirements.

The BAR 100 feet from my residence is not a good neighbor. Take a look at the Al Fresco rules set down by LADOT Bureau of Engineering in the following link. <https://engpermitmanual.lacity.org/other-boe-permitsprocesses/technical-procedures/00-la-al-fresco-sidewalk-dining-program-rules-and> Scroll down to Rule # 10. **Noise Restrictions:** All temporary outdoor areas shall operate no later than 10:30 pm if adjacent to any residential areas (this included mixed-use) We residents are sleep deprived most weekends by the RAUCOUS cacophony coming from this BAR operating outside on their parking lot especially on weekends. Noise is a low priority for LAPD. LADBS complaints are closed or pending. BOE and Al Fresco punt complaints to BSS or LADBS and BSS punts complaints to LADBS. ABC and Planning signed off on the Al Fresco permit despite the fact the BAR is not a dining establishment and despite numerous complaints by residents they have not taken steps to mitigate the serving of alcohol outdoors. According to the Al Fresco Application Manual: All establishments must have a Conditional Use Permit - Alcoholic Beverages (CUB) from the city to serve alcohol as part of the Al Fresco Program. It was explained to me this business establishment does not have a CUP/CUX because it has entitlements to certain grandfathered rights issued by ABC. I'm not sure if these grandfathered rights hold exceptions protecting the BAR to new regulations in perpetuity despite the operator's flagrant disregard of the rules.

The city set up the temporary Al Fresco dining program with no enforcement protocols! Rules and guidelines were written down however there isn't any enforcement whatsoever. Enforcement procedures need to be clarified and some kind of enforcement mechanism needs to be adopted to curtail the abuses inflicted by the BAR operating under the framework of the Al Fresco permit.

Thank you for your consideration,

Best regards,

Mari Snyder, Electric Avenue resident

**Date : 2/16/2023 5:56:19 PM**

**From : "Chester"**

**To : alfresco.planning@lacity.org**

**Subject : CPC-2022-8179-CA Al Fresco permit Chester Bai letter**

**Attachment : CPC20228179CA Al Fresco permit Chester Bai letter.pdf;**

Please see attached.

Also, I would like to be added to the interested parties list for this ordinance.

Chester Bai  
629 Traction Ave  
Los Angeles, CA 90013  
310-561-9276

February 17, 2023

Mary Richardson  
Department of City Planning  
200 North Spring Street, Room 701  
Los Angeles, CA, 90012

Re: Letter In Support of Requiring CUP/PA/RBC Approvals for Businesses Serving Alcohol in Proposed Permanent Al Fresco Ordinance (CPC-2022-8179-CA)

Dear Ms. Richardson:

I am a resident of the Arts District and write to you regarding the proposed Permanent Al Fresco Ordinance - Outdoor Dining on Private Property. I support the inclusion of the following condition requiring CUP/PA/RBP approvals for businesses that serve alcohol in the Permanent Al Fresco Ordinance:

**Sec.8.A.24.c.iv. Conditions for Continued Operations After Temporary Permit Expiration**

1. Restaurants which serve alcohol may be authorized to continue operations if an application for a new Conditional Use Permit, Plan Approval, Restaurant Beverage Program Administrative Clearance, or any other applicable approval by the Department of City Planning has been submitted and accepted by the Department within six months of the temporary permit expiration or effective date of this ordinance.

The Arts District is a dense, mixed use neighborhood with abutting restaurants, bars, commercial businesses and residential buildings. Once temporary permits for al fresco dining were issued, a number of restaurants and bars moved their business onto sidewalks, private parking lots, and expanded private patios. The vast majority of these restaurants and bars operate as good neighbors, but there are a small number that do not.

For example, there is a neighboring wine bar that routinely plays live entertainment and amplified DJ music on their al fresco patio that can be heard blocks away. Another adjacent barcade has a large outdoor crowd on their expanded private patio that screams and sings to the music until 2 a.m. multiple nights a week. The consumption of alcohol certainly plays a role in both these cases. These expanded outdoor al fresco operations are not adequately addressed by the existing CUP or temporary al fresco permit for either business.

It is difficult to imagine how a bar or nightclub serving alcohol can be allowed to operate outdoors absent a CUP framework. Operating under a temporary al fresco permit has led to the above examples, with limited recourse for neighbors. The CUP is a key layer of regulation to protect neighbors and a crucial mechanism to address problematic bars and nightclubs.

I understand the LA Department of City Planning faces a vigorous restaurant and bar lobby opposed to the ordinance, but I urge you to consider not just their interests but also the interests of the numerous Angelenos who must live alongside these businesses.

In conclusion, I request that you include the above proposed condition requiring CUP/PA/RBP approvals for businesses that serve alcohol in the Permanent AI Fresco Ordinance.

Sincerely,  
Chester Bai

629 Traction Ave  
Los Angeles CA 90013

**Date : 2/9/2023 5:35:24 PM**  
**From : "Jonathan Edwards"**  
**To : alfresco.planning@lacity.org**  
**Cc : CD10ConstituentServices@lacity.org**  
**Subject : CPC-2022-8179-CA alfresco dining**  
**Attachment : 80.png;**

I object to the re-introduction of over-regulation of outdoor dining, as reported in the February 7 article in the Los Angeles times.



The relaxed rules of the Al Fresco program need to continue.

We should not impose high fees and additional red tape on businesses.

Restaurants should continue to be able to convert street parking to dining pavilions, and should be able to set up outdoor tables and serve food outside on a "by right" basis, without having to apply for a conditional use permit.

Jonathan Edwards  
S. Orange Ave., Los Angeles, CA 90019



**Date : 2/8/2023 11:05:12 AM**

**From : "food@ericsee.net"**

**To : alfresco.planning@lacity.org, info@ihcla.org**

**Subject : CPC-2022-8179-CA Permanent Al Fresco Dining Permit Plan in the style of Shakespeare**

Oh, noble patron of East Side eateries fair,

Thou dost endorse the city's proposed plan  
To make the Al Fresco Program permanent,

Yet hast concerns, for small businesses, the least,  
With costly, time-consuming prerequisites,  
That render the discretionary application,  
And traditional permits, daunting to achieve.

Thus, I implore, let not a select few  
Reap benefits of this program, but all,  
That user-friendly applications be made,  
With nary a need for costly consultants,

And architects, for small business food stalls.  
Forsooth, let the community design  
With equity and purpose, for street's safe fair,  
And local growth, the purpose of this plan.

Streamline the process, as the Temp'rary permit,  
So that small businesses shall not be deterred,  
And all shall benefit, regardless of size.

**Date : 2/8/2023 10:53:17 AM**

**From : "eric@ericsee.net"**

**To : alfresco.planning@lacity.org, info@ihcla.org**

**Subject : CPC-2022-8179-CA Permanent Al Fresco Dining Permit Plan**

As a patron of All Time, All Day Baby, and other East Side restaurants, I support the City of LA's proposed permanent Al Fresco Program outlined in the Planning Draft Ordinance. However, I have concerns about the expensive and time-consuming requirements, such as the discretionary application and traditional permit, that put small businesses at a disadvantage.

I would like to see that the program is accessible to all businesses, not just a select few. To achieve this, I suggest that the application process be made user-friendly for small business food operators, without the need for expensive consultants or architects. I believe this program should be designed for the community, by the community, with built-in equity and purpose, to enhance street safety and local economic growth.

I would like to see a process similar to the current Temporary Al Fresco permit application. By streamlining the application process, we can ensure that this program benefits all businesses, regardless of size.

Thank you,

Eric See

**Date : 2/8/2023 4:11:56 PM**  
**From : "Megan Shuham"**  
**To : alfresco.planning@lacity.org**  
**Cc : info@IHCLA.org**  
**Subject : CPC-2022-8179-CA Permanent AI Fresco Program**

On behalf of Los Angeles restaurants & diners, I am writing to comment on the City of LA Planning Draft Ordinance for a permanent AI Fresco Program. We are in support of a permanent program but the Ordinance requires in most cases a discretionary application filed with the Department of City Planning by means of Conditional Use Permit or Plan Approval. Additionally this ordinance requires a traditional permit through the channels of the Department of Building and Safety. These processes are very expensive and time burdening for the small business community.

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We want this process to be similar to how the current Temporary AI Fresco permit software works taking no more than 20 minutes to apply.

Please don't add to the burden that these restaurants are already facing as they did themselves out of the pandemic. Thank you for considering this viewpoint.

Best,  
Megan Shuham  
Los Angeles resident

Sent from my iPhone

**Date : 2/7/2023 5:48:01 PM**  
**From : "Michelle Lopez"**  
**To : alfresco.planning@lacity.org**  
**Cc : info@IHCLA.org**  
**Subject : CPC-2022-8179-CA Permanent Al Fresco Program**

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I am a frequent patron of these small restaurants and very much enjoy the outdoor dining option. I find the option safe, convenient and the best way to enjoy the LA weather and scenery. I would hate to see the City of LA encourage more red tape that could lead to more restaurant closures and people losing their jobs.

Thank you,  
Michelle Lopez

**Date : 2/8/2023 4:48:26 PM**  
**From : "Jamie Feldmar"**  
**To : alfresco.planning@lacity.org**  
**Cc : info@IHCLA.org**  
**Subject : CPC-2022-8179-CA Permanent AI Fresco Program**

Hello,

On behalf of Feldfolio Inc, I am writing to comment on the City of LA Planning Draft Ordinance for a permanent AI Fresco Program. We are in support of a permanent program but the Ordinance requires in most cases a discretionary application filed with the Department of City Planning by means of Conditional Use Permit or Plan Approval. Additionally this ordinance requires a traditional permit through the channels of the Department of Building and Safety. These processes are very expensive and time burdening for the small business community.

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Thank you,

Jamie Feldmar  
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Sent from the road

**Date : 2/8/2023 1:22:55 PM**  
**From : "Kaylee Anchulis"**  
**To : alfresco.planning@lacity.org**  
**Cc : info@IHCLA.org**  
**Subject : CPC-2022-8179-CA Permanent AI Fresco Program**

Hello,

On behalf of All Time in Los Feliz, I am writing to comment on the City of LA Planning Draft Ordinance for a permanent AI Fresco Program. We are in support of a permanent program but the Ordinance requires in most cases a discretionary application filed with the Department of City Planning by means of Conditional Use Permit or Plan Approval. Additionally this ordinance requires a traditional permit through the channels of the Department of Building and Safety. These processes are very expensive and time burdening for the small business community.

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Thank you for reading,

Kaylee Anchulis

**Date : 2/8/2023 1:07:06 PM**  
**From : "Aram Roubinian"**  
**To : "alfresco.planning@lacity.org", "info@IHCLA.org"**  
**Subject : CPC-2022-8179-CA Permanent Al Fresco Program**

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We should want this process to be similar to how the current Temporary Al Fresco permit software works taking no more than 20 minutes to apply.

Regards,  
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**Date : 2/8/2023 12:51:32 PM**  
**From : "Logan Payne"**  
**To : alfresco.planning@lacity.org**  
**Cc : info@IHCLA.org**  
**Subject : CPC-2022-8179-CA Permanent AI Fresco Program**

To whom it may concern:

On behalf of All Time restaurant and wine bar in Los Feliz, I am writing to comment on the City of LA Planning Draft Ordinance for a permanent AI Fresco Program. We are in support of a permanent program but the Ordinance requires in most cases a discretionary application filed with the Department of City Planning by means of Conditional Use Permit or Plan Approval. Additionally this ordinance requires a traditional permit through the channels of the Department of Building and Safety. These processes are very expensive and time burdening for the small business community.

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Offering restaurants the opportunity to expand seating to outdoors has become invaluable since the onset of the COVID 19 pandemic, giving those who are high-risk the chance to enjoy restaurant dining (as well as the weather). I hope we can continue to offer this to all residents and restaurants in LA.

Best,  
Logan Payne



**Date : 2/8/2023 12:30:08 PM**  
**From : "Linda Gase"**  
**To : alfresco.planning@lacity.org**  
**Cc : "info@ihcla.org"**  
**Subject : CPC-2022-8179-CA Permanent AI Fresco Program**

On behalf of All-Time/Los Feliz, I am writing to comment on the City of LA Planning Draft Ordinance for a permanent AI Fresco Program. We are in support of a permanent program but the Ordinance requires in most cases a discretionary application filed with the Department of City Planning by means of Conditional Use Permit or Plan Approval. Additionally this ordinance requires a traditional permit through the channels of the Department of Building and Safety. These processes are very expensive and time burdening for the small business community.

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Outdoor dining continues to be very important to me as I do not feel safe dining indoors due to covid. Please don't make restaurants, or their customers, suffer further than we already have these past three years.

Sincerely—

Linda Gase  
*gaseink@gmail.com*  
Cell: 310-874-1876

**Date : 2/8/2023 12:29:13 PM**  
**From : "Angela Edwards"**  
**To : alfresco.planning@lacity.org**  
**Cc : info@IHCLA.org**  
**Subject : CPC-2022-8179-CA Permanent AI Fresco Program**

**To Whom it May Concern,**

I am writing to comment on the City of LA Planning Draft Ordinance for a permanent AI Fresco Program. I am in support of a permanent program but the Ordinance requires in most cases a discretionary application filed with the Department of City Planning by means of Conditional Use Permit or Plan Approval. Additionally this ordinance requires a traditional permit through the channels of the Department of Building and Safety. These processes are very expensive and time burdening for the small businesses that we love and have become integral parts of our community.

**As a LA native and mother raising two vulnerable young children, one of which is a newborn, it's vital to be able to fine outdoors to be safe and support our local businesses. So please make it easy for them to keep their outdoor dining space.**

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Thank you,  
Angela Edwards  
8186201124

**Date : 2/8/2023 11:57:06 AM**  
**From : "THAYER JOYCE"**  
**To : alfresco.planning@lacity.org**  
**Cc : info@IHCLA.org**  
**Subject : CPC-2022-8179-CA Permanent AI Fresco Program**

On behalf of All Time, I am writing to comment on the City of LA Planning Draft Ordinance for a permanent AI Fresco Program. We are in support of a permanent program but the Ordinance requires in most cases a discretionary application filed with the Department of City Planning by means of Conditional Use Permit or Plan Approval. Additionally this ordinance requires a traditional permit through the channels of the Department of Building and Safety. These processes are very expensive and time burdening for the small business community.

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Please consider how taking away outdoor dining/making it more complicated for businesses will negatively impact not only small business owners themselves, but also erode the fabric of local communities. We have come to rely on these restaurants as a centering neighborhood force - the little places are what make Los Angeles so great and diverse.

Thank you,  
Thayer Joyce

**Date : 2/8/2023 11:20:41 AM**  
**From : "Reuben Sanchez"**  
**To : alfresco.planning@lacity.org**  
**Cc : info@IHCLA.org**  
**Subject : CPC-2022-8179-CA Permanent AI Fresco Program**

Permanent AI Fresco Program

On behalf of All Time, 2040 Hillhurst Ave, Los Angeles, CA 90027, I am writing to comment on the City of LA Planning Draft Ordinance for a permanent AI Fresco Program. We are in support of a permanent program but the Ordinance requires in most cases a discretionary application filed with the Department of City Planning by means of Conditional Use Permit or Plan Approval. Additionally this ordinance requires a traditional permit through the channels of the Department of Building and Safety. These processes are very expensive and time burdening for the small business community.

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Best,  
Reuben T. Sanchez, Jr.

**Date : 2/8/2023 10:53:49 AM**  
**From : "Christopher Ballesteros"**  
**To : alfresco.planning@lacity.org**  
**Cc : info@IHCLA.org**  
**Subject : CPC-2022-8179-CA Permanent AI Fresco Program**

To whom it concerns:

On behalf of basically any restaurant in Los Angeles, I am writing to comment on the City of LA Planning Draft Ordinance for a permanent AI Fresco Program. We are in support of a permanent program but the Ordinance requires in most cases a discretionary application filed with the Department of City Planning by means of Conditional Use Permit or Plan Approval. Additionally this ordinance requires a traditional permit through the channels of the Department of Building and Safety. These processes are very expensive and time burdening for the small business community.

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Also while restaurants feed the city, provide jobs, and create community, the city and its government has not been as supportive of these spaces and the people that create them. Make outdoor dining an accessible option everywhere. Covid is still massively disrupting people's lives, and people should be able to eat somewhere without concern of infection.

**Date : 2/8/2023 10:24:13 AM**  
**From : "Madeline Leach"**  
**To : alfresco.planning@lacity.org**  
**Cc : info@ihcla.org**  
**Subject : CPC-2022-8179-CA Permanent AI Fresco Program**

On behalf of All Time & Found Oyster, I am writing to comment on the City of LA Planning Draft Ordinance for a permanent AI Fresco Program. We are in support of a permanent program but the Ordinance requires in most cases a discretionary application filed with the Department of City Planning by means of Conditional Use Permit or Plan Approval. Additionally this ordinance requires a traditional permit through the channels of the Department of Building and Safety. These processes are very expensive and time burdening for the small business community.

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Thank you—  
Maddie Leach

**Date : 2/13/2023 10:37:46 AM**  
**From : "Kristel Arabian"**  
**To : alfresco.planning@lacity.org**  
**Subject : CPC-2022-8179-CA Permanent AI Fresco Program**

On behalf of Kitchen Culture Recruiting , I am writing to comment on the City of LA Planning Draft Ordinance for a permanent AI Fresco Program. We are in support of a permanent program but the Ordinance requires in most cases a discretionary application filed with the Department of City Planning by means of Conditional Use Permit or Plan Approval. Additionally this ordinance requires a traditional permit through the channels of the Department of Building and Safety. These processes are very expensive and time burdening for the small business community.

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We want this process to be similar to how the current Temporary AI Fresco permit software works taking no more than 20 minutes to apply.

All my best,  
Kristel Arabian  
818.257.0809  
Founder

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<https://calmatters.org/california-divide/2020/05/california-pandemic-restaurants-economic-toll/>

<https://www.latimes.com/food/story/2020-03-17/ronan-restaurant-coronavirus-pandemic>



**Date : 2/8/2023 5:37:48 PM**  
**From : "Helen Leigh"**  
**To : alfresco.planning@lacity.org**  
**Cc : info@ihcla.org**  
**Subject : CPC-2022-8179-CA Permanent AI Fresco Program - Save restaurants!**

Hello,

My name is Helen. I am a fifteen year resident of Los Angeles and a longtime Los Feliz resident. I am writing to comment on the City of LA Planning Draft Ordinance for a permanent AI Fresco Program. We are in support of a permanent program but the Ordinance requires in most cases a discretionary application filed with the Department of City Planning by means of Conditional Use Permit or Plan Approval. Additionally this ordinance requires a traditional permit through the channels of the Department of Building and Safety. These processes are very expensive and time burdening for the small business community.

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We want this process to be similar to how the current Temporary AI Fresco permit software works taking no more than 20 minutes to apply.

In the fifteen years I have lived in Los Angeles, dining out has been a way to find friends and community. The loss of so many restaurants during the Pandemic has been tragic. And it continues -- we just lost Eszett in Silverlake, we are losing Pearl River Deli, Konbi is gone now too. Restaurants are clearly not out of the woods after the last few years, and they don't deserve more difficulty right now. Our city does not deserve to lose more of them. Let's work together to help, not hinder.

Sincerely,

Helen Leigh

**Date : 2/9/2023 9:20:55 AM**  
**From : "Timothy Vaughan"**  
**To : "alfresco.planning@lacity.org"**  
**Subject : CPC-2022-8179-CA Permanent AI Fresco Program ...**

On behalf of go fuck yourself LA CITY, I am writing to comment on the City of LA Planning Draft Ordinance for a permanent AI Fresco Program. We are in support of a permanent program but the Ordinance requires in most cases a discretionary application filed with the Department of City Planning by means of Conditional Use Permit or Plan Approval. Additionally, this ordinance requires a traditional permit through the Department of Building and Safety channels. These processes are very expensive and time-burdening for the small business community.

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*Cheers,*

**Date : 2/6/2023 9:03:56 PM**  
**From : "Dylan Fowler"**  
**To : alfresco.planning@lacity.org**  
**Cc : info@IHCLA.org**  
**Subject : CPC-2022-8179-CA Permanent AI Fresco Program**

On behalf of Found Oyster (4880 Fountain Ave.) I am writing to comment on the City of LA Planning Draft Ordinance for a permanent AI Fresco Program. We are in support of a permanent program, but the Ordinance requires in most cases a discretionary application filed with the Department of City Planning by means of Conditional Use Permit or Plan Approval. Additionally, this ordinance requires a traditional permit through the channels of the Department of Building and Safety. These processes are very expensive and time burdening for the small business community.

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We want this process to be similar to how the current Temporary AI Fresco permit software works taking no more than 20 minutes to apply.

Please stand up for small businesses!

Thanks,

Dylan Fowler

**Date : 2/6/2023 8:47:19 PM**  
**From : "Leah"**  
**To : alfresco.planning@lacity.org**  
**Cc : info@IHCLA.org**  
**Subject : CPC-2022-8179-CA Permanent AI Fresco Program**

I am writing to comment on the City of LA Planning Draft Ordinance for a permanent AI Fresco Program. We are in support of a permanent program, but the Ordinance requires, in most cases, a discretionary application filed with the Department of City Planning by means of Conditional Use Permit or Plan Approval. Additionally, this ordinance requires a traditional permit through the channels of the Department of Building and Safety. These processes are very expensive and time burdening for the small business community.

Our number one request is to create an ordinance free from inequalities in order to make this process accessible to all businesses in lieu of a fortunate few. We can take this opportunity to create a small business food operator friendly application that does not require expensive consultants or architects to gain permits. This can be a program for the people and by the people with built in equity and purpose; this will also incentivize and activate our streets creating a safer and a more local economically driven city.

We want this process to be similar to how the current Temporary AI Fresco permit software works taking no more than 20 minutes to apply.

Best,

Leah Biegeleisen

**Date : 2/6/2023 3:15:17 PM**  
**From : "Stacy Cobb"**  
**To : "alfresco.planning@lacity.org"**  
**Cc : "info@IHCLA.org"**  
**Subject : CPC-2022-8179-CA Permanent Al Fresco Program**

On behalf of El Carmen, I am writing to comment on the City of LA Planning Draft Ordinance for a permanent Al Fresco Program. We are in support of a permanent program. Still, the Ordinance requires, in most cases, a discretionary application filed with the Department of City Planning using a Conditional Use Permit or Plan Approval. Additionally, this Ordinance requires a traditional permit through the Department of Building and Safety channels. These processes are costly and time a burden for the small business community.

Our number one request is to create an ordinance free from inequalities; to make this process accessible to all businesses instead of a fortunate few. We can take this opportunity to create a small business food-operator-friendly application that does not require expensive consultants or architects to gain permits. This can be a program for the people, by the people, with built-in equity and purpose; to incentivize and activate our streets, creating a safer, more local, economically driven city.

We want this process to be similar to how the current Temporary Al Fresco permits software works, taking at most 20 minutes to apply.

Following Covid and the closure of 50% of a small company, we no longer have a corporate office or the infrastructure to take time away from our restaurant or the money to hire consultants. All hands are on deck to offset the enormous cost of operating in Los Angeles, California. Insurance premiums for workers comp, general liability, and EPLI have increased to 200%; rents, food costs, and labor have increased. There is only so much you can charge for a Taco, so we depend on the bar portion to break even until things settle into what they will be and hope that includes El Carmen and the hundreds of others who are part of this program. Please, we implore you make this process simple and doable for everyone.

Sincerely,

Stacy Cobb

**Date : 2/7/2023 6:48:50 PM**  
**From : "Jessica Lowrey"**  
**To : nfo@IHCLA.org, alfresco.planning@lacity.org**  
**Subject : CPC-2022-8179-CA Permanent AI Fresco Program**

On behalf of Found Oyster restaurant and Anajak Thai, I am writing to comment on the City of LA Planning Draft Ordinance for a permanent AI Fresco Program. We are in support of a permanent program but the Ordinance requires in most cases a discretionary application filed with the Department of City Planning by means of Conditional Use Permit or Plan Approval. Additionally this ordinance requires a traditional permit through the channels of the Department of Building and Safety. These processes are very expensive and time burdening for the small business community.

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As an Angeleno who has lived in the city for over 20 years, having outdoor dining is important to me as I still don't feel safe dining indoors. This city thrives on a vibrant food scene and we don't need restaurants and workers losing their livelihood due to prohibitive measures when they have already proven that they can follow the current rules.

Thank you,  
Jessica Lowrey

Sent from my iPhone

**Date : 2/7/2023 4:55:23 PM**  
**From : "Ben Berke"**  
**To : "alfresco.planning@lacity.org"**  
**Cc : "info@IHCLA.org"**  
**Subject : CPC-2022-8179-CA Permanent AI Fresco Program**

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In the last month we've lost too many restaurants (in the same way we lost so many of the places that make this city such an incredible place to live and visit over the pandemic). Don't be part of the problem. You killed Konbi. You killed Yojimbo. You killed Golden State. You killed Trois Mec. You killed Auburn. We don't need another Chipotle, don't ruin this city with more red tape.

**Ben Berke**  
He/Him  
Tomorrow Studios  
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**Date : 2/7/2023 8:59:26 AM**

**From : "Erin Soorenko"**

**To : [alfresco.planning@lacity.org](mailto:alfresco.planning@lacity.org)**

**Cc : [info@IHCLA.org](mailto:info@IHCLA.org)**

**Subject : CPC-2022-8179-CA Permanent AI Fresco Program**

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It is my greatest joy to eat outside in this beautiful city. Please!

Erin Soorenko

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**Date : 2/8/2023 9:51:57 PM**  
**From : "Julia Deixler"**  
**To : alfresco.planning@lacity.org**  
**Cc : info@IHCLA.org**  
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Thank you,  
Julia Deixler

**Date : 2/8/2023 9:51:39 PM**  
**From : "KR Studio"**  
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**Cc : info@ihcla.org**  
**Subject : CPC-2022-8179-CA Permanent AI Fresco Program**

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Thank you -

Kristina Rodgers and Mark McConville

Sent from my ☐☐

**Date : 2/8/2023 7:02:29 PM**  
**From : "Laura Keirstead"**  
**To : alfresco.planning@lacity.org**  
**Cc : info@IHCLA.org**  
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Thanks,

Laura Keirstead

**Date : 2/8/2023 4:23:45 PM**  
**From : "Elizabeth Lazan Tan"**  
**To : alfresco.planning@lacity.org**  
**Cc : info@IHCLA.org**  
**Subject : CPC-2022-8179-CA Permanent AI Fresco Program**

On behalf of ALL TIME Restaurant,

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This neighborhood business has encouraged a safe space for community and families - please don't put an extra burden on independent restaurant owners trying to pull out of an already hard few years.

Elizabeth Tan

**Date : 2/8/2023 3:30:34 PM**  
**From : "Leandra Culver"**  
**To : alfresco.planning@lacity.org**  
**Cc : info@IHCLA.org**  
**Subject : CPC-2022-8179-CA Permanent AI Fresco Program**

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I urge you to consider this please.

x Lea  
Sent from my iPhone

**Date : 2/8/2023 3:02:52 PM**  
**From : "Emmie Danza"**  
**To : alfresco.planning@lacity.org**  
**Cc : info@IHCLA.org**  
**Subject : CPC-2022-8179-CA Permanent AI Fresco Program**

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Do not let our small businesses down after the hell that they already went through.

Emmie Danza  
8185225808  
[www.emmiemoves.com](http://www.emmiemoves.com)

**Date : 2/8/2023 2:14:35 PM**  
**From : "Jackson Peckinpah"**  
**To : alfresco.planning@lacity.org**  
**Subject : CPC-2022-8179-CA Permanent AI Fresco Program**

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Sincerely,  
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**Date : 2/8/2023 2:02:52 PM**  
**From : "Mary Anne Bargaen"**  
**To : alfresco.planning@lacity.org**  
**Cc : info@IHCLA.org**  
**Subject : CPC-2022-8179-CA Permanent AI Fresco Program**

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Outdoor dining has been a part of LA life since the beginning, and the ability to pivot during the pandemic has saved tons of our small businesses. Small businesses and restaurants that give our city's neighborhoods personality. I love eating outside and interacting with others. It's a quintessential piece of our city's flavor.

I assure you there are WAY BIGGER ISSUES happening not only in our city, but on our sidewalks that should be addressed first. This is nothing short of a greedy money grab aimed at our most vulnerable businesses.

Mary Anne



**Date : 2/8/2023 1:54:28 PM**  
**From : "Megan Zerga"**  
**To : alfresco.planning@lacity.org**  
**Cc : "info@ihcla.org"**  
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Outdoor seating is so important, allowing businesses more seating, customers more opportunities to enjoy the outdoors, and those with health concerns to still enjoy going out. Limiting this with expensive permits or lengthy processes harms the community.

Thank you for taking your time to address these concerns.

Best,  
Megan Zerga

**Date : 2/8/2023 1:38:00 PM**  
**From : "Jasmine Phull"**  
**To : alfresco.planning@lacity.org**  
**Cc : info@IHCLA.org**  
**Subject : CPC-2022-8179-CA Permanent AI Fresco Program**

Hi

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Thank you  
Jasmine Phull

**Date : 2/8/2023 1:24:58 PM**  
**From : "Jamie"**  
**To : alfresco.planning@lacity.org**  
**Cc : "info@ihcla.org"**  
**Subject : CPC-2022-8179-CA Permanent Al Fresco Program**

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And frankly, the person or persons involved in this absolutely predatory red tape should be ashamed of themselves. In particular after people and businesses (those who managed to survive the devastation of the last 2 years) are just now, again, finding their footing. There is a chance here to be on the right side of history. Take it. Get this right.

James Forsyth

**Date : 2/8/2023 12:48:45 PM**  
**From : "Annie Clark"**  
**To : alfresco.planning@lacity.org**  
**Cc : "info@ihcla.org"**  
**Subject : CPC-2022-8179-CA Permanent Al Fresco Program**

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As a consumer covid is still very much at large and I don't feel comfortable eating indoors. Having alfresco dining allows me to put money back into businesses I want to support, and therefor the economy, that I wouldn't have the opportunity to do without alfresco dining.

Thank you in advance,  
Annie Clark

**Date : 2/8/2023 12:01:47 PM**  
**From : "Ariel Tunnell"**  
**To : alfresco.planning@lacity.org**  
**Cc : info@IHCLA.org**  
**Subject : CPC-2022-8179-CA Permanent AI Fresco Program**

On behalf of EVERY SINGLE RESTAURANT IN LA, I am writing to comment on the City of LA Planning Draft Ordinance for a permanent AI Fresco Program. We are in support of a permanent program but the Ordinance requires in most cases a discretionary application filed with the Department of City Planning by means of Conditional Use Permit or Plan Approval. Additionally this ordinance requires a traditional permit through the channels of the Department of Building and Safety. These processes are very expensive and time burdening for the small business community.

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Please do not threaten the livelihood of so many wonderful small business that are the fabric of this city and its vast food community.

Do the right and equitable thing.

Thanks,  
Ariel

Sent from my iPhone

**Date : 2/8/2023 11:47:58 AM**  
**From : "Sarah Roberts"**  
**To : alfresco.planning@lacity.org**  
**Cc : info@IHCLA.org**  
**Subject : CPC-2022-8179-CA Permanent Al Fresco Program**

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Sarah Roberts

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**From : "Cathy Carr"**  
**To : alfresco.planning@lacity.org**  
**Cc : info@IHCLA.or**  
**Subject : CPC-2022-8179-CA Permanent Al Fresco Program**

On behalf of All Time, Found Oyster and other restaurants in my neighborhood, I am writing to comment on the City of LA Planning Draft Ordinance for a permanent Al Fresco Program. We are in support of a permanent program but the Ordinance requires in most cases a discretionary application filed with the Department of City Planning by means of Conditional Use Permit or Plan Approval. Additionally this ordinance requires a traditional permit through the channels of the Department of Building and Safety. These processes are very expensive and time burdening for the small business community.

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I personally am not ready to resume indoor dining and have come to enjoy and depend on Al fresco dining as a part of my daily routine and enjoy supporting my local restaurants in the process.

Thank you,  
Cathy Carr

**Date : 2/8/2023 11:06:47 AM**  
**From : "claire crighton"**  
**To : alfresco.planning@lacity.org**  
**Cc : info@IHCLA.org**  
**Subject : CPC-2022-8179-CA Permanent AI Fresco Program**

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Claire



**Date : 2/8/2023 10:39:23 AM**  
**From : "Danielle Cuccio"**  
**To : alfresco.planning@lacity.org**  
**Cc : "info@ihcla.org" , hello@alltimelosangeles.com**  
**Subject : CPC-2022-8179-CA Permanent AI Fresco Program**  
**Attachment : images.png;**

Hi!

I am writing to comment on the City of LA Planning Draft Ordinance for a permanent AI Fresco Program.

Please save outdoor dining!!!! We still feel unsafe dining indoors at times with our family and being that we live in a beautiful city with great weather, we dine outdoors frequently! I have always enjoyed this about living in LA for all my 34 years living here. We love **ALL TIME** in Los Feliz and many other outdoor restaurants! It has been my go to for many years - a great place for community, good food, etc. The community would not be the same without having this restaurant. PLEASE have a permanent AI Fresco Program. These restaurants need this as they have already been through so much during the pandemic.

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Please do not remove outdoor dining as this would take away such a beautiful part of our city Los Angeles and please make it easily accessible to these restaurants to be able to serve their community - its a win win for us all.  
Danielle Cuccio

Danielle Cuccio  
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**Date : 2/8/2023 10:31:21 AM**  
**From : "austin boos"**  
**To : alfresco.planning@lacity.org**  
**Cc : info@IHCLA.org**  
**Subject : CPC-2022-8179-CA Permanent AI Fresco Program**

On behalf of all restaurants that somehow survived the pandemic!!! I am writing to comment on the City of LA Planning Draft Ordinance for a permanent AI Fresco Program. We are in support of a permanent program but the Ordinance requires in most cases a discretionary application filed with the Department of City Planning by means of Conditional Use Permit or Plan Approval. Additionally this ordinance requires a traditional permit through the channels of the Department of Building and Safety. These processes are very expensive and time burdening for the small business community.

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Best,  
Austin

**Date : 2/8/2023 6:46:54 AM**  
**From : "Jason Martin"**  
**To : alfresco.planning@lacity.org**  
**Cc : info@ihcla.org**  
**Subject : CPC-2022-8179-CA Permanent AI Fresco Program**

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Jason Martin  
Owner, Martin and Brockett

**Date : 2/8/2023 12:31:38 AM**  
**From : "Mike Santos"**  
**To : alfresco.planning@lacity.org**  
**Cc : info@ihcla.org**  
**Subject : CPC-2022-8179-CA Permanent AI Fresco Program**

On behalf of Last Word Hospitality, I am writing to comment on the City of LA Planning Draft Ordinance for a permanent AI Fresco Program. We are in support of a permanent program but the Ordinance requires in most cases a discretionary application filed with the Department of City Planning by means of Conditional Use Permit or Plan Approval. Additionally this ordinance requires a traditional permit through the channels of the Department of Building and Safety. These processes are very expensive and time burdening for the small business community.

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The program has been working well for 3 years, please don't ruin a good thing. Los Angeles needs AI Fresco dining, the process to keep or obtain it should be fair and accessible to all.

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**Date : 2/9/2023 1:55:17 PM**  
**From : "Suzanne Shpall"**  
**To : alfresco.planning@lacity.org**  
**Subject : CPC-2022-8179-CA Permanent AI Fresco Program**  
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Suzanne Shpall  
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**Date : 2/9/2023 11:26:04 AM**  
**From : "Garrett West"**  
**To : alfresco.planning@lacity.org**  
**Cc : info@IHCLA.org**  
**Subject : CPC-2022-8179-CA Permanent AI Fresco Program**

On behalf of Four Cafe in Eagle Rock, I am writing to comment on the City of LA Planning Draft Ordinance for a permanent AI Fresco Program. We are in support of a permanent program but the Ordinance requires in most cases a discretionary application filed with the Department of City Planning by means of Conditional Use Permit or Plan Approval. Additionally this ordinance requires a traditional permit through the channels of the Department of Building and Safety. These processes are very expensive and time burdening for the small business community.

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Garrett West

**Date : 2/8/2023 11:06:53 AM**  
**From : "Michael Pantozzi"**  
**To : alfresco.planning@lacity.org**  
**Cc : "info@ihcla.org"**  
**Subject : CPC-2022-8179-CA Permanent AI Fresco Program Inbox**

On behalf of All Time, Little Dom's, and many other restaurants in my neighborhood,

I am writing to comment on the City of LA Planning Draft Ordinance for a permanent AI Fresco Program. I support a permanent program but the Ordinance requires in most cases a discretionary application filed with the Department of City Planning by means of Conditional Use Permit or Plan Approval. Additionally, this ordinance requires a traditional permit through the channels of the Department of Building and Safety. These processes are very expensive and take so much time for the small business community.

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We all want this process to be similar to how the current Temporary AI Fresco permit software works, taking no more than 20 minutes to apply.

As a neighborhood resident, I don't want to lose the outdoor dining available now. It adds to a sense of community, made restaurants more accessible for customers and provides a COVID-conscious option for immunocompromised customers.

Thank you for your time,  
Michael Pantozzi

**Date : 2/6/2023 8:28:21 PM**  
**From : "Christopher Tompkins"**  
**To : [alfresco.planning@lacity.org](mailto:alfresco.planning@lacity.org), "[info@ihcla.org](mailto:info@ihcla.org)"**  
**Subject : CPC-2022-8179-CA Permanent Al Fresco Program**

To Whom It May Concern:

On behalf of Broad Street Oyster Company, I am writing to comment on the City of LA Planning Draft Ordinance for a permanent Al Fresco Program. We are in support of a permanent program but the Ordinance requires in most cases a discretionary application filed with the Department of City Planning by means of Conditional Use Permit or Plan Approval. Additionally this ordinance requires a traditional permit through the channels of the Department of Building and Safety. These processes are very expensive and time burdening for the small business community.

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As a restaurant owner that has survived the pandemic solely from outdoor dining...I truly cannot stress the importance of a simplified application process for a PERMANENT Al Fresco Program.

Sincerely,

Christopher Tompkins  
Proprietor  
Broad Street Oyster Co.  
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O: 424-644-0131





**Date : 2/6/2023 2:39:33 PM**  
**From : "Katie Saucier"**  
**To : alfresco.planning@lacity.org**  
**Cc : info@IHCLA.org**  
**Subject : CPC-2022-8179-CA Permanent AI Fresco Program**

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This process should be streamlined, easily accessible, and should take no more than 20 minutes to apply.

**Katie Saucier**  
*knsaucier@gmail.com*  
206.940.6120

**Date : 2/6/2023 12:12:24 PM**  
**From : "Hank Geer"**  
**To : alfresco.planning@lacity.org**  
**Subject : CPC-2022-8179-CA Permanent AI Fresco Program**

On behalf of Last Word Hospitality, I am writing to comment on the City of LA Planning Draft Ordinance for a permanent AI Fresco Program. We are in support of a permanent program but the Ordinance requires in most cases a discretionary application filed with the Department of City Planning by means of Conditional Use Permit or Plan Approval. Additionally this ordinance requires a traditional permit through the channels of the Department of Building and Safety. These processes are very expensive and time burdening for the small business community.

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Hank

**Date : 2/7/2023 9:03:17 PM**  
**From : "Lauren Settles"**  
**To : alfresco.planning@lacity.org**  
**Cc : info@ihcla.com**  
**Subject : CPC-2022-8179-CA Permanent AI Fresco Program**

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Lauren Greenberg

**Date : 2/7/2023 8:49:28 PM**  
**From : "Djuna Myers"**  
**To : alfresco.planning@lacity.org**  
**Cc : "info@ihcla.org"**  
**Subject : CPC-2022-8179-CA Permanent AI Fresco Program**

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The restaurant and food scene in LA is an asset for us all, many neighborhood restaurants will not survive an expensive and difficult permitting process. I personally love all the new outdoor seating options in my neighborhood in Atwater village and around Los Angeles and would be a shame to lose even one.

Sincerely,  
Djuna Myers

**Date : 2/7/2023 7:28:14 PM**  
**From : "Jeffrey Betancourt"**  
**To : alfresco.planning@lacity.org**  
**Cc : "info@ihcla.org"**  
**Subject : CPC-2022-8179-CA Permanent AI Fresco Program**

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AI Fresco dining at some our favorite small businesses has been a ray of light after such a dark period. Small business AI Fresco dining has built a sense of community in areas where it was lacking before. Seeing neighbors, families and children outside, sharing meals has been such a pleasure.

With food costs as high as they are and with the labor shortage, my hope is that small businesses are given as much of a chance as possible.

Jeff Betancourt  
310-435-3630

**Date : 2/7/2023 7:26:47 PM**  
**From : "N Guillen"**  
**To : alfresco.planning@lacity.org**  
**Cc : info@IHCLA.org**  
**Subject : CPC-2022-8179-CA Permanent AI Fresco Program**

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Currently, my family still will only eat outdoors at restaurants. Not only will the Ordinance disproportionately harm small businesses due to the time and costs associated with these processes, they will also cost many restaurants customers like my family, who will not eat indoors in the interim.

Nicole Guillen

Sent from my iPhone

**Date : 2/7/2023 7:21:47 PM**  
**From : "julie bryn netley"**  
**To : alfresco.planning@lacity.org**  
**Cc : info@ihcla.org**  
**Subject : CPC-2022-8179-CA Permanent AI Fresco Program**

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Julie Bryn Netley  
2201 Broadview Terrace  
Hollywood 90068

**Date : 2/7/2023 7:10:21 PM**  
**From : "SARAH BASTA"**  
**To : alfresco.planning@lacity.org**  
**Cc : info@ihcla.com**  
**Subject : CPC-2022-8179-CA Permanent Al Fresco Program**

On behalf of all the alfresco dining restaurants in my neighborhood, I am writing to comment on the City of LA Planning Draft Ordinance for a permanent Al Fresco Program. We are in support of a permanent program but the Ordinance requires in most cases a discretionary application filed with the Department of City Planning by means of Conditional Use Permit or Plan Approval. Additionally this ordinance requires a traditional permit through the channels of the Department of Building and Safety. These processes are very expensive and time burdening for the small business community.

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This is ridiculous. Do not cripple an already struggling Industry.  
Sarah Basta  
she/her

Sent from my iPhone



**Date : 2/7/2023 5:51:26 PM**  
**From : "Lisa Lee"**  
**To : alfresco.planning@lacity.org**  
**Subject : CPC-2022-8179-CA Permanent AI Fresco Program**

On behalf of the Independent Hospitality Coalition, I am writing to comment on the City of LA Planning Draft Ordinance for a permanent AI Fresco Program. We are in support of a permanent program but the Ordinance requires in most cases a discretionary application filed with the Department of City Planning by means of Conditional Use Permit or Plan Approval. Additionally this ordinance requires a traditional permit through the channels of the Department of Building and Safety. These processes are very expensive and time burdening for the small business community.

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-Lisa L

**Date : 2/7/2023 5:46:49 PM**  
**From : "Emma Orner"**  
**To : alfresco.planning@lacity.org**  
**Cc : info@ihcla.org**  
**Subject : CPC-2022-8179-CA Permanent Al Fresco Program**

On behalf of Found Oyster and many other businesses in LA,

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**Emma Orner**  
c: 650.215.3651

**Date : 2/7/2023 5:31:27 PM**  
**From : "Michele Svengsouk"**  
**To : [alfresco.planning@lacity.org](mailto:alfresco.planning@lacity.org)**  
**Cc : [info@ihcla.org](mailto:info@ihcla.org)**  
**Subject : CPC-2022-8179-CA Permanent AI Fresco Program**

On behalf of Found Oyster, Tsubaki, Nossa Caipirinha Bar, Anajak Thai Cuisine, and many others, I am writing to comment on the City of LA Planning Draft Ordinance for a permanent AI Fresco Program. We are in support of a permanent program but the Ordinance requires in most cases a discretionary application filed with the Department of City Planning by means of Conditional Use Permit or Plan Approval. Additionally this ordinance requires a traditional permit through the channels of the Department of Building and Safety. These processes are very expensive and time burdening for the small business community.

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Thank you for helping to keep LA's vibrant dining scene alive.

Michele Miller

[www.michelesvengsouk.com](http://www.michelesvengsouk.com)

**Date : 2/7/2023 5:03:40 PM**  
**From : carolinaines90@gmail.com**  
**To : alfresco.planning@lacity.org**  
**Cc : info@IHCLA.org**  
**Subject : CPC-2022-8179-CA Permanent AI Fresco Program**

Hello,

On behalf of Found Oyster and so many wonderful restaurants in LA, I am writing to comment on the City of LA Planning Draft Ordinance for a permanent AI Fresco Program. We are in support of a permanent program but the Ordinance requires in most cases a discretionary application filed with the Department of City Planning by means of Conditional Use Permit or Plan Approval. Additionally this ordinance requires a traditional permit through the channels of the Department of Building and Safety. These processes are very expensive and time burdening for the small business community.

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Thank you for your consideration

My best,  
Carolina Herrera

Sent from my iPhone

**Date : 2/7/2023 4:28:50 PM**  
**From : "Jenn Lacy"**  
**To : alfresco.planning@lacity.org**  
**Cc : info@IHCLA.org**  
**Subject : CPC-2022-8179-CA Permanent AI Fresco Program**

On behalf of Found Oyster and many other Los Angeles restaurants, I am writing to comment on the City of LA Planning Draft Ordinance for a permanent AI Fresco Program. We are in support of a permanent program but the Ordinance requires in most cases a discretionary application filed with the Department of City Planning by means of Conditional Use Permit or Plan Approval. Additionally this ordinance requires a traditional permit through the channels of the Department of Building and Safety. These processes are very expensive and time burdening for the small business community.

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Jenn Lacy  
lacy.jenn@gmail.com

I acknowledge that I am on the land of the Tongva/Gabrieleño and the Acjachemen/Juaneño Nations who have lived and continue to live here. I recognize the Tongva/Acjachemen Nations and their spiritual connection as the first stewards and the traditional caretakers of this land.

**Date : 2/7/2023 3:59:12 PM**  
**From : "daniel zormagen"**  
**To : alfresco.planning@lacity.org**  
**Cc : info@IHCLA.org**  
**Subject : CPC-2022-8179-CA Permanent AI Fresco Program**

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Save small businesses. They are hurting the most.

Daniel Zormagen

[Sent from Yahoo Mail for iPhone](#)

**Date : 2/7/2023 3:56:39 PM**  
**From : "Brian Cohen"**  
**To : alfresco.planning@lacity.org**  
**Cc : info@ihcla.org**  
**Subject : CPC-2022-8179-CA Permanent Al Fresco Program**

On behalf of one of my favorite local dining establishment, Found Oyster (4880 Fountain Ave, Los Angeles, CA 90029), I am writing to comment on the City of LA Planning Draft Ordinance for a permanent Al Fresco Program. I am in support of a permanent program but the Ordinance requires in most cases a discretionary application filed with the Department of City Planning by means of Conditional Use Permit or Plan Approval. Additionally this ordinance requires a traditional permit through the channels of the Department of Building and Safety. These processes are very expensive and time burdening for the small business community.

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Businesses like this are the lifeblood of our local communities, and add richness and diversity to the cultural and culinary landscape. Imposing restrictions like this on businesses that are already struggling after the past 3 years is cruel and is setting them up to fail. When running a small business becomes this cost prohibitive, what we end up with are communities full of national chain restaurants, employing computers instead of local members of the community (I'm looking at the new Shake Shack in Silverlake which is a total drag on the neighborhood and does not represent the values of those that live here).

Lets try and do better by these people that are putting it all on the line so that we as Angelinos continue to enjoy the best food scene and culture in the entire country.

Thank you,

Brian Cohen

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*Juris Doctor - Southwestern Law School*  
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**Date : 2/7/2023 1:12:49 PM**  
**From : "Lindsey Molk"**  
**To : alfresco.planning@lacity.org**  
**Cc : info@ihcla.org**  
**Subject : CPC-2022-8179-CA Permanent AI Fresco Program**

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Thank you,  
Lindsey



**Date : 2/7/2023 12:29:07 PM**  
**From : "Talía Katz"**  
**To : alfresco.planning@lacity.org**  
**Cc : info@ihcla.org**  
**Subject : CPC-2022-8179-CA Permanent Al Fresco Program**

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Best,  
Talía

**Date : 2/7/2023 12:19:53 PM**  
**From : "Judy Ornstein"**  
**To : "alfresco.planning@lacity.org"**  
**Cc : "info@IHCLA.org"**  
**Subject : CPC-2022-8179-CA Permanent AI Fresco Program**

Hello,

On behalf of FOOD LA LLC, I am writing to comment on the City of LA Planning Draft Ordinance for a permanent AI Fresco Program. We are in support of a permanent program but the Ordinance requires in most cases a discretionary application filed with the Department of City Planning by means of Conditional Use Permit or Plan Approval. Additionally this ordinance requires a traditional permit through the channels of the Department of Building and Safety. These processes are very expensive and time burdening for the small business community.

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Thank you

-Judy Ornstein

**Date : 2/7/2023 11:01:49 AM**  
**From : "Jon Gibson"**  
**To : alfresco.planning@lacity.org**  
**Cc : info@ihcla.org**  
**Subject : CPC-2022-8179-CA Permanent Al Fresco Program**

On behalf of Folklor LLC, I am writing to comment on the City of LA Planning Draft Ordinance for a permanent Al Fresco Program. We are in support of a permanent program but the Ordinance requires in most cases a discretionary application filed with the Department of City Planning by means of Conditional Use Permit or Plan Approval. Additionally this ordinance requires a traditional permit through the channels of the Department of Building and Safety. These processes are very expensive and time burdening for the small business community.

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Thanks,

Jon

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**Date : 2/7/2023 10:28:59 AM**  
**From : "Karl Hess"**  
**To : alfresco.planning@lacity.org**  
**Subject : CPC-2022-8179-CA Permanent AI Fresco Program**

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I feel this is important for our communities, thank you!

Karl.

**Date : 2/7/2023 9:11:40 AM**  
**From : "Audrey Rufe"**  
**To : alfresco.planning@lacity.org**  
**Cc : info@IHCLA.org**  
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Audrey Rufe

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**Date : 2/7/2023 5:51:11 AM**  
**From : "Kim Jimenez"**  
**To : alfresco.planning@lacity.org**  
**Cc : info@IHCLA.org**  
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Thanks so much,  
Kim Jimenez

2113 S Orange Drive  
Los Angeles, CA 90016

**Date : 2/8/2023 8:30:19 PM**

**From : "Kiari Andrews"**

**To : alfresco.planning@lacity.org**

**Subject : CPC-2022-8179-CA PERMANENT AL FRESCO PROGRAM**

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Kerrie Andrews

**Date : 2/8/2023 9:54:01 PM**  
**From : "Erin Dooney"**  
**To : alfresco.planning@lacity.org**  
**Cc : info@ihcla.org**  
**Subject : CPC-2022-8179-CA Permanent AI Fresco Program**

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Erin

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Erin Dooney  
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**Date : 2/8/2023 9:45:05 PM**  
**From : "Carol Ciriaco"**  
**To : alfresco.planning@lacity.org**  
**Cc : "info@ihcla.org"**  
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Thank you for your consideration.

Carol

**Date : 2/8/2023 9:36:15 PM**  
**From : "Brian Dow"**  
**To : alfresco.planning@lacity.org**  
**Cc : info@ihcla.org**  
**Subject : CPC-2022-8179-CA Permanent AI Fresco Program**

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Outdoor dining is a pleasurable experience for the customer and key part of small business's strategies in a post-covid ecosystem. While I don't favor streets a businesses able to operate without oversight, I believe this ordinance is unnecessarily detrimental to an industry that works on such small margins.

Brian

**Date : 2/8/2023 9:36:11 PM**  
**From : "Jacklyn Kranski"**  
**To : alfresco.planning@lacity.org**  
**Cc : info@ihcla.org**  
**Subject : CPC-2022-8179-CA Permanent AI Fresco Program**

On behalf of The Lonely Oyster I am writing to comment on the City of LA Planning Draft Ordinance for a permanent AI Fresco Program. We are in support of a permanent program but the Ordinance requires in most cases a discretionary application filed with the Department of City Planning by means of Conditional Use Permit or Plan Approval. Additionally this ordinance requires a traditional permit through the channels of the Department of Building and Safety. These processes are very expensive and time burdening for the small business community.

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Please don't destroy what makes the neighborhoods of LA great and worth it to live here.  
Jackie

**Date : 2/8/2023 9:32:56 PM**  
**From : "Sarah O'Brien"**  
**To : alfresco.planning@lacity.org**  
**Cc : info@ihcla.org**  
**Subject : CPC-2022-8179-CA Permanent Al Fresco Program**

As an active citizen of Los Angeles and patron of many restaurants that have added al fresco dining options, I am writing to comment on the City of LA Planning Draft Ordinance for a permanent Al Fresco Program. We are in support of a permanent program but the Ordinance requires in most cases a discretionary application filed with the Department of City Planning by means of Conditional Use Permit or Plan Approval. Additionally this ordinance requires a traditional permit through the channels of the Department of Building and Safety. These processes are very expensive and time burdening for the small business community.

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Sarah Obrien on 2/8/23

**Date : 2/8/2023 9:18:58 PM**  
**From : "Jazmin Velasquez"**  
**To : alfresco.planning@lacity.org**  
**Cc : info@ihcla.org**  
**Subject : CPC-2022-8179-CA Permanent AI Fresco Program**

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Thank you for your consideration.

Jazmin Velasquez

**Date : 2/8/2023 9:07:42 PM**  
**From : "Kaylee Richards"**  
**To : alfresco.planning@lacity.org**  
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Please listen to the needs of the small businesses that have fought so hard to stay open the last 3 years.

Thank you,  
Kaylee

**Date : 2/8/2023 8:34:16 PM**  
**From : "Megan Maitia"**  
**To : alfresco.planning@lacity.org**  
**Cc : info@IHCLA.org**  
**Subject : CPC-2022-8179-CA Permanent AI Fresco Program**

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Please support our LA restaurant community!

MM

Sent from my iPhone

**Date : 2/8/2023 8:22:41 PM**  
**From : "Sofia Espino"**  
**To : [alfresco.planning@lacity.org](mailto:alfresco.planning@lacity.org)**  
**Subject : CPC-2022-8179-CA Permanent AI Fresco Program**

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With so much hope,

Sofi Espino



**Date : 2/8/2023 8:18:21 PM**  
**From : "Pam Christian"**  
**To : "alfresco.planning@lacity.org"**  
**Cc : "info@IHCLA.org"**  
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Pam Christian

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**Date : 2/8/2023 8:13:52 PM**  
**From : "Erin Doyle Cooper"**  
**To : [alfresco.planning@lacity.org](mailto:alfresco.planning@lacity.org)**  
**Cc : [info@ihcla.org](mailto:info@ihcla.org)**  
**Subject : CPC-2022-8179-CA Permanent Al Fresco Program**

On behalf of my many beloved restaurants in Los Feliz, I am writing to comment on the City of LA Planning Draft Ordinance for a permanent Al Fresco Program. I support a permanent program, but these processes are currently very expensive and time burdening for the small business community.

I would like to see the city create an ordinance free from inequalities; to make this process accessible to all businesses in lieu of a fortunate few.

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Los Angeles is a special place to live, in large part because of our creative, thriving independent restaurant scene. We lost several wonderful establishments to covid, and in recent weeks, I've seen several neighborhood spots close, or announce a pending closure, as a result of outrageous rent hikes. Please do not perpetuate additional losses with an ordinance that is an undue burden on these treasured establishments.

Respectfully,

Erin Doyle Cooper

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**Erin Doyle Cooper**  
Writer, Director, Creative Director

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**Date : 2/8/2023 8:12:45 PM**  
**From : "Nicole Lesmeister"**  
**To : alfresco.planning@lacity.org**  
**Cc : info@ihcla.org**  
**Subject : CPC-2022-8179-CA Permanent AI Fresco Program**

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Thank you,  
Nicole

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Nicole Lesmeister

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**From : "Erin Gupte"**  
**To : alfresco.planning@lacity.org**  
**Cc : info@ihcla.org**  
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AI Fresco dining has been a great addition to the city and allowed many to continue dining out and patronizing local restaurants during the pandemic. It would be so harmful to local restaurants and the community to make permits more difficult to access.

Erin Gupte

**Date : 2/8/2023 8:06:05 PM**  
**From : "Cassie Flores"**  
**To : [alfresco.planning@lacity.org](mailto:alfresco.planning@lacity.org)**  
**Cc : [info@ihcla.org](mailto:info@ihcla.org)**  
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Outdoor seating has been an incredible gift to restaurants and patrons. Do not destroy something everyone loves!!!!

Cassie Flores

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Cassie Flores  
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**Date : 2/8/2023 8:05:06 PM**  
**From : "Libbey Van Dyke"**  
**To : alfresco.planning@lacity.org**  
**Cc : info@IHCLA.ORG**  
**Subject : CPC-2022-8179-CA Permanent AI Fresco Program**

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Please don't further burden our small business restaurants in this challenging time of inflation. LA's food community is so special and so important to our city's culture and spirit.

Respectfully,  
Libbey Van Dyke

**Date : 2/8/2023 7:47:51 PM**  
**From : "Jennifer Kaytin Robinson"**  
**To : [alfresco.planning@lacity.org](mailto:alfresco.planning@lacity.org), [info@ihcla.org](mailto:info@ihcla.org)**  
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Jennifer Robinson

**Date : 2/8/2023 7:42:41 PM**  
**From : "Georgia Johnson"**  
**To : alfresco.planning@lacity.org**  
**Cc : info@IHCLA.org**  
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Sincerely,

Georgia Johnson, Esq.



**Date : 2/8/2023 7:40:05 PM**  
**From : "Morgan Roger"**  
**To : alfresco.planning@lacity.org**  
**Cc : info@ihcla.org**  
**Subject : CPC-2022-8179-CA Permanent AI Fresco Program**

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Thanks!

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**Morgan Roger**  
908.698.3186  
[iammorganroger@gmail.com](mailto:iammorganroger@gmail.com)

**Date : 2/8/2023 6:56:10 PM**

**From : "Alyssa Rowatt"**

**To : alfresco.planning@lacity.org**

**Cc : info@ihcla.org**

**Subject : CPC-2022-8179-CA Permanent AI Fresco Program**

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Ideally this process would be similar to how the current Temporary AI Fresco permit software works taking no more than 20 minutes to apply.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Alyssa Rowatt  
Los Angeles city community member

**Date : 2/8/2023 6:53:01 PM**  
**From : "Josie Gormley"**  
**To : alfresco.planning@lacity.org**  
**Cc : info@ihcla.org**  
**Subject : CPC-2022-8179-CA Permanent AI Fresco Program**

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For many Angelenos, we have no interest in dining indoors anymore. It contributes to the spread of covid among diners and workers, which is extremely dangerous as the long term impacts of the disease long covid are still coming to light.

In 2023, restaurants need to have outdoor dining in order to survive as we're still not ready to return indoors. Please help keep restaurants stay open and keep diners safe and covid free by simplifying that process.

Thank you,  
Josie Gormley  
90068

**Date : 2/8/2023 6:36:08 PM**  
**From : "Marisa Hernandez"**  
**To : alfresco.planning@lacity.org**  
**Subject : CPC-2022-8179-CA Permanent Al Fresco Program**

On behalf of Civil Coffee, I am writing to comment on the City of LA Planning Draft Ordinance for a permanent Al Fresco Program. We are in support of a permanent program but the Ordinance requires in most cases a discretionary application filed with the Department of City Planning by means of Conditional Use Permit or Plan Approval. Additionally this ordinance requires a traditional permit through the channels of the Department of Building and Safety. These processes are very expensive and time burdening for the small business community.

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As a patron of many coffee shops, cafes, and restaurants in LA, I love the outdoor alfresco dining option. Restaurants are already struggling with rising food costs and many other struggles since the pandemic. Many of us see these businesses as part of our family and community, the last thing these businesses need is a bigger financial burden for a system that is already functioning well. I don't want to see more restaurants closing up because they can no longer afford caring for their staff, providing a living wage, paying rent and providing high quality food to better our health.

Marisa Hernandez

**Date : 2/8/2023 6:35:15 PM**  
**From : "Traci Ferguson"**  
**To : alfresco.planning@lacity.org**  
**Cc : info@IHCLA.org**  
**Subject : CPC-2022-8179-CA Permanent AI Fresco Program**

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I believe having extended outdoor dining has changed Los Angeles for the better, it has made restaurants more available to all and it builds a stronger community atmosphere.

Please do not make this system more challenging and unobtainable to small businesses.

A concerned citizen,  
Traci F

**Date : 2/8/2023 6:29:03 PM**  
**From : "Daniel Dorr"**  
**To : alfresco.planning@lacity.org**  
**Subject : CPC-2022-8179-CA Permanent AI Fresco Program**

On behalf of myself, Daniel Dorr, I am writing to comment on the City of LA Planning Draft Ordinance for a permanent AI Fresco Program. We are in support of a permanent program but the Ordinance requires in most cases a discretionary application filed with the Department of City Planning by means of Conditional Use Permit or Plan Approval. Additionally this ordinance requires a traditional permit through the channels of the Department of Building and Safety. These processes are very expensive and time burdening for the small business community.

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As a resident of LA for over 20 years any attempt to take the AI fresco option away from the many restaurants my family and I have been a patron for years would be a disgrace. Stop putting profits over small businesses. Permitting in this city is a racket as it is and introducing more bureaucratic nonsense and fees into an already corrupt system is a fucking joke.

“Sincerely”

Daniel Dorr

Daniel Dorr

Sent from my iPhone

**Date : 2/8/2023 6:13:31 PM**  
**From : "Alanna Hoffman"**  
**To : "alfresco.planning@lacity.org"**  
**Cc : "info@ihcla.org"**  
**Subject : CPC-2022-8179-CA Permanent AI Fresco Program**

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Alanna Hoffman

**Date : 2/8/2023 6:08:09 PM**  
**From : "Heath A. Cullens"**  
**To : alfresco.planning@lacity.org**  
**Cc : "info@ihcla.org"**  
**Subject : CPC-2022-8179-CA Permanent Al Fresco Program**

On behalf of All Time, Sushi Ai, Little Dom's and all other restaurants in Los Feliz that currently have al fresco dining, I am writing to comment on the City of LA Planning Draft Ordinance for a permanent Al Fresco Program. We are in support of a permanent program but the Ordinance requires in most cases a discretionary application filed with the Department of City Planning by means of Conditional Use Permit or Plan Approval. Additionally this ordinance requires a traditional permit through the channels of the Department of Building and Safety. These processes are very expensive and time burdening for the small business community.

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California and Los Angeles are developing a terrible reputation for being unfriendly to small businesses. I have watched as scores of businesses leave LA and CA for better business environments in other states. Los Feliz is proud of our local eateries. They add to our quality of living and contribute to our property value. Please don't make the mistake of driving our beloved restaurants to other locations through your Draconian and Byzantine permitting process.

Thank you,

Heath Cullens



**Date : 2/8/2023 6:00:34 PM**  
**From : "Alex Sgambati"**  
**To : alfresco.planning@lacity.org**  
**Cc : info@IHCLA.org**  
**Subject : CPC-2022-8179-CA Permanent AI Fresco Program**

Dear AI Fresco Planning,

On behalf of Nossa Caipirinha Bar, I am writing to comment on the City of LA Planning Draft Ordinance for a permanent AI Fresco Program. We are in support of a permanent program but the Ordinance requires in most cases a discretionary application filed with the Department of City Planning by means of Conditional Use Permit or Plan Approval. Additionally this ordinance requires a traditional permit through the channels of the Department of Building and Safety. These processes are very expensive and time burdening for the small business community.

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Also, there are many patrons who prefer to eat outside, and in not providing them that option Caipirinha Bar would lose business.

Best,  
Alex Sgambati

**Date : 2/8/2023 5:59:50 PM**  
**From : "Kirstie Newman"**  
**To : alfresco.planning@lacity.org**  
**Cc : info@ihcla.org**  
**Subject : CPC-2022-8179-CA Permanent AI Fresco Program**

On behalf of All Time, Aroma Cafe, countless other restaurants, and all restaurant workers across Los Angeles, I am writing to comment on the City of LA Planning Draft Ordinance for a permanent AI Fresco Program. We are in support of a permanent program but the Ordinance requires in most cases a discretionary application filed with the Department of City Planning by means of Conditional Use Permit or Plan Approval. Additionally this ordinance requires a traditional permit through the channels of the Department of Building and Safety. These processes are very expensive and time burdening for the small business community.

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Restaurants and their staff are a pillar of Los Angeles culture. Some are the sole reason for visitors! All restaurants, but ESPECIALLY independently owned and operated places took a massive hit during Covid lockdowns and many are still experiencing hardship, if they've been able to remain open at all. Losing additional seating at a time when restaurants are FINALLY crawling toward minimal profit will be a tragic blow to so many. This new permit process will hurt local businesses and the impact will be felt by workers and diners alike. Give the little guys a fighting chance for once to help get them back above water.

Kirstie Newman

**Date : 2/8/2023 5:52:38 PM**  
**From : "Wendy Worthington"**  
**To : alfresco.planning@lacity.org**  
**Cc : info@IHCLA.org**  
**Subject : CPC-2022-8179-CA Permanent Al Fresco Program**

On behalf of all restaurants that provide an outdoor dining area, I am writing to comment on the City of LA Planning Draft Ordinance for a permanent Al Fresco Program. We are in support of a permanent program but the Ordinance requires in most cases a discretionary application filed with the Department of City Planning by means of Conditional Use Permit or Plan Approval. Additionally this ordinance requires a traditional permit through the channels of the Department of Building and Safety. These processes are very expensive and time burdening for the small business community.

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Due to safety precautions because of the pandemic, the only way I can support my local restaurants is by outdoor dining. Please don't make it harder on them to accommodate people like me.

Wendy Worthington

Sent from my iPhone

**Date : 2/8/2023 5:31:47 PM**  
**From : "Marco Schugurensky"**  
**To : alfresco.planning@lacity.org**  
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Best,  
Marco Schugurensky

**Date : 2/8/2023 5:29:21 PM**  
**From : "Emily Knecht"**  
**To : alfresco.planning@lacity.org**  
**Cc : info@IHCLA.org**  
**Subject : CPC-2022-8179-CA Permanent AI Fresco Program**

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This is one of my favorite LA restaurants and I hope you can do something to save it!

Emily Knecht

Sent from my iPhone

**Date : 2/8/2023 5:16:24 PM**  
**From : "Stephanie Ong"**  
**To : alfresco.planning@lacity.org**  
**Cc : info@ihcla.org**  
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Stephanie Ong

**Date : 2/8/2023 5:16:00 PM**  
**From : "Karen Muller"**  
**To : "alfresco.planning@lacity.org"**  
**Cc : "info@IHCLA.org"**  
**Subject : CPC-2022-8179-CA Permanent AI Fresco Program**

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On another note, outdoor dining has invigorated the restaurant industry at a time when civic pride needs all the help it can get! Restaurants serve a strong cultural and economic role in our large city and promote engagement across all neighborhoods and socioeconomic strata. In addition, fun outdoor dining is a dynamic part of the tourist trade.

**Blocking the flourishing of restaurants will be harmful to the culture and economy of Los Angeles!**

Karen Muller 323-401-4475

**Date : 2/8/2023 5:10:06 PM**  
**From : "Kristin Egan"**  
**To : [alfresco.planning@lacity.org](mailto:alfresco.planning@lacity.org), [info@ihcla.org](mailto:info@ihcla.org)**  
**Subject : CPC-2022-8179-CA Permanent AI Fresco Program**

On behalf of Cafe Birdie and Goodhousekeeping, I am writing to comment on the City of LA Planning Draft Ordinance for a permanent AI Fresco Program. We are in support of a permanent program but the Ordinance requires in most cases a discretionary application filed with the Department of City Planning by means of Conditional Use Permit or Plan Approval. Additionally this ordinance requires a traditional permit through the channels of the Department of Building and Safety. These processes are very expensive and time burdening for the small business community.

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Kristin Egan



**Date : 2/8/2023 5:07:59 PM**  
**From : "Sam Lassiter"**  
**To : alfresco.planning@lacity.org**  
**Cc : info@ihcla.org**  
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Thank you,  
Sam Lassiter

**Date : 2/8/2023 5:05:14 PM**  
**From : "Katie Rose"**  
**To : alfresco.planning@lacity.org**  
**Cc : info@ihcla.org**  
**Subject : CPC-2022-8179-CA Permanent AI Fresco Program**

On behalf of my Los Angeles County community, I am writing to comment on the City of LA Planning Draft Ordinance for a permanent AI Fresco Program. We are in support of a permanent program but the Ordinance requires in most cases a discretionary application filed with the Department of City Planning by means of Conditional Use Permit or Plan Approval. Additionally this ordinance requires a traditional permit through the channels of the Department of Building and Safety. These processes are very expensive and time burdening for the small business community.

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Restaurants that make up the diversity and vitality of this city are closing left and right — it is destroying the soul of this city, and will impact the ability of people like me to actually enjoy the only safe activity left in this city during the ongoing pandemic.

Thank you for your consideration,  
Katie Lucas

Sent from ☐ ☐

**Date : 2/8/2023 5:01:22 PM**  
**From : "KATIE LUCAS"**  
**To : alfresco.planning@lacity.org**  
**Cc : info@IHCLA.org**  
**Subject : CPC-2022-8179-CA Permanent AI Fresco Program**

On behalf of myself and the other immunocompromised people of Los Angeles County, I am writing to comment on the City of LA Planning Draft Ordinance for a permanent AI Fresco Program. We are in support of a permanent program but the Ordinance requires in most cases a discretionary application filed with the Department of City Planning by means of Conditional Use Permit or Plan Approval. Additionally this ordinance requires a traditional permit through the channels of the Department of Building and Safety. These processes are very expensive and time burdening for the small business community.

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**Date : 2/8/2023 4:57:45 PM**  
**From : "Christian Spletzer"**  
**To : alfresco.planning@lacity.org**  
**Cc : "info@ihcla.org"**  
**Subject : CPC-2022-8179-CA Permanent AI Fresco Program**

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Thank you,

Chris Spletzer  
4357 Cedarhurst Circle, LA

**Date : 2/8/2023 4:57:23 PM**  
**From : "Meggan Ellingboe"**  
**To : alfresco.planning@lacity.org**  
**Cc : info@ihcla.org, contactCD4@lacity.org**  
**Subject : CPC-2022-8179-CA Permanent AI Fresco Program**

Hello,

I am on the Governing Board of the Los Feliz Neighborhood Council, but I'm writing as an individual resident of the City.

I'd like to support a permanent AI Fresco program considering we are fortunate to live in a climate like ours where year-round outdoor dining is possible and because these small independent restaurants make my neighborhood, Los Feliz, a vibrant place to live (and walkable) and make it attractive to visitors from around the world to local Angelenos coming in for a meal after a day in Griffith Park. I was also disturbed by the stories profiled in the recent [LAT article](#) featuring Los Feliz restaurant owners and owners of restaurants in next-door communities.

The Ordinance requires in most cases, a discretionary application filed with the Department of City Planning by means of a Conditional Use Permit or Plan Approval. Additionally, this ordinance requires a traditional permit through the channels of the Department of Building and Safety. I understand that these processes are very expensive and time-burdening for small businesses.

I support the business' request to create an ordinance free from inequalities; to make this process accessible to all businesses in lieu of a fortunate few. This is an opportunity to create a small business food-operator-friendly application that does not require expensive consultants or architects to gain permits. I support their efforts to create a process to be similar to how the current Temporary AI Fresco permit software works taking no more than 20 minutes to apply.

The early days of the Pandemic showed enthusiastic support for these independent restaurants and to know that this program helped them stay open and survive shows that it should be a permanent program with easy-to-understand accessibility. We are technically still in a Pandemic and should strive to ensure the viability of local small businesses that employ residents and are tied into various communities. From immigrants to lifelong Angelenos, each restaurant owner has a story and deserves an opportunity to succeed here. We are fortunate to benefit from their talents. Let's support

them and make regulations less expensive and confusing.

Thank you,  
Meggan Ellingboe

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**Date : 2/8/2023 4:44:36 PM**  
**From : "Ariel Kaye"**  
**To : [alfresco.planning@lacity.org](mailto:alfresco.planning@lacity.org), [info@ihcla.org](mailto:info@ihcla.org)**  
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Outdoor seating has been an incredible gift to restaurants and patrons. Do not destroy something everyone loves!!!!

Ariel Kaye

Ariel Kaye  
Founder  
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**Date : 2/8/2023 4:22:03 PM**  
**From : "Erica Culverhouse"**  
**To : alfresco.planning@lacity.org, info@ihcla.org**  
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Al fresco dining in Los Angeles was not only a Covid-era necessity but a long overdue transformation for our city. The benefits extend from all restaurant and small business owners to the consumer, the average Angeleno who has relished our ability to dine outside over the last two years, related or unrelated to health concerns (which are ongoing!!). Taking back these al fresco dining policies now, over a permit process, is unnecessarily cruel to both business owners and consumers, and calamitous for the safety of our city and the strength of our local economy.



**Date : 2/8/2023 4:15:56 PM**  
**From : "Tucker Gibson"**  
**To : alfresco.planning@lacity.org**  
**Cc : info@ihcla.org**  
**Subject : CPC-2022-8179-CA Permanent AI Fresco Program**

Hi there,

On behalf of All Time (2040 Hillhurst Avenue, Los Angeles, CA) I am writing to comment on the City of LA Planning Draft Ordinance for a permanent AI Fresco Program. We are in support of a permanent program but the Ordinance requires in most cases a discretionary application filed with the Department of City Planning by means of Conditional Use Permit or Plan Approval. Additionally this ordinance requires a traditional permit through the channels of the Department of Building and Safety. These processes are very expensive and time burdening for the small business community.

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I appreciate your consideration,  
James Gibson

**Date : 2/8/2023 3:59:33 PM**  
**From : "Ali"**  
**To : alfresco.planning@lacity.org**  
**Cc : info@IHCLA.org**  
**Subject : CPC-2022-8179-CA Permanent AI Fresco Program**

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Ali krug

Sent from my iPhone

**Date : 2/8/2023 3:45:03 PM**  
**From : joy.garnett@gmail.com**  
**To : alfresco.planning@lacity.org**  
**Cc : info@ihcla.org**  
**Subject : CPC-2022-8179-CA Permanent Al Fresco Program**

Greetings To Whom It May Concern:

On behalf of the struggling restaurants and fellow passionate customers of dining-out in Los Angeles, I am writing to comment on the City of LA Planning Draft Ordinance for a permanent Al Fresco Program. We are in support of a permanent program but the Ordinance requires in most cases a discretionary application filed with the Department of City Planning by means of Conditional Use Permit or Plan Approval. Additionally this ordinance requires a traditional permit through the channels of the Department of Building and Safety. These processes are very expensive and time burdening for the small business community.

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Sincerely,  
Joy Amina Garnett

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**Date : 2/8/2023 3:41:48 PM**  
**From : "Ruby Sugayan"**  
**To : [alfresco.planning@lacity.org](mailto:alfresco.planning@lacity.org)**  
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**Date : 2/8/2023 3:37:50 PM**  
**From : "Kayla Pournazarian"**  
**To : alfresco.planning@lacity.org**  
**Cc : info@ihcla.org**  
**Subject : CPC-2022-8179-CA Permanent Al Fresco Program**

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Thank you,  
Kayla

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**Kayla Pournazarian**  
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**Date : 2/8/2023 3:37:26 PM**

**From : "Matthew Fogel"**

**To : [alfresco.planning@lacity.org](mailto:alfresco.planning@lacity.org), [info@ihcla.org](mailto:info@ihcla.org), [contactCD4@lacity.org](mailto:contactCD4@lacity.org)**

**Subject : CPC-2022-8179-CA Permanent AI Fresco Program**

Please do not change the outdoor dining rules for restaurants. It will make it so much harder for immunocompromised people like myself to find places to go; we can still only eat outside. Making it harder for restaurants to retain their dining permits or make it more complicated to do so would gravely impact my life and ability to socialize.

Thank you

Matthew Fogel

**Date : 2/8/2023 3:36:06 PM**  
**From : "Cassidy Turner"**  
**To : [alfresco.planning@lacity.org](mailto:alfresco.planning@lacity.org)**  
**Cc : [info@ihcla.org](mailto:info@ihcla.org)**  
**Subject : CPC-2022-8179-CA Permanent AI Fresco Program**

On behalf of the restaurant All Time in Los Feliz, I am writing to comment on the City of LA Planning Draft Ordinance for a permanent AI Fresco Program. We are in support of a permanent program but the Ordinance requires in most cases a discretionary application filed with the Department of City Planning by means of Conditional Use Permit or Plan Approval. Additionally this ordinance requires a traditional permit through the channels of the Department of Building and Safety. These processes are very expensive and time burdening for the small business community.

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Thank you,  
Cassidy turner

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**Date : 2/8/2023 3:34:41 PM**  
**From : "Amanda Schaible"**  
**To : alfresco.planning@lacity.org**  
**Cc : info@ihcla.org**  
**Subject : CPC-2022-8179-CA Permanent Al Fresco Program**

An easy and permanent al fresco dining program is incredibly important. The proliferation of outdoor dining is one of the few positives that came out of the COVID19 pandemic. It allows restaurants to boost revenue with additional space, allows COVID-conscious folks to dine outdoors (rather than inside), and is just outright enjoyable here in Los Angeles where we are blessed with wonderful weather.

I am writing to comment on the City of LA Planning Draft Ordinance for a permanent Al Fresco Program. I am in support of a permanent program but the Ordinance requires in most cases a discretionary application filed with the Department of City Planning by means of Conditional Use Permit or Plan Approval. Additionally this ordinance requires a traditional permit through the channels of the Department of Building and Safety. These processes are very expensive and time burdening for the small business community.

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Amanda Schaible

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**Amanda Schaible**  
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**Date : 2/8/2023 3:27:55 PM**  
**From : "Kirsten Alexander"**  
**To : alfresco.planning@lacity.org**  
**Cc : info@ihcla.org**  
**Subject : CPC-2022-8179-CA Permanent Al Fresco Program**

Hello,

On behalf of Found Oyster and All Time, I am writing to comment on the City of LA Planning Draft Ordinance for a permanent Al Fresco Program. We are in support of a permanent program but the Ordinance requires in most cases a discretionary application filed with the Department of City Planning by means of Conditional Use Permit or Plan Approval. Additionally this ordinance requires a traditional permit through the channels of the Department of Building and Safety. These processes are very expensive and time burdening for the small business community.

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Thank you,  
Kirsten

**Date : 2/8/2023 3:15:14 PM**  
**From : "Laura Craft Hogensen"**  
**To : [alfresco.planning@lacity.org](mailto:alfresco.planning@lacity.org)**  
**Cc : [info@ihcla.org](mailto:info@ihcla.org)**  
**Subject : CPC-2022-8179-CA Permanent AI Fresco Program**

To Whom it May Concern:

I am writing to comment on the City of LA Planning Draft Ordinance for a permanent AI Fresco Program. I am an assistant manager and a pastry chef at a cafe in South Pasadena. I was working during the pandemic and saw firsthand how outdoor dining allowed the restaurants I was employed by to survive, and to try to retain as much staff as they could during the difficult first months of COVID.

I am in support of a permanent program but the Ordinance requires in most cases a discretionary application filed with the Department of City Planning by means of Conditional Use Permit or Plan Approval. Additionally this ordinance requires a traditional permit through the channels of the Department of Building and Safety. These processes are very expensive and time burdening for the small business community.

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The AI Fresco program created a lifeline that allowed many restaurants to survive up until this point. It also allowed people who were concerned about the risks of dining indoors to enjoy a meal in a restaurant setting with less fear. The pandemic and its effects are not over. By removing this program, you will be directly impacting the lives of not only restaurant owners, but more importantly their employees who are already struggling to make ends meet in an industry that does not pay enough. If the City of Los Angeles values its residents, I urge you to listen to those within the industry and not make a ruling which will economically devastate so many in this community overnight.

Thank you for your time,  
Laura Hogensen

Laura Craft Hogensen  
[626-344-3322](tel:626-344-3322) (c)

**Date : 2/8/2023 3:08:52 PM**  
**From : "YUZUCO"**  
**To : "alfresco.planning@lacity.org"**  
**Cc : "info@ihcla.org"**  
**Subject : CPC-2022-8179-CA Permanent AI Fresco Program**

Hi —

On behalf of YUZUCO, I am writing to comment on the City of LA Planning Draft Ordinance for a permanent AI Fresco Program. We are in support of a permanent program but the Ordinance requires in most cases a discretionary application filed with the Department of City Planning by means of Conditional Use Permit or Plan Approval. Additionally this ordinance requires a traditional permit through the channels of the Department of Building and Safety. These processes are very expensive and time burdening for the small business community.

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The proposed changes will make LA society unjust - and cause undue stress and financial burden on those who bring food and comfort to us all.

Thank you for your consideration,  
Griffin

Co-founder of YUZUCO

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**Date : 2/8/2023 3:01:22 PM**  
**From : "Ellie Loarca"**  
**To : alfresco.planning@lacity.org**  
**Cc : info@ihcla.org**  
**Subject : CPC-2022-8179-CA Permanent AI Fresco Program**

Hello,

On behalf of All Time, Ananak Thai and many other businesses who operate outdoor dining, I am writing to comment on the City of LA Planning Draft Ordinance for a permanent AI Fresco Program. We are in support of a permanent program but the Ordinance requires in most cases a discretionary application filed with the Department of City Planning by means of Conditional Use Permit or Plan Approval. Additionally this ordinance requires a traditional permit through the channels of the Department of Building and Safety. These processes are very expensive and time burdening for the small business community.

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These small businesses have been a pillar of our community and has given access to tens of thousands of people to dine safely outdoors during the hardest times of humanity. Please do not revoke this privilege!! It's hard to find any joy in life these days and making access to good food for the community is PERTINENT!

Thanks,  
Ellie

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Ellie Loarca  
(805) 405-5400

**Date : 2/8/2023 2:59:22 PM**  
**From : "Taylor Parsons"**  
**To : alfresco.planning@lacity.org, info@ihcla.org**  
**Subject : CPC-2022-8179-CA Permanent Al Fresco Program**

Good afternoon. My name is Taylor Parsons, and I am the CEO of **Whole Cluster Hospitality**, a restaurant development and management firm located in Los Angeles. We currently operate two restaurants, Dunsmoor and Bar Chelou, with plans to open two more later this year. I am a 20yr veteran of the LA restaurant industry, and also have the good fortune to be married to Briana Valdez, a (brilliant) restaurateur in her own right and the founder/operator of five **HomeState** locations throughout the city with plans to open 2-3 more this year.

I am writing regarding the Planning Office's draft ordinance for a permanent Al Fresco program. The temporary program put in place has been a godsend to the business my wife and I operate, to say nothing of the hundreds of hospitality operations throughout the city that simply would not have survived these past three grueling years without the relief the temporary Al Fresco permitting provided. The city's efforts to formalize a permanent program indicate some understanding of this fact.

That said, the proposed Ordinance requires for the vast majority of operators a discretionary application to be filed with City Planning and secure a Conditional Use Permit or submit to the Plan Approval process. Further requiring operators to secure a traditional permit through the calcified channels of Building & Safety creates an unnecessary burden in both cost and time for small business owners and operators who have precious little of either. This is *especially* true in the current climate, where business costs of all kinds are at an all-time high.

Our primary concern is that these unnecessary burdens will stymie many potential applicants, and create an unequal playing field where only the most well-resourced companies have the time/money/staff/consulting budgets to embark on such a daunting process. We are requesting that the Ordinance under consideration be stripped down of onerous permitting requirements, that it implement an operator-friendly, easy-to-complete application similar to the current Temporary Al Fresco software (which requires about 20 minutes to complete), and that it allows ALL operators the opportunity to benefit from Al Fresco dining without requiring expensive consultants or architects or weeks/months of valuable time.

Permanently codifying a process whereby hard-working restaurateurs can *easily* apply to expand their operations outside is good for business, adds vibrancy and energy to our streets, and makes for a better, safer and more economically-sound

city for all. Please make the right decision and act on behalf of the thousands of hard-working restaurateurs who add immeasurable vitality and depth to our great city.

Thank you,

Taylor Parsons

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**Date : 2/8/2023 2:50:49 PM**  
**From : "Jane Stephens Rosenthal"**  
**To : alfresco.planning@lacity.org**  
**Cc : info@ihcla.org**  
**Subject : CPC-2022-8179-CA Permanent AI Fresco Program**

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As people who are immunocompromised and still wanting to try to enjoy life and feel like we can go out this is our safest and happiest time to spend. We can only eat at our favorite restaurants because they allow outdoor seating. We would be devastated to lose this.

Sincerely  
Jane

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A little The Hideaway tease: [The Hideaway Trailer](#)

**Date : 2/8/2023 2:50:07 PM**  
**From : "Ramona Orley"**  
**To : alfresco.planning@lacity.org**  
**Cc : info@IHCLA.org**  
**Subject : CPC-2022-8179-CA Permanent AI Fresco Program**

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Thank you for your time.

Ramona Orley

Sent from Ramona Orley



**Date : 2/8/2023 2:49:51 PM**  
**From : "Nicholas Lazo"**  
**To : alfresco.planning@lacity.org**  
**Cc : info@ihcla.org**  
**Subject : CPC-2022-8179-CA Permanent Al Fresco Program**

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Thank you for allowing our city's small restaurants to continue to flourish, to nourish, and to bring the community together.

Nicholas Lazo  
C: 323.895.8124

**Date : 2/8/2023 2:47:27 PM**  
**From : "Priyanka Aribindi"**  
**To : alfresco.planning@lacity.org**  
**Cc : info@ihcla.org**  
**Subject : CPC-2022-8179-CA Permanent AI Fresco Program**

On behalf of All Time Los Angeles, I am writing to comment on the City of LA Planning Draft Ordinance for a permanent AI Fresco Program. We are in support of a permanent program but the Ordinance requires in most cases a discretionary application filed with the Department of City Planning by means of Conditional Use Permit or Plan Approval. Additionally this ordinance requires a traditional permit through the channels of the Department of Building and Safety. These processes are very expensive and time burdening for the small business community.

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Though the pandemic emergency declarations are coming to an end, the debt and struggles restaurants have had to face as a result of the pandemic largely continue. To impose this lengthy, costly process on them now, in this way would be catastrophic, and would cost LA the vital small businesses that make this place the vibrant, delicious city it is.

Thank you for your consideration,  
Priyanka

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**Priyanka Aribindi**

**Date : 2/8/2023 2:39:10 PM**  
**From : "Mae Johnson"**  
**To : alfresco.planning@lacity.org**  
**Cc : info@ihcla.org**  
**Subject : CPC-2022-8179-CA Permanent AI Fresco Program**

Hi there,

On behalf of 4100 Bar, I am writing to comment on the City of LA Planning Draft Ordinance for a permanent AI Fresco Program. We are in support of a permanent program but the Ordinance requires in most cases a discretionary application filed with the Department of City Planning by means of Conditional Use Permit or Plan Approval. Additionally this ordinance requires a traditional permit through the channels of the Department of Building and Safety. These processes are very expensive and time burdening for the small business community.

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Thank you for reading this!

Mae

**Date : 2/8/2023 2:34:57 PM**  
**From : "SMH"**  
**To : alfresco.planning@lacity.org**  
**Subject : CPC-2022-8179-CA Permanent AI Fresco Program**

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-Simon Helberg

Sent from a pay phone.

**Date : 2/8/2023 2:34:16 PM**  
**From : "Nora Noone"**  
**To : alfresco.planning@lacity.org**  
**Cc : info@ihcla.org**  
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*Al fresco dining has made me excited to dine out in LA again and has encouraged me to dine out more often than I ever had been in my previous 7 years living here. I'd hate to see that change, which is exactly what will happen if the need for a lengthy and expensive permit moves forward.*

Thank you and regards,  
Nora Noone

**Date : 2/8/2023 2:34:15 PM**  
**From : "Mai S."**  
**To : alfresco.planning@lacity.org**  
**Cc : info@ihcla.org**  
**Subject : CPC-2022-8179-CA Permanent AI Fresco Program**

On behalf of All Time and other LA establishments, I am writing to comment on the City of LA Planning Draft Ordinance for a permanent AI Fresco Program. We are in support of a permanent program but the Ordinance requires in most cases a discretionary application filed with the Department of City Planning by means of Conditional Use Permit or Plan Approval. Additionally this ordinance requires a traditional permit through the channels of the Department of Building and Safety. These processes are very expensive and time burdening for the small business community.

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The expansion of outdoor dining has undoubtably improved the lives of this city's patrons, and it would be a mistake to burden businesses in this way.

Sincerely,  
Mai

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Mai Schotz  
512.579.7384

**Date : 2/8/2023 2:34:00 PM**  
**From : "Erin Wainess"**  
**To : alfresco.planning@lacity.org**  
**Cc : info@ihcla.org**  
**Subject : CPC-2022-8179-CA Permanent AI Fresco Program**

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Thank you,  
Erin

**Date : 2/8/2023 2:33:03 PM**  
**From : "Dave Goetsch"**  
**To : [alfresco.planning@lacity.org](mailto:alfresco.planning@lacity.org), [info@ihcla.org](mailto:info@ihcla.org)**  
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**From : "Anar Joshi"**  
**To : alfresco.planning@lacity.org**  
**Cc : info@ihcla.org**  
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Anar Joshi

**Date : 2/8/2023 2:27:43 PM**  
**From : "Eric Wilson"**  
**To : alfresco.planning@lacity.org, info@ihcla.org**  
**Subject : CPC-2022-8179-CA Permanent Al Fresco Program**

Hello,

On behalf of many customers and restaurants across Los Angeles, I am writing to comment on the City of LA Planning Draft Ordinance for a permanent Al Fresco Program.

The Temporary Al Fresco permit has been hugely a successful and popular blessing for businesses and customers. However, the Draft Ordinance requires expensive and unnecessary burdens for the small business community, and ultimately for customers.

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No adjustments to the Temporary Al Fresco permit are needed. This can be a program built in equity and purpose; to incentivize and activate our streets creating a safe, local, economically driven city which protects small business and is affordable and available for consumers with ease. We want the process to be similar to how the current Temporary Al Fresco permit software works taking no more than 20 minutes to apply. It has worked spectacularly as-is.

Thank you,  
Eric Wilson

**Date : 2/8/2023 2:23:50 PM**  
**From : "Katie Nichols Waterman"**  
**To : alfresco.planning@lacity.org**  
**Cc : info@IHCLA.org**  
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Thank you for considering a permanent AI Fresco program for our city.

Katie Waterman

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**Date : 2/8/2023 2:13:04 PM**  
**From : "Heather Cope"**  
**To : alfresco.planning@lacity.org**  
**Cc : info@ihcla.org**  
**Subject : CPC-2022-8179-CA Permanent AI Fresco Program**

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Heather Cope

**Date : 2/8/2023 2:13:02 PM**  
**From : "Breanna Lamping"**  
**To : alfresco.planning@lacity.org**  
**Cc : info@ihcla.org**  
**Subject : CPC-2022-8179-CA Permanent Al Fresco Program**

On behalf of Los Angeles restaurants, particularly those in my CD13 community, I am writing to comment on the City of LA Planning Draft Ordinance for a permanent Al Fresco Program.

We're lucky to live in a city like Los Angeles that has beautiful weather that allows us to enjoy eating outside. Los Angeles restaurants fought to stay alive during the pandemic and al fresco dining is one way that businesses were able to think outside the box. We've gone almost 3 years under this program - why revert to an old process that will be slow and expensive, just for restaurants to continue to be able to do what they've been doing? I fear that many of my favorite restaurants will not survive if their expanded outdoor seating is taken away while they navigate bureaucracy and red tape. They've already survived so much and continue to navigate difficult times that also include rising costs and shortages.

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Breanna Lamping

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**Date : 2/8/2023 2:12:50 PM**  
**From : "Julie Bensman"**  
**To : alfresco.planning@lacity.org**  
**Subject : CPC-2022-8179-CA Permanent AI Fresco Program**

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Julie Bensman

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Heather Marie



**Date : 2/8/2023 2:10:03 PM**  
**From : "Heather Cope"**  
**To : "alfresco.planning@lacity.org"**  
**Subject : CPC-2022-8179-CA Permanent Al Fresco Program**

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**Date : 2/8/2023 2:08:42 PM**  
**From : "Erin Heitman"**  
**To : "alfresco.planning@lacity.org"**  
**Cc : "info@ihcla.org"**  
**Subject : CPC-2022-8179-CA Permanent AI Fresco Program**

On behalf of all small business restaurants that survived Covid, I am writing to comment on the City of LA Planning Draft Ordinance for a permanent AI Fresco Program. We are in support of a permanent program but the Ordinance requires in most cases a discretionary application filed with the Department of City Planning by means of Conditional Use Permit or Plan Approval. Additionally this ordinance requires a traditional permit through the channels of the Department of Building and Safety. These processes are very expensive and time burdening for the small business community.

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Thank you,

Erin Heitman

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**Date : 2/8/2023 2:07:13 PM**  
**From : "Sarah Crampton"**  
**To : alfresco.planning@lacity.org**  
**Cc : info@IHCLA.org**  
**Subject : CPC-2022-8179-CA Permanent AI Fresco Program**

Hi there,

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Best,  
Sarah

Sent from my iPhone

**Date : 2/8/2023 2:00:13 PM**  
**From : "Ruttinger"**  
**To : alfresco.planning@lacity.org**  
**Subject : CPC-2022-8179-CA Permanent AI Fresco Program**

Hello-

As an Angeleno and frequent restaurant-goer, I am writing to comment on the City of LA Planning Draft Ordinance for a permanent AI Fresco Program. I am in support of a permanent program, but the Ordinance requires in most cases several applications and filings that are expensive and time burdening for the small business community.

Our number one request is to create an ordinance free from inequalities; to make this process accessible to all establishments. We can take this opportunity to create a small business food operator friendly application that does not require expensive consultants or architects to gain permits. This can be a program for the people, by the people, with built in equity and purpose. This will create a safer, more local economically driven city.

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I know beloved businesses in my neighborhood that will be heavily impacted by the burdensome new processes, and I worry for their continued livelihood- both for selfish reasons (I love going to them!) and for the sake of their owners and employers financial stability.

Thank you for your time,  
Sarah Ruttinger  
(90027)

**Date : 2/8/2023 1:59:57 PM**  
**From : "Kelly"**  
**To : alfresco.planning@lacity.org**  
**Cc : info@IHCLA.org**  
**Subject : CPC-2022-8179-CA Permanent AI Fresco Program**

On behalf of myself as a LA restaurant diner and all my friends and family in hospitality, I am writing to comment on the City of LA Planning Draft Ordinance for a permanent AI Fresco Program. We are in support of a permanent program but the Ordinance requires in most cases a discretionary application filed with the Department of City Planning by means of Conditional Use Permit or Plan Approval. Additionally this ordinance requires a traditional permit through the channels of the Department of Building and Safety. These processes are very expensive and time burdening for the small business community.

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- Kelly Heintz

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**From : "Charlie Crespo"**  
**To : alfresco.planning@lacity.org**  
**Cc : info@IHCLA.org**  
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Charlie Crespo

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**Date : 2/8/2023 1:54:25 PM**  
**From : "Stephanie Rutter"**  
**To : alfresco.planning@lacity.org**  
**Cc : info@ihcla.org**  
**Subject : CPC-2022-8179-CA Permanent AI Fresco Program**

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Small businesses and restaurants create the fabric of our communities, thank you,

Stephanie Rutter

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**Date : 2/8/2023 1:49:57 PM**  
**From : "Emily Caesar"**  
**To : alfresco.planning@lacity.org**  
**Cc : info@ihcla.org**  
**Subject : CPC-2022-8179-CA Permanent AI Fresco Program**

Dear LA City Planning Department,

As a concerned resident of LA City Council District 4, I am writing to comment on the City of LA Planning Draft Ordinance for a permanent AI Fresco Program. While I support pursuing a permanent program, I am very concerned that the Ordinance as currently drafted requires, in most cases, a discretionary application filed with the Department of City Planning by means of Conditional Use Permit or Plan Approval. Additionally this ordinance requires a traditional permit through the channels of the Department of Building and Safety. These processes are very expensive and incredibly time consuming for the small business community that can ill afford to absorb these requirements now, or in the future.

Please seek to create an ordinance free from inequalities; to make this process accessible to all businesses, especially our small, local businesses that were able to survive the many challenges of operating during a global pandemic. I implore the City to take this opportunity to create a small business food operator friendly application that does not require expensive consultants or architects to gain permits. This can be a program for the people, by the people with built in equity and purpose to incentivize and activate our streets creating a safer more local economically driven city.

These proposed changes could dramatically impact the local businesses that I frequent, whose outdoor operations have enabled me, an immunocompromised person, to eat and be a patron with as much safety as possible. Please recognize what the citizens of Los Angeles want and need in this process! This program has been successful and warmly received across the City.

While I appreciate that regulatory infrastructure will be needed to make it permanent as emergency orders are lifted, every effort should be made to reduce administrative burdens and costs to local businesses. Please ensure that future processes are as similar as possible to the current Temporary AI Fresco permitting process so this highly successful program can continue on uninterrupted.

Respectfully,

Emily Caesar  
LA City Resident, CD4



**Date : 2/8/2023 1:48:48 PM**  
**From : "Blake Davila"**  
**To : [alfresco.planning@lacity.org](mailto:alfresco.planning@lacity.org)**  
**Subject : CPC-2022-8179-CA Permanent AI Fresco Program**

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Blake Davila

**Date : 2/8/2023 1:48:36 PM**  
**From : "Vanessa Rutter"**  
**To : alfresco.planning@lacity.org**  
**Cc : info@ihcla.org**  
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Vanessa Rutter

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**Date : 2/8/2023 1:45:33 PM**  
**From : "Rob Urband"**  
**To : "alfresco.planning@lacity.org"**  
**Cc : "info@ihcla.org"**  
**Subject : CPC-2022-8179-CA Permanent AI Fresco Program**

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Rob Urband

**Date : 2/8/2023 1:40:42 PM**  
**From : "Melissa López"**  
**To : alfresco.planning@lacity.org**  
**Cc : info@ihcla.org**  
**Subject : CPC-2022-8179-CA Permanent AI Fresco Program**

To whom it may concern:

On behalf of Barra Santos (1215 Cypress Ave.) and Shin's Pizza (1215 1/2 Cypress Ave.), I am writing to comment on the City of LA Planning Draft Ordinance for a permanent AI Fresco Program. We are in support of a permanent program but the Ordinance requires in most cases a discretionary application filed with the Department of City Planning by means of Conditional Use Permit or Plan Approval. Additionally this ordinance requires a traditional permit through the channels of the Department of Building and Safety. These processes are very expensive and time burdening for the small business community.

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Together with your help we can help small businesses in our community thrive. Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,

Melissa Lopez  
Chef/Partner  
Barra Santos & Shin's Pizza

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**Date : 2/8/2023 1:37:51 PM**  
**From : "Hannah Richard"**  
**To : alfresco.planning@lacity.org**  
**Cc : "info@ihcla.org"**  
**Subject : CPC-2022-8179-CA Permanent AI Fresco Program**

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Hannah

**Date : 2/8/2023 1:33:53 PM**  
**From : "Kate Comer"**  
**To : alfresco.planning@lacity.org**  
**Cc : info@ihcla.org**  
**Subject : CPC-2022-8179-CA Permanent AI Fresco Program**

To WhomIt May Concern:

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Thank you,  
Kate Comer

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**Date : 2/8/2023 1:17:41 PM**  
**From : "Aarti Natesan"**  
**To : alfresco.planning@lacity.org**  
**Cc : info@ihcla.org**  
**Subject : CPC-2022-8179-CA Permanent AI Fresco Program**

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Sincerely,

Aarti Natesan  
Los Angeles Resident

**Date : 2/8/2023 1:03:00 PM**  
**From : "Jaime Vasquez"**  
**To : alfresco.planning@lacity.org**  
**Cc : info@ihcla.org**  
**Subject : CPC-2022-8179-CA Permanent AI Fresco Program**

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Thanks

- Jaime Vasquez



**Date : 2/8/2023 12:49:02 PM**  
**From : "Jennifer Eisenberg"**  
**To : [alfresco.planning@lacity.org](mailto:alfresco.planning@lacity.org), [info@ihcla.org](mailto:info@ihcla.org)**  
**Subject : CPC-2022-8179-CA Permanent AI Fresco Program**

On behalf of ALL TIME LOS FELIZ I am writing to comment on the City of LA Planning Draft Ordinance for a permanent AI Fresco Program. We are in support of a permanent program but the Ordinance requires in most cases a discretionary application filed with the Department of City Planning by means of Conditional Use Permit or Plan Approval. Additionally this ordinance requires a traditional permit through the channels of the Department of Building and Safety. These processes are very expensive and time burdening for the small business community.

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Jennifer Eisenberg

**Date : 2/8/2023 12:47:51 PM**  
**From : "Christopher Rockwell"**  
**To : alfresco.planning@lacity.org**  
**Cc : info@ihcla.org**  
**Subject : CPC-2022-8179-CA Permanent AI Fresco Program**

On behalf of **Tyler Wells/All Time Los Feliz** I am writing to comment on the City of LA Planning Draft Ordinance for a permanent AI Fresco Program. We are in support of a permanent program but the Ordinance requires in most cases a discretionary application filed with the Department of City Planning by means of Conditional Use Permit or Plan Approval. Additionally this ordinance requires a traditional permit through the channels of the Department of Building and Safety. These processes are very expensive and time burdening for the small business community.

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Please do not drive more small family owned/operated restaurants out of business and take the progressive approach by helping out small operators!

Thank you for your time.

Chris Rockwell

**Date : 2/8/2023 12:42:48 PM**  
**From : "Helen Munro-Uziel"**  
**To : alfresco.planning@lacity.org**  
**Subject : CPC-2022-8179-CA Permanent AI Fresco Program**

On behalf of All-Time, I am writing to comment on the City of LA Planning Draft Ordinance for a permanent AI Fresco Program. We are in support of a permanent program but the Ordinance requires in most cases a discretionary application filed with the Department of City Planning by means of Conditional Use Permit or Plan Approval. Additionally this ordinance requires a traditional permit through the channels of the Department of Building and Safety. These processes are very expensive and time burdening for the small business community.

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Thanks,  
Helen Munro-Uziel

Sent from my iPhone

**Date : 2/8/2023 12:42:12 PM**  
**From : "Nick Lorenz"**  
**To : alfresco.planning@lacity.org**  
**Subject : CPC-2022-8179-CA Permanent AI Fresco Program**

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Stop using Covid to line the pockets of these already overpaid bureaucrats, this is ridiculous. I would like yo enjoy this city instead of leaving for good. The "buck" gets passed onto the everyday consumer. I work in food service I should be able to enjoy a nice meal at place such as "all time" without more added cost brought on by these policies.

Thanks

Nick Graham

**Date : 2/8/2023 12:39:17 PM**  
**From : "Britt Rose"**  
**To : [alfresco.planning@lacity.org](mailto:alfresco.planning@lacity.org)**  
**Subject : CPC-2022-8179-CA Permanent AI Fresco Program**

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Brittany Roisum

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Brittany Rose, Yoga Teacher & LMT  
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**Date : 2/8/2023 12:38:59 PM**  
**From : "Dylan LaCom"**  
**To : alfresco.planning@lacity.org**  
**Cc : info@ihcla.org**  
**Subject : CPC-2022-8179-CA Permanent Al Fresco Program**

On behalf of All Time, a restaurant in Los Feliz, I am writing to comment on the City of LA Planning Draft Ordinance for a permanent Al Fresco Program. We are in support of a permanent program but the ordinance requires in most cases a discretionary application filed with the Department of City Planning by means of Conditional Use Permit or Plan Approval. Additionally this ordinance requires a traditional permit through the channels of the Department of Building and Safety. These processes are very expensive and time burdening for the small business community.

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In summary, we should be taking steps to make al fresco dining more available and more accessible for businesses and patrons. Our weather here is too good to squander the opportunity. The proposed ordinance on outdoor dining is a step backward, and needs to be amended before it has my support.

Thank you,  
Dylan La Com

**Date : 2/8/2023 12:28:57 PM**  
**From : "Amy Zonis"**  
**To : alfresco.planning@lacity.org**  
**Cc : info@IHCLA.org**  
**Subject : CPC-2022-8179-CA Permanent AI Fresco Program**

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Sincerely,  
Amy Michael

**Date : 2/8/2023 12:27:53 PM**  
**From : "Bogart Avila"**  
**To : alfresco.planning@lacity.org**  
**Cc : info@ihcla.org**  
**Subject : CPC-2022-8179-CA Permanent AI Fresco Program**

Hello,

On behalf of All Time (2040 Hillhurst Ave, Los Angeles, CA 90027) I am writing to comment on the City of LA Planning Draft Ordinance for a permanent AI Fresco Program. We are in support of a permanent program but the Ordinance requires in most cases a discretionary application filed with the Department of City Planning by means of Conditional Use Permit or Plan Approval. Additionally this ordinance requires a traditional permit through the channels of the Department of Building and Safety. These processes are very expensive and time burdening for the small business community.

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Bogart Avila  
Resident of 90027

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BOGART AVILA



**Date : 2/8/2023 12:26:14 PM**  
**From : "Ben Mims"**  
**To : alfresco.planning@lacity.org**  
**Cc : info@ihcla.org**  
**Subject : CPC-2022-8179-CA Permanent AI Fresco Program**

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Keeping this process as is helps local restaurants survive and thrive, which in turn strengthens their communities, thus creating a better Los Angeles as a whole.

Ben Mims

**Date : 2/8/2023 12:20:09 PM**  
**From : "Ali Matilla"**  
**To : alfresco.planning@lacity.org**  
**Cc : info@IHCLA.org**  
**Subject : CPC-2022-8179-CA Permanent Al Fresco Program**

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Al Fresco dining has been the best thing this city has done in years, please don't take it away.

Allison Matilla

**Date : 2/8/2023 12:19:55 PM**  
**From : "brooke pennypacker"**  
**To : alfresco.planning@lacity.org**  
**Cc : info@IHCLA.org**  
**Subject : CPC-2022-8179-CA Permanent AI Fresco Program**

On behalf of many establishments I frequent and love, I am writing to comment on the City of LA Planning Draft Ordinance for a permanent AI Fresco Program. We are in support of a permanent program but the Ordinance requires in most cases a discretionary application filed with the Department of City Planning by means of Conditional Use Permit or Plan Approval. Additionally this ordinance requires a traditional permit through the channels of the Department of Building and Safety. These processes are very expensive and time burdening for the small business community.

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It was painful to watch these businesses struggle and navigate the past three years. Please do not introduce more detrimental hoops for them to jump through in order to remain afloat. Thanks for your time and consideration.

K. Brooke Pennypacker  
Resident of Los Feliz

**Date : 2/8/2023 12:17:02 PM**  
**From : "paul chan"**  
**To : alfresco.planning@lacity.org**  
**Subject : CPC-2022-8179-CA Permanent AI Fresco Program**

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Paul Chan  
646.334.6288

2314 Ben Lomond Dr  
Los Angeles, CA 90027

**Date : 2/8/2023 12:08:53 PM**  
**From : "Eileen Crowe"**  
**To : alfresco.planning@lacity.org**  
**Cc : info@IHCLA.org**  
**Subject : CPC-2022-8179-CA Permanent AI Fresco Program**

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Best.

Eileen Crowe

Sent from Eileen's phone

**Date : 2/8/2023 12:07:00 PM**  
**From : "Jessica Gray"**  
**To : alfresco.planning@lacity.org**  
**Cc : info@ihcla.org**  
**Subject : CPC-2022-8179-CA Permanent Al Fresco Program**

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Dining Al Fresco has not only been an important and valued addition to our family's life, it has enriched and enlivened many restaurants and cafes in our neighborhood. We see no down sides to continuing to support al fresco dining - it's great for our community and great for our small businesses.

Sincerely,  
Jessica Gray

**Date : 2/8/2023 12:06:25 PM**  
**From : "Isaac Scher"**  
**To : "alfresco.planning@lacity.org"**  
**Cc : "info@IHCLA.org"**  
**Subject : CPC-2022-8179-CA Permanent AI Fresco Program**  
**Attachment : signature.asc;**

To Whom It May Concern:

On behalf of the city's small-business community, I am writing to comment on the City of LA Planning Draft Ordinance for a permanent AI Fresco Program. **I support a permanent program**, but the Ordinance will likely require a discretionary application filed with the Department of City Planning by means of Conditional Use Permit or Plan Approval. Additionally, this Ordinance requires a traditional permit through the channels of the Department of Building and Safety. **This process is expensive and an undue burden on the small business community—a community that benefits the entire city.**

**The City of LA *must* create an Ordinance that does not exclude or burden small businesses. The permitting process must be accessible to all businesses**, not just the fortunate few. The City of LA should create an application that is friendly to small business food operators and does not require expensive consultants or architects to gain permits. The City of LA should design a program that is *for* the people, a program that can enliven food and street culture while benefiting the local economy and the city's beloved small businesses.

Sincerely,

Isaac Scher  
Los Angeles, CA

**Date : 2/8/2023 12:04:37 PM**  
**From : "Zaira Gasanova"**  
**To : alfresco.planning@lacity.org**  
**Cc : info@ihcla.org**  
**Subject : CPC-2022-8179-CA Permanent AI Fresco Program**

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Thank you,

Zaira Gasanova

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Zaira Gasanova, M.D.  
LAC+USC Psychiatry, PGY1



**Date : 2/8/2023 12:02:34 PM**  
**From : "Hayden Roche"**  
**To : alfresco.planning@lacity.org**  
**Cc : info@ihcla.org**  
**Subject : CPC-2022-8179-CA Permanent AI Fresco Program**

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Hayden Roche

**Date : 2/8/2023 12:00:03 PM**  
**From : "Kayla Nadel-LaMotta"**  
**To : alfresco.planning@lacity.org**  
**Cc : "info@ihcla.org"**  
**Subject : CPC-2022-8179-CA Permanent Al Fresco Program**

As someone currently experiencing a case of Covid-19 along with my partner, I am writing to comment on the City of LA Planning Draft Ordinance for a permanent Al Fresco Program, and demand that \*easy\* outdoor dining remain FIRMLY in place for us all, small business/restaurant owners and patrons alike, as this pandemic continues to kill and disable countless people, despite what some would have you believe. I beg you, please don't make outdoor dining harder for anyone.

We are all in support of a permanent program but the Ordinance requires in most cases a discretionary application filed with the Department of City Planning by means of Conditional Use Permit or Plan Approval. Additionally this ordinance requires a traditional permit through the channels of the Department of Building and Safety. These processes are \*very\* expensive and time burdening for the small business community. Why continue to go after small businesses in this time. Why them.

Our number one request is to create an ordinance \*free from inequalities\*; to make this process accessible to all businesses in lieu of a fortunate few. We can take this opportunity to create a small business food operator friendly application that does not require expensive consultants or architects to gain permits.

This can be a program for the people, by the people with built in equity and purpose; to incentivize and activate our streets creating a safer more local economically driven city. Doesn't that sound like the city we would all like to live in.

Additionally, time is valuable, especially to small business owners who give their full lives and energies to their businesses, so we want this process to be similar to how the current Temporary Al Fresco permit software works taking no more than 20 minutes to apply.

Safety, and equity, for all who want to continue to live and work and make this great city what it is.

Kayla Nadel-LaMotta  
a Franklin Hills resident

**Date : 2/8/2023 11:59:09 AM**  
**From : "Amanda Robinson"**  
**To : alfresco.planning@lacity.org**  
**Cc : info@IHCLA.org**  
**Subject : CPC-2022-8179-CA Permanent AI Fresco Program**

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Amanda

Amanda Robinson | Founder  
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**Date : 2/8/2023 11:57:13 AM**  
**From : "Hilary Adams"**  
**To : alfresco.planning@lacity.org**  
**Cc : info@ihcla.org**  
**Subject : CPC-2022-8179-CA Permanent AI Fresco Program**

On behalf of local restaurants across LA and especially in my neighborhood of Highland Park, I am writing to comment on the City of LA Planning Draft Ordinance for a permanent AI Fresco Program. We are in support of a permanent program but the Ordinance requires in most cases a discretionary application filed with the Department of City Planning by means of Conditional Use Permit or Plan Approval. Additionally this ordinance requires a traditional permit through the channels of the Department of Building and Safety. These processes are very expensive and time burdening for the small business community.

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**Date : 2/8/2023 11:53:26 AM**  
**From : "Erik Lund"**  
**To : alfresco.planning@lacity.org**  
**Cc : info@ihcla.org**  
**Subject : CPC-2022-8179-CA Permanent Al Fresco Program**

On behalf of All Time (2040 Hillhurst Ave, Los Angeles, CA 90027) I am writing to comment on the City of LA Planning Draft Ordinance for a permanent Al Fresco Program. Our number one request is to create an ordinance free from inequalities; to make this process accessible to all businesses in lieu of a fortunate few. We can take most cases a discretionary application filed with the Department of City Planning by means of Conditional Use Permit or Plan Approval. Additionally, this ordinance does not require expensive consultants or architects to gain permits. This can be a program for the people, by the people with built in equity and purpose to incentivize and activate our streets creating a safer more local economically driven city.

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Please do not willfully make the operation of our local restaurants and businesses any more difficult. For our communities so many of our locally beloved restaurants have already been hurt or closed down in the past 3 years due to a lack of support and we cannot take anymore.

Thanks,  
Erik Lund

**Date : 2/8/2023 11:52:56 AM**  
**From : "Tatiana Ettensberger"**  
**To : alfresco.planning@lacity.org**  
**Cc : info@ihcla.org**  
**Subject : CPC-2022-8179-CA Permanent Al Fresco Program**

Hi there,

I am writing to comment on the City of LA Planning Draft Ordinance for a permanent Al Fresco Program. We are in support of a permanent program but the Ordinance requires in most cases a discretionary application filed with the Department of City Planning by means of Conditional Use Permit or Plan Approval. Additionally this ordinance requires a traditional permit through the channels of the Department of Building and Safety. These processes are very expensive and time burdening for the small business community.

Our number one request is to create an ordinance free from inequalities—to make this process accessible to all businesses, not just to a fortunate few. We can take this opportunity to create a small business food operator friendly application that does not require expensive consultants or architects to gain permits. This can be a program for the people, by the people with built-in equity and purpose: to incentivize and activate our streets, creating a safer and more local economically driven city.

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In short, this would be a major win for both small restaurant owners, and for the larger dining community of Los Angeles that has benefited greatly from Al Fresco dining. Especially in light of many LA restaurant gems closing as of late, we urge you to take this request seriously and to keep the spirit of LA's booming restaurant and food industry alive.

Thank you for your time,  
Tatiana Ettensberger



**Tatiana Ettensberger**

Director of Brand & Creative, The Quality Edit

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**Date : 2/8/2023 11:44:39 AM**  
**From : "Sam Josephs"**  
**To : alfresco.planning@lacity.org**  
**Cc : "info@ihcla.org"**  
**Subject : CPC-2022-8179-CA Permanent Al Fresco Program**

I am writing to comment on the City of LA Planning Draft Ordinance for a permanent Al Fresco Program. While I am in support of a permanent program, I am not in favor of this Ordinance, which is very expensive for the small business community. I would like an ordinance free from inequalities and to make this process more accessible. The process should be friendly to small businesses. The process should be similar to how the current Temporary Al Fresco permit software works taking no more than 20 minutes to apply. Please do not make this harder on small businesses.

Thank you for your time,  
Sam Josephs  
90027

**Date : 2/8/2023 11:44:05 AM**  
**From : "Meyers.garrett@gmail.com"**  
**To : alfresco.planning@lacity.org**  
**Cc : info@IHCLA.org**  
**Subject : CPC-2022-8179-CA Permanent AI Fresco Program**

As a resident of Los Angeles, I am writing to comment on the City of LA Planning Draft Ordinance for a permanent AI Fresco Program. We are in support of a permanent program but the Ordinance requires in most cases a discretionary application filed with the Department of City Planning by means of Conditional Use Permit or Plan Approval. Additionally this ordinance requires a traditional permit through the channels of the Department of Building and Safety. These processes are very expensive and time burdening for the small business community.

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It would be an absolute shame to lose the outdoors, what most of us love so much about LA.

Garrett Meyers



**Date : 2/8/2023 11:38:50 AM**  
**From : "Erica Bootchk"**  
**To : "alfresco.planning@lacity.org"**  
**Cc : "info@IHCLA.org"**  
**Subject : CPC-2022-8179-CA Permanent AI Fresco Program**

On behalf of All Time,  
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Sincerely,

Erica

**Date : 2/8/2023 11:38:07 AM**  
**From : "Johnny Sneed"**  
**To : alfresco.planning@lacity.org**  
**Cc : info@IHCLA.org**  
**Subject : CPC-2022-8179-CA Permanent AI Fresco Program**

On behalf of AllTime restaurant in Los Feliz, I am writing to comment on the City of LA Planning Draft Ordinance for a permanent AI Fresco Program.

Restaurants like Alltime were induced to act and spend money during the Pandemic in order to stay open. Alltime has provided vital jobs as well as delicious food throughout these times.

Please don't now hobble these restaurants with unnecessary expenses and procedures.

We are in support of a permanent program but the Ordinance requires in most cases a discretionary application filed with the Department of City Planning by means of Conditional Use Permit or Plan Approval. Additionally this ordinance requires a traditional permit through the channels of the Department of Building and Safety. These processes are very expensive and time burdening for the small business community.

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Johnny Sneed  
Los Angeles

**Date : 2/8/2023 11:37:57 AM**  
**From : "Kelley Popham"**  
**To : alfresco.planning@lacity.org**  
**Cc : info@IHCLA.org**  
**Subject : CPC-2022-8179-CA Permanent AI Fresco Program**

On behalf of all LA restaurants with outdoor dining options, I am writing to comment on the City of LA Planning Draft Ordinance for a permanent AI Fresco Program. We are in support of a permanent program but the Ordinance requires in most cases a discretionary application filed with the Department of City Planning by means of Conditional Use Permit or Plan Approval. Additionally this ordinance requires a traditional permit through the channels of the Department of Building and Safety. These processes are very expensive and time burdening for the small business community.

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Thank you,  
Kelley Popham

**Date : 2/8/2023 11:28:51 AM**  
**From : "Sara Kluger"**  
**To : alfresco.planning@lacity.org**  
**Cc : info@ihcla.org**  
**Subject : CPC-2022-8179-CA Permanent AI Fresco Program**

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All Time holds a special place in my (and many others) hearts. The quality of food and service is unbeatable. I have so many fond memories at the restaurant.

Sara J. Kluger

**Date : 2/8/2023 11:27:47 AM**  
**From : "Sarah McLellan"**  
**To : "alfresco.planning@lacity.org"**  
**Cc : "info@IHCLA.org"**  
**Subject : CPC-2022-8179-CA Permanent AI Fresco Program**

Hello,

On behalf of All Time, a restaurant located in Los Feliz, and ALL dining establishments in Los Angeles, I am writing to comment on the City of LA Planning Draft Ordinance for a permanent AI Fresco Program. We are in support of a permanent program but the Ordinance requires in most cases a discretionary application filed with the Department of City Planning by means of Conditional Use Permit or Plan Approval. Additionally this ordinance requires a traditional permit through the channels of the Department of Building and Safety. These processes are very expensive and time burdening for the small business community.

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Thank you,  
Sarah Adams

**Date : 2/8/2023 11:27:35 AM**  
**From : "Mykah Murphy"**  
**To : alfresco.planning@lacity.org**  
**Cc : info@ihcla.org**  
**Subject : CPC-2022-8179-CA Permanent AI Fresco Program**

On behalf of numerous restaurants throughout the Atwater Village and Los Feliz communities, I am writing to comment on the City of LA Planning Draft Ordinance for a permanent AI Fresco Program. We are in support of a permanent program but the Ordinance requires in most cases a discretionary application filed with the Department of City Planning by means of Conditional Use Permit or Plan Approval. Additionally this ordinance requires a traditional permit through the channels of the Department of Building and Safety. These processes are very expensive and time burdening for the small business community.

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Thank you for your consideration,  
Mykah Murphy

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**Date : 2/8/2023 11:25:52 AM**  
**From : "Arpi Avanesian"**  
**To : alfresco.planning@lacity.org**  
**Cc : info@IHCLA.org**  
**Subject : CPC-2022-8179-CA Permanent AI Fresco Program**

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Thank you,

Arpi Avanesian  
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**Date : 2/8/2023 11:24:59 AM**  
**From : "Camila Connolly"**  
**To : alfresco.planning@lacity.org, info@ihcla.org**  
**Subject : CPC-2022-8179-CA Permanent AI Fresco Program**

On behalf of All Time and all of the community restaurants with outdoor seating in Los Feliz, I am writing to comment on the City of LA Planning Draft Ordinance for a permanent AI Fresco Program.

Restaurants are part of the soul of Los Angeles, and the expansion of outdoor dining has transformed many neighborhoods into community oriented places of gathering. It hurts LA citizens to make it harder for small businesses and locally owned restaurants to thrive.

I am in support of a permanent program but the Ordinance requires in most cases a discretionary application filed with the Department of City Planning by means of Conditional Use Permit or Plan Approval. Additionally this ordinance requires a traditional permit through the channels of the Department of Building and Safety. These processes are very expensive and time burdening for the small business community.

I hope the city will draft an ordinance free from inequalities; to make this process accessible to all businesses in lieu of a fortunate few. We can take this opportunity to create a small business food operator friendly application that does not require expensive consultants or architects to gain permits. This can be a program for the people, by the people with built in equity and purpose; to incentivize and activate our streets creating a safer more local economically driven city.

Ideally, this process to be similar to how the current Temporary AI Fresco permit software works taking no more than 20 minutes to apply.

I hope the city will take this comment into consideration and avoid passing burdensome ordinances that hamstring small businesses.

Thank you,  
Camila Connolly



**Date : 2/8/2023 11:23:02 AM**  
**From : "Jay Moore"**  
**To : alfresco.planning@lacity.org**  
**Cc : info@ihcla.org**  
**Subject : CPC-2022-8179-CA Permanent AI Fresco Program**

On behalf of myself, a Los Angeles resident, I am writing to comment on the City of LA Planning Draft Ordinance for a permanent AI Fresco Program. We are in support of a permanent program but the Ordinance requires in most cases a discretionary application filed with the Department of City Planning by means of Conditional Use Permit or Plan Approval. Additionally this ordinance requires a traditional permit through the channels of the Department of Building and Safety. These processes are very expensive and time burdening for the small business community.

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This proposed Draft Ordinance would be several giant steps backward for our city and community!

Jay Moore

**Date : 2/8/2023 11:21:23 AM**  
**From : "Miles Roy"**  
**To : alfresco.planning@lacity.org**  
**Subject : CPC-2022-8179-CA Permanent AI Fresco Program**

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Thank you for your time

Miles Roy

**Date : 2/8/2023 11:20:00 AM**  
**From : "Kaki Bage"**  
**To : alfresco.planning@lacity.org**  
**Cc : info@ihcla.org**  
**Subject : CPC-2022-8179-CA Permanent Al Fresco Program**

As a member of the neighborhood of Los Feliz

Our number one request is to create an ordinance free from inequalities; to make this process accessible to all businesses in lieu of a fortunate few. We can take this opportunity to create a small business food operator friendly application that does not require expensive consultants or architects to gain permits. This can be a program for the people, by the people with built in equity and purpose; to incentivize and activate our streets creating a safer more local economically driven city.

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I love living in a In area with plentiful and accessible outdoor dining. Creating a hurdle for small business's that might jeopardize the amount of outdoor dining would be careless to the community. Please make a process that helps and does not inhibit access to Al fresco dining.

Katherine Bage

**Date : 2/8/2023 11:12:27 AM**  
**From : "sara weiss"**  
**To : alfresco.planning@lacity.org**  
**Cc : info@IHCLA.org**  
**Subject : CPC-2022-8179-CA Permanent AI Fresco Program**

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Sara Weiss, M.A. CCC-SLP

**Date : 2/8/2023 11:11:39 AM**  
**From : "Alison Falzetta"**  
**To : alfresco.planning@lacity.org**  
**Cc : info@ihcla.org**  
**Subject : CPC-2022-8179-CA Permanent AI Fresco Program**

To whom it may concern:

I am writing to comment on the City of LA Planning Draft Ordinance for a permanent AI Fresco Program. We are in support of a permanent program, but the Ordinance requires in most cases a discretionary application filed with the Department of City Planning by means of Conditional Use Permit or Plan Approval. Additionally this ordinance requires a traditional permit through the channels of the Department of Building and Safety. These processes are very expensive and time burdening for the small business community.

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As a second generation LA resident who was born and bred here, I have seen firsthand the benefits of the AI Fresco program in its current form. I would be absolutely devastated to see outdoor dining go away because of a burdensome and expensive bureaucratic system. Restaurant owners and workers have already suffered enough the last 3 years -- don't condemn small businesses to failure with this ordinance!

Thank you for your time, and with hopes that you listen to this appeal,

Alison Falzetta

**Date : 2/8/2023 11:11:35 AM**  
**From : "gregory reese"**  
**To : alfresco.planning@lacity.org**  
**Cc : info@ihcla.org**  
**Subject : CPC-2022-8179-CA Permanent AI Fresco Program**

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The loss of outdoor dining space would be a huge disservice to the community, and the proposed changes and required permitting would be an effective removal of dining space that has not only become important to most restaurants survival, but is equally important for diners alike.

Greg Reese

**Date : 2/8/2023 11:09:13 AM**  
**From : "Esther Oh"**  
**To : alfresco.planning@lacity.org**  
**Cc : " info@ihcla.org"**  
**Subject : CPC-2022-8179-CA Permanent AI Fresco Program**  
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On behalf of All Time (Los Feliz) along with a plethora of beloved local establishments, I am writing to comment on the City of LA Planning Draft Ordinance for a permanent AI Fresco Program. We are in support of a permanent program but the Ordinance requires in most cases a discretionary application filed with the Department of City Planning by means of Conditional Use Permit or Plan Approval. Additionally this ordinance requires a traditional permit through the channels of the Department of Building and Safety. These processes are very expensive and time burdening for the small business community.

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Los Angeles has benefited from the AI Fresco dining additions during the pandemic and switching this process now will only HURT small businesses that are still recovering from the last few years. Please take positive action here.

Best,  
Esther



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**Date : 2/8/2023 11:06:59 AM**  
**From : "Nick Lane"**  
**To : alfresco.planning@lacity.org**  
**Cc : info@ihcla.org**  
**Subject : CPC-2022-8179-CA Permanent AI Fresco Program**

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Nick Lane

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**Date : 2/8/2023 11:06:57 AM**  
**From : "Lisa Bales"**  
**To : alfresco.planning@lacity.org**  
**Cc : info@ihcla.org**  
**Subject : CPC-2022-8179-CA Permanent AI Fresco Program**

Good morning:

I am writing to express my opposition to proposed changes to current al fresco dining access in LA. Specifically, I take issue with  
**CPC-2022-8179-CA Permanent AI Fresco Program**

On behalf of AllTime, 2040 Hillhurst, I am writing to comment on the City of LA Planning Draft Ordinance for a permanent AI Fresco Program. We are in support of a permanent program but the Ordinance requires in most cases a discretionary application filed with the Department of City Planning by means of Conditional Use Permit or Plan Approval. Additionally this ordinance requires a traditional permit through the channels of the Department of Building and Safety. These processes are very expensive and time burdening for the small business community.

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Regards,  
Lisa Bales

**Date : 2/8/2023 11:06:57 AM**  
**From : "Kyla Van Maanen"**  
**To : alfresco.planning@lacity.org**  
**Cc : info@ihcla.org**  
**Subject : CPC-2022-8179-CA Permanent AI Fresco Program**

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Sincerely,  
Kyla Van Maanen

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Kyla Van Maanen  
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**Date : 2/8/2023 11:01:33 AM**  
**From : "miranda banks"**  
**To : alfresco.planning@lacity.org, info@ihcla.org**  
**Subject : CPC-2022-8179-CA Permanent Al Fresco Program**

Dear City of LA officials,

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From a hungry and concerned third generation Angelena.

Miranda Banks

**Date : 2/8/2023 11:01:13 AM**  
**From : "Charlotte King"**  
**To : alfresco.planning@lacity.org**  
**Cc : info@ihcla.org**  
**Subject : CPC-2022-8179-CA Permanent Al Fresco Program**

On behalf of All Time and Anajak Thai, I am writing to comment on the City of LA Planning Draft Ordinance for a permanent Al Fresco Program. We are in support of a permanent program but the Ordinance requires in most cases a discretionary application filed with the Department of City Planning by means of Conditional Use Permit or Plan Approval. Additionally this ordinance requires a traditional permit through the channels of the Department of Building and Safety. These processes are very expensive and time burdening for the small business community.

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Please don't annihilate our wonderful ecosystem of restaurants who are just barely managing to hang on.

All my best,  
Charlotte King

**Date : 2/8/2023 10:57:54 AM**  
**From : "Emily Rath"**  
**To : [alfresco.planning@lacity.org](mailto:alfresco.planning@lacity.org)**  
**Cc : [info@ihcla.org](mailto:info@ihcla.org)**  
**Subject : CPC-2022-8179-CA Permanent AI Fresco Program**

In support of the Independent Hospitality Coalition, I am writing to comment on the City of LA Planning Draft Ordinance for a permanent AI Fresco Program. I am in support of a permanent program but the Ordinance requires in most cases a discretionary application filed with the Department of City Planning by means of Conditional Use Permit or Plan Approval. Additionally this ordinance requires a traditional permit through the channels of the Department of Building and Safety. These processes are very expensive and time burdening for the small business community.

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I am an employee of ALL TIME Restaurant in Los Feliz, CA and this is my livelihood. This business and most small businesses could not afford these new permits, let alone losing all the seating they created just to stay afloat from COVID. This would destroy so many businesses and in turn many people's livelihoods.

Thank you for your time,  
Emily  
[emilyrathmusic@gmail.com](mailto:emilyrathmusic@gmail.com)

**Date : 2/8/2023 10:53:09 AM**  
**From : "Nadia Seber"**  
**To : alfresco.planning@lacity.org**  
**Cc : info@ihcla.org**  
**Subject : CPC-2022-8179-CA Permanent Al Fresco Program**

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Thank you,  
Nadia Seber

**Date : 2/8/2023 10:49:44 AM**  
**From : "Julia Stern"**  
**To : alfresco.planning@lacity.org**  
**Cc : info@IHCLA.org**  
**Subject : CPC-2022-8179-CA Permanent AI Fresco Program**

As a concerned resident of Los Angeles and a patron, I am writing to comment on the City of LA Planning Draft Ordinance for a permanent AI Fresco Program. I am in support of a permanent program but the Ordinance requires in most cases a discretionary application filed with the Department of City Planning by means of Conditional Use Permit or Plan Approval. Additionally this ordinance requires a traditional permit through the channels of the Department of Building and Safety. These processes are very expensive and time burdening for the small business community. This city is made special by our small businesses. This would undoubtedly compound struggles born in the pandemic and has the risk of turning Los Angeles into one big corporate strip mall. Which no one wants.

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Thank you for considering the interests of Angelenos and not the corporate elite.  
Julia Stern

**Date : 2/8/2023 10:49:01 AM**  
**From : "Tom Conrad"**  
**To : alfresco.planning@lacity.org**  
**Cc : info@ihcla.org**  
**Subject : CPC-2022-8179-CA Permanent Al Fresco Program**

On behalf of Found Oyster, AllTime, and Nossa, I am writing to comment on the City of LA Planning Draft Ordinance for a permanent Al Fresco Program. We are in support of a permanent program but the Ordinance requires in most cases a discretionary application filed with the Department of City Planning by means of Conditional Use Permit or Plan Approval. Additionally this ordinance requires a traditional permit through the channels of the Department of Building and Safety. These processes are very expensive and time burdening for the small business community.

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We love these restaurants and they add such vibrancy to our neighborhood. Please make these programs reasonable to help ensure their continued recovery from the brutal pandemic era.

Best,  
Tom Conrad  
Resident, Los Feliz



**Date : 2/8/2023 10:48:20 AM**  
**From : "Adam Stein"**  
**To : alfresco.planning@lacity.org**  
**Cc : info@IHCLA.org**  
**Subject : CPC-2022-8179-CA Permanent AI Fresco Program**

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It is truly insane to change the outdoor dining process. Everyone loves it and LA has great weather.

Thanks

Adam Stein

**Date : 2/8/2023 10:48:12 AM**  
**From : "Jennifer Goldson"**  
**To : alfresco.planning@lacity.org**  
**Cc : info@IHCLA.org**  
**Subject : CPC-2022-8179-CA Permanent Al Fresco Program**

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Sincerely,

Jennifer Goldson  
323-661-2475 ph

Sent from my iPad

**Date : 2/8/2023 10:46:09 AM**  
**From : "Sara Seward"**  
**To : alfresco.planning@lacity.org**  
**Cc : info@ihcla.org**  
**Subject : CPC-2022-8179-CA Permanent Al Fresco Program**

Hello,

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Restaurants don't deserve to be put further into a hole that they're currently still trying to navigate out from post pandemic.

Best,  
Sara Seward  
661-505-5707

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Local 706 Union MUA [saratess.com](http://saratess.com)

**Date : 2/8/2023 10:45:53 AM**  
**From : "Kristen Batko"**  
**To : alfresco.planning@lacity.org**  
**Cc : info@ihcla.org**  
**Subject : CPC-2022-8179-CA Permanent AI Fresco Program**

Hello,

I'm a concerned citizen and active voter. I am writing to comment on the City of LA Planning Draft Ordinance for a permanent AI Fresco Program. I am in support of a permanent program but the Ordinance requires in most cases a discretionary application filed with the Department of City Planning by means of Conditional Use Permit or Plan Approval. Additionally this ordinance requires a traditional permit through the channels of the Department of Building and Safety. These processes are very expensive and time burdening for the small business community.

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As a diner and citizen I have enjoyed having AI Fresco easily accessible. To take back what many have viewed as a great program would be a terrible mistake.

-Kristen Batko

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Warmly,  
Kristen Batko  
*Cell: 248-535-1525*

**Date : 2/8/2023 10:45:25 AM**  
**From : "Noah Gersh"**  
**To : alfresco.planning@lacity.org**  
**Cc : info@ihcla.org**  
**Subject : CPC-2022-8179-CA Permanent AI Fresco Program**

Hi there,

On behalf of the restaurant All Time in Los Feliz, I am writing to comment on the City of LA Planning Draft Ordinance for a permanent AI Fresco Program. We are in support of a permanent program but the Ordinance requires in most cases a discretionary application filed with the Department of City Planning by means of Conditional Use Permit or Plan Approval. Additionally this ordinance requires a traditional permit through the channels of the Department of Building and Safety. These processes are very expensive and time burdening for the small business community.

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Outdoor dining has become an integral part of how businesses thrive here in Los Angeles and changing the rules now when everyone is just starting to get back on their feet is a complete gut punch.

Noah Gersh

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**Date : 2/8/2023 10:45:11 AM**  
**From : "Gabbi Lamboy"**  
**To : [alfresco.planning@lacity.org](mailto:alfresco.planning@lacity.org)**  
**Cc : [info@ihcla.org](mailto:info@ihcla.org)**  
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It would be great to keep this process to be similar to how the current Temporary AI Fresco permit software works taking no more than 20 minutes to apply.

As a patron, I still feel much more comfortable with outdoor dining and I would hate for my local restaurants to be forced to reduce outdoor capacity.

Best,  
Gabbi Lamboy

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**GABBI LAMBOY**  
m: 949 350 6116 | [@thegabriellarose](https://www.instagram.com/thegabriellarose)

**Date : 2/8/2023 10:44:44 AM**  
**From : "Eric Nebel"**  
**To : alfresco.planning@lacity.org**  
**Cc : info@ihcla.org**  
**Subject : CPC-2022-8179-CA Permanent AI Fresco Program**

Hello,

On behalf of All Time Los Angeles, at 2040 Hillhurst Ave Los Angeles, CA 90027, I am writing to comment on the City of LA Planning Draft Ordinance for a permanent AI Fresco Program. We are in support of a permanent program but the Ordinance requires in most cases a discretionary application filed with the Department of City Planning by means of Conditional Use Permit or Plan Approval. Additionally this ordinance requires a traditional permit through the channels of the Department of Building and Safety. These processes are very expensive and time burdening for the small business community.

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Thank you.

Eric Nebel

**Date : 2/8/2023 10:44:24 AM**  
**From : "Paddy Scace"**  
**To : alfresco.planning@lacity.org**  
**Cc : info@ihcla.org**  
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Paddy Scace

Sent from my iPhone



**Date : 2/8/2023 10:39:24 AM**  
**From : "Katie Dusenbury"**  
**To : alfresco.planning@lacity.org**  
**Cc : info@IHCLA.org**  
**Subject : CPC-2022-8179-CA Permanent AI Fresco Program**

On behalf of Goldburger, Bacetti, Kombu, and all businesses that have pivoted to outdoor dining, I am writing to comment on the City of LA Planning Draft Ordinance for a permanent AI Fresco Program. We are in support of a permanent program but the Ordinance requires in most cases a discretionary application filed with the Department of City Planning by means of Conditional Use Permit or Plan Approval. Additionally this ordinance requires a traditional permit through the channels of the Department of Building and Safety. These processes are very expensive and time burdening for the small business community.

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Sincerely,  
Kathryn Dusenbury

**Date : 2/8/2023 10:31:36 AM**  
**From : "Loraine Labet"**  
**To : alfresco.planning@lacity.org**  
**Cc : info@ihcla.org**  
**Subject : CPC-2022-8179-CA Permanent AI Fresco Program**

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Thank you,

Loraine Labet

**Date : 2/8/2023 10:28:17 AM**  
**From : "JHE"**  
**To : alfresco.planning@lacity.org**  
**Cc : info@ihcla.org**  
**Subject : CPC-2022-8179-CA Permanent AI Fresco Program**

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Jordan Elliott, Silver Lake resident

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Jordan H. Elliott

**Date : 2/8/2023 10:27:55 AM**  
**From : "Aileen Ward"**  
**To : alfresco.planning@lacity.org**  
**Cc : info@IHCLA.org**  
**Subject : CPC-2022-8179-CA Permanent AI Fresco Program**

I am writing to comment on the City of LA Planning Draft Ordinance for a permanent AI Fresco Program. After years of pandemic disruption, so many businesses going under and those that remain finally seeing a path to payoff debt and turn things around financially now is not the time to hit these businesses with yet another expensive bureaucratic process. We are in support of a permanent program but the Ordinance requires in most cases a discretionary application filed with the Department of City Planning by means of Conditional Use Permit or Plan Approval. Additionally this ordinance requires a traditional permit through the channels of the Department of Building and Safety. These processes are very expensive and time burdening for the small business community.

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Sincerely,  
Aileen Ward

**Date : 2/8/2023 10:23:09 AM**  
**From : "Charles Ferguson"**  
**To : alfresco.planning@lacity.org**  
**Subject : CPC-2022-8179-CA Permanent AI Fresco Program**

Dear city planning commissioners,

On behalf of my favorite neighborhood restaurant, All Time in Los Feliz, I am writing to comment on the City of LA Planning Draft Ordinance for a permanent AI Fresco Program. I am in support of a permanent program, but the Ordinance requires in most cases a discretionary application filed with the Department of City Planning by means of Conditional Use Permit or Plan Approval. Additionally this ordinance requires a traditional permit through the channels of the Department of Building and Safety. These processes are very expensive and time burdening for the small business community.

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We want this process to be similar to how the current Temporary AI Fresco permit software works taking no more than 20 minutes to apply. Please consider making this an easier and more affordable process for all!

Thank you so much.

Your concerned citizen,

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Charles Ferguson  
510-207-8042

**Date : 2/8/2023 10:22:15 AM**  
**From : "Miriam Chan"**  
**To : alfresco.planning@lacity.org**  
**Cc : info@ihcla.org**  
**Subject : CPC-2022-8179-CA Permanent AI Fresco Program**

To Whom This May Concern:

On behalf of Miriam Chan

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- Miriam Chan of Los Feliz

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Miriam Chan

**Date : 2/8/2023 10:17:52 AM**  
**From : "Danielle Cottle"**  
**To : "alfresco.planning@lacity.org"**  
**Cc : "info@IHCLA.org"**  
**Subject : CPC-2022-8179-CA Permanent AI Fresco Program**

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Danielle Cottle

**Date : 2/8/2023 10:15:41 AM**  
**From : "Jorey Kiva"**  
**To : alfresco.planning@lacity.org**  
**Cc : info@ihcla.org**  
**Subject : CPC-2022-8179-CA Permanent AI Fresco Program**

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On behalf of All Time, Found Oyster, and hundreds of other LA restaurants I am writing to comment on the City of LA Planning Draft Ordinance for a permanent AI Fresco Program. We are in support of a permanent program but the Ordinance requires in most cases a discretionary application filed with the Department of City Planning by means of Conditional Use Permit or Plan Approval. Additionally this ordinance requires a traditional permit through the channels of the Department of Building and Safety. These processes are very expensive and time burdening for the small business community.

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We live in a city that has incredible weather for most of the year and having the option to dine outdoors at so many restaurants is fantastic. It also has been great to have a more Covid safe option during the waves we've had and may continue to have. Most importantly though it's kept restaurants afloat and if many cannot afford to keep their current setup they may close or lay off staff and which will hurt the community in many ways. The emergence of outdoor dining has been the one good thing to come from Covid and it would be an absolute tragedy to lose it in any way. Please make this permanent. It has made Los Angeles a better more lively place to dine.

Best,  
Jorey Kiva



**Date : 2/8/2023 10:13:17 AM**  
**From : rrosenbloom@gmail.com**  
**To : alfresco.planning@lacity.org**  
**Cc : info@IHCLA.org**  
**Subject : CPC-2022-8179-CA Permanent AI Fresco Program**

On behalf of All Time restaurant, I am writing to comment on the City of LA Planning Draft Ordinance for a permanent AI Fresco Program. We are in support of a permanent program but the Ordinance requires in most cases a discretionary application filed with the Department of City Planning by means of Conditional Use Permit or Plan Approval. Additionally this ordinance requires a traditional permit through the channels of the Department of Building and Safety. These processes are very expensive and time burdening for the small business community.

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Keeping outdoor dining is necessary to allowing immunocompromised people feeling safe when dining out, and would make such a huge difference to so many restaurant patrons and owners alike.

Thanks so much for your time,

Rachel Rosenbloom  
916.320.4272

**Date : 2/8/2023 10:13:06 AM**  
**From : "Kathleen Littlefield"**  
**To : "alfresco.planning@lacity.org"**  
**Cc : "info@ihcla.org"**  
**Subject : CPC-2022-8179-CA Permanent AI Fresco Program**

On behalf of All Time, Little Dom's, and many other restaurants in my neighborhood,

I am writing to comment on the City of LA Planning Draft Ordinance for a permanent AI Fresco Program. I support a permanent program but the Ordinance requires in most cases a discretionary application filed with the Department of City Planning by means of Conditional Use Permit or Plan Approval. Additionally, this ordinance requires a traditional permit through the channels of the Department of Building and Safety. These processes are very expensive and take so much time for the small business community.

The number one request is to create an ordinance free from inequalities; to make this process accessible to all businesses in lieu of a fortunate few. This opportunity can be used to create a small business, food-operator-friendly application that doesn't require expensive consultants or architects to gain permits. This can be a program for the people, by the people with built in equity and purpose; to incentivize and activate our streets creating a safer more local economically driven city.

We all want this process to be similar to how the current Temporary AI Fresco permit software works, taking no more than 20 minutes to apply.

As a neighborhood resident, I don't want to lose the outdoor dining available now. It adds to a sense of community, made restaurants more accessible for customers and provides a COVID-conscious option for immunocompromised customers.

Thank you for your time,  
Kathleen

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**Date : 2/8/2023 10:13:00 AM**  
**From : "Katherine Skylar"**  
**To : alfresco.planning@lacity.org**  
**Cc : info@ihcla.org**  
**Subject : CPC-2022-8179-CA Permanent AI Fresco Program**

On behalf of All Time in Los Feliz, I am writing to comment on the City of LA Planning Draft Ordinance for a permanent AI Fresco Program. We are in support of a permanent program but the Ordinance requires in most cases a discretionary application filed with the Department of City Planning by means of Conditional Use Permit or Plan Approval. Additionally this ordinance requires a traditional permit through the channels of the Department of Building and Safety. These processes are very expensive and time burdening for the small business community.

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AI Fresco dining has transformed the city for the better - enabling restaurants to significantly increase the patrons they can accommodate, it has enhanced neighborhoods and should be a top priority for officials to figure out how to keep it accessible to all.

Thank you,  
Katherine Skylar

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Katherine Skylar  
she/her/hers  
323.573.0455

**Date : 2/8/2023 10:11:19 AM**  
**From : "Laura Bennett"**  
**To : alfresco.planning@lacity.org**  
**Cc : info@ihcla.org**  
**Subject : CPC-2022-8179-CA Permanent Al Fresco Program**

On behalf of All Time - 2040 Hillhurst Ave, Los Angeles, CA 90027, I am writing to comment on the City of LA Planning Draft Ordinance for a permanent Al Fresco Program. We are in support of a permanent program but the Ordinance requires in most cases a discretionary application filed with the Department of City Planning by means of Conditional Use Permit or Plan Approval. Additionally this ordinance requires a traditional permit through the channels of the Department of Building and Safety. These processes are very expensive and time burdening for the small business community.

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Thank you so much,  
Laura Bennett

**Date : 2/8/2023 10:07:25 AM**  
**From : "Eva"**  
**To : alfresco.planning@lacity.org**  
**Cc : info@ihcla.org**  
**Subject : CPC-2022-8179-CA Permanent AI Fresco Program**

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I'm new to Los Angeles and the highlight of my first 6 months here has been the vibrant and diverse dining scene. To think that my favorite establishments might have to close their doors or completely change their operation is, in all honesty, heart breaking.

Let's do what's right and fair for our local restaurants.

Eva Gonzalez  
678-467-5656

**Date : 2/8/2023 10:07:13 AM**  
**From : "julie t"**  
**To : alfresco.planning@lacity.org**  
**Cc : "info@ihcla.org"**  
**Subject : CPC-2022-8179-CA Permanent AI Fresco Program**

On behalf of Found Oyster, I am writing to comment on the City of LA Planning Draft Ordinance for a permanent AI Fresco Program. We are in support of a permanent program but the Ordinance requires in most cases a discretionary application filed with the Department of City Planning by means of Conditional Use Permit or Plan Approval. Additionally this ordinance requires a traditional permit through the channels of the Department of Building and Safety. These processes are very expensive and time burdening for the small business community.

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Best,  
Julie

**Date : 2/8/2023 10:05:11 AM**  
**From : "Soren Mcvay"**  
**To : "alfresco.planning@lacity.org"**  
**Subject : CPC-2022-8179-CA Permanent AI Fresco Program**

On behalf of Nossa Caipirinha Bar, I am writing to comment on the City of LA Planning Draft Ordinance for a permanent AI Fresco Program. We are in support of a permanent program but the Ordinance requires in most cases a discretionary application filed with the Department of City Planning by means of Conditional Use Permit or Plan Approval. Additionally this ordinance requires a traditional permit through the channels of the Department of Building and Safety. These processes are very expensive and time burdening for the small business community.

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Regards,  
Soren McVay

**Date : 2/8/2023 10:02:08 AM**  
**From : "Sebastian Reyes"**  
**To : alfresco.planning@lacity.org**  
**Cc : info@ihcla.org**  
**Subject : CPC-2022-8179-CA Permanent AI Fresco Program**

To whom it may concern,

I am writing to comment on the City of LA Planning Draft Ordinance for a permanent AI Fresco Program. We are in support of a permanent program but the Ordinance requires in most cases a discretionary application filed with the Department of City Planning by means of Conditional Use Permit or Plan Approval. Additionally this ordinance requires a traditional permit through the channels of the Department of Building and Safety. These processes are very expensive and time burdening for the small business community.

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Sebastian Reyes

Sent from my iPhone



**Date : 2/8/2023 10:01:50 AM**  
**From : "danielle adams"**  
**To : alfresco.planning@lacity.org**  
**Cc : info@ihcla.org**  
**Subject : CPC-2022-8179-CA Permanent Al Fresco Program**

On behalf of (Name of organization or business address optional), I am writing to comment on the City of LA Planning Draft Ordinance for a permanent Al Fresco Program. We are in support of a permanent program but the Ordinance requires in most cases a discretionary application filed with the Department of City Planning by means of Conditional Use Permit or Plan Approval. Additionally this ordinance requires a traditional permit through the channels of the Department of Building and Safety. These processes are very expensive and time burdening for the small business community.

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Danielle Adams

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**Date : 2/8/2023 9:59:48 AM**  
**From : "Emily Wilson"**  
**To : alfresco.planning@lacity.org**  
**Cc : info@ihcla.org**  
**Subject : CPC-2022-8179-CA Permanent AI Fresco Program**

On behalf of All Time, Found Oyster, and many other of my favorite restaurants whose beautiful al fresco dining ups my quality of life in Los Angeles, I am writing to comment on the City of LA Planning Draft Ordinance for a permanent AI Fresco Program. We are in support of a permanent program but the Ordinance requires in most cases a discretionary application filed with the Department of City Planning by means of Conditional Use Permit or Plan Approval. Additionally this ordinance requires a traditional permit through the channels of the Department of Building and Safety. These processes are very expensive and time burdening for the small business community.

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Thank you for reading.

Best,  
Emily Wilson

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**Date : 2/8/2023 9:55:29 AM**

**From : engaged\_barns.0l@icloud.com**

**To : alfresco.planning@lacity.org**

**Subject : CPC-2022-8179-CA Permanent AI Fresco Program**

On behalf of AllTime and Just What I Kneaded, I am writing to comment on the City of LA Planning Draft Ordinance for a permanent AI Fresco Program. We are in support of a permanent program but the Ordinance requires in most cases a discretionary application filed with the Department of City Planning by means of Conditional Use Permit or Plan Approval. Additionally this ordinance requires a traditional permit through the channels of the Department of Building and Safety. These processes are very expensive and time burdening for the small business community.

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Please make it easy and practical for outdoor dining to continue across LA, it is so important - I do NOT eat indoors because of the ongoing Covid risk. Please consider the residents of this city.

Thank you for your time,  
Leandra

**Date : 2/8/2023 9:52:49 AM**  
**From : "Rob Maigret"**  
**To : [alfresco.planning@lacity.org](mailto:alfresco.planning@lacity.org)**  
**Cc : [info@ihcla.org](mailto:info@ihcla.org)**  
**Subject : CPC-2022-8179-CA Permanent AI Fresco Program**

On behalf myself as a tax-paying and restaurant-going resident of Los Angeles, I am writing to comment on the City of LA Planning Draft Ordinance for a permanent AI Fresco Program. I am in support of a permanent program but the Ordinance requires in most cases a discretionary application filed with the Department of City Planning by means of Conditional Use Permit or Plan Approval. Additionally this ordinance requires a traditional permit through the channels of the Department of Building and Safety. These processes are very expensive and time burdening for the small business community.

My number one request is to create an ordinance free from inequalities; to make this process accessible to all businesses in lieu of a fortunate few. We can take this opportunity to create a small business food operator friendly application that does not require expensive consultants or architects to gain permits. This can be a program for the people, by the people with built in equity and purpose; to incentivize and activate our streets creating a safer more local economically driven city.

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Thank you.

Robert Maigret  
[robmaigret@gmail.com](mailto:robmaigret@gmail.com)

**Date : 2/8/2023 9:51:06 AM**  
**From : "Shana Weiss"**  
**To : alfresco.planning@lacity.org**  
**Cc : ibfo@IHCLA.org**  
**Subject : CPC-2022-8179-CA Permanent AI Fresco Program**

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Please ensure that government works for people, not as an obstacle for people.

Shana Weiss

**Date : 2/8/2023 9:50:15 AM**  
**From : "Julie Maigret"**  
**To : alfresco.planning@lacity.org**  
**Cc : "info@ihcla.org"**  
**Subject : CPC-2022-8179-CA Permanent AI Fresco Program**

On behalf of Found Oyster + All Time, I am writing to comment on the City of LA Planning Draft Ordinance for a permanent AI Fresco Program. We are in support of a permanent program but the Ordinance requires in most cases a discretionary application filed with the Department of City Planning by means of Conditional Use Permit or Plan Approval. Additionally this ordinance requires a traditional permit through the channels of the Department of Building and Safety. These processes are very expensive and time burdening for the small business community.

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Please do not take our beloved establishments away from us - they work so hard to make LA great.

Thank you,  
Julie Maigret

**Date : 2/8/2023 7:35:03 AM**  
**From : bethcart@gmail.com**  
**To : alfresco.planning@lacity.org**  
**Cc : info@IHCLA.org**  
**Subject : CPC-2022-8179-CA Permanent AI Fresco Program**

On behalf of Found Oyster and the countless other essential establishments to my community (I live in silver lake) I am writing to comment on the City of LA Planning Draft Ordinance for a permanent AI Fresco Program. We are in support of a permanent program but the Ordinance requires in most cases a discretionary application filed with the Department of City Planning by means of Conditional Use Permit or Plan Approval. Additionally this ordinance requires a traditional permit through the channels of the Department of Building and Safety. These processes are very expensive and time burdening for the small business community.

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These businesses and their success are integral to the health of neighborhoods. Many of them are just coming up for air after sub par support from the city during the pandemics darkest months.

Elizabeth carter  
Sanborn ave

**Date : 2/8/2023 5:43:37 AM**  
**From : "Elizabeth Green"**  
**To : alfresco.planning@lacity.org**  
**Subject : CPC-2022-8179-CA Permanent AI Fresco Program**

On behalf of (Found Oyster, Black Elephant Coffee & every other small business with outdoor dining), I am writing to comment on the City of LA Planning Draft Ordinance for a permanent AI Fresco Program. We are in support of a permanent program but the Ordinance requires in most cases a discretionary application filed with the Department of City Planning by means of Conditional Use Permit or Plan Approval. Additionally this ordinance requires a traditional permit through the channels of the Department of Building and Safety. These processes are very expensive and time burdening for the small business community.

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Thank you for your consideration in making LA an enjoyable outdoor dining experience.

Elizabeth Green,  
Atwater Village



**Date : 2/9/2023 7:24:18 PM**  
**From : "E C"**  
**To : alfresco.planning@lacity.org**  
**Subject : CPC-2022-8179-CA Permanent AI Fresco Program**

On behalf of LA residents, I am writing to comment on the City of LA Planning Draft Ordinance for a permanent AI Fresco Program.

We are in support of a permanent program but the Ordinance requires in most cases a discretionary application filed with the Department of City Planning by means of Conditional Use Permit or Plan Approval. Additionally this ordinance requires a traditional permit through the channels of the Department of Building and Safety. These processes are very expensive and time burdening for the small business community. This will severely and negatively impact the small businesses that make up the beautiful tapestry of our LA community.

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Thank you,

Concerned LA citizen

**Date : 2/9/2023 4:33:08 PM**  
**From : "Victoria Ullmann"**  
**To : alfresco.planning@lacity.org**  
**Cc : "info@ihcla.org"**  
**Subject : CPC-2022-8179-CA Permanent AI Fresco Program**

On behalf of All Time Restaurant, I am writing to comment on the City of LA Planning Draft Ordinance for a permanent AI Fresco Program. We are in support of a permanent program but the Ordinance requires in most cases a discretionary application filed with the Department of City Planning by means of Conditional Use Permit or Plan Approval. Additionally this ordinance requires a traditional permit through the channels of the Department of Building and Safety. These processes are very expensive and time burdening for the small business community.

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Victoria Ullmann

**Date : 2/9/2023 12:50:13 PM**  
**From : "Rebecca Dameron"**  
**To : "alfresco.planning@lacity.org"**  
**Cc : "info@IHCLA.org"**  
**Subject : CPC-2022-8179-CA Permanent AI Fresco Program**

On behalf of ALL TIME and HOMESTATE, I am writing to comment on the City of LA Planning Draft Ordinance for a permanent AI Fresco Program. We are in support of a permanent program but the Ordinance requires in most cases a discretionary application filed with the Department of City Planning by means of Conditional Use Permit or Plan Approval. Additionally this ordinance requires a traditional permit through the channels of the Department of Building and Safety. These processes are very expensive and time burdening for the small business community.

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Rebecca Dameron  
Los Angeles, CA

**Date : 2/9/2023 12:40:24 PM**  
**From : "Gracie Simonett"**  
**To : alfresco.planning@lacity.org**  
**Cc : info@ihcla.org**  
**Subject : CPC-2022-8179-CA Permanent AI Fresco Program**

Hello,

I'm a concerned citizen and active voter. I am writing to comment on the City of LA Planning Draft Ordinance for a permanent AI Fresco Program. I am in support of a permanent program but the Ordinance requires in most cases a discretionary application filed with the Department of City Planning by means of Conditional Use Permit or Plan Approval. Additionally this ordinance requires a traditional permit through the channels of the Department of Building and Safety. These processes are very expensive and time burdening for the small business community.

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As a diner and citizen I have enjoyed having AI Fresco easily accessible. To take back what many have viewed as a great program would be a terrible mistake.

-Gracie Simonett

**Date : 2/9/2023 11:27:04 AM**  
**From : "Sarni rogers"**  
**To : [alfresco.planning@lacity.org](mailto:alfresco.planning@lacity.org)**  
**Cc : [info@ihcla.org](mailto:info@ihcla.org)**  
**Subject : CPC-2022-8179-CA Permanent AI Fresco Program**

On behalf of All Restaurants in LA,

I am writing to comment on the City of LA Planning Draft Ordinance for a permanent AI Fresco Program. We are in support of a permanent program but the Ordinance requires in most cases a discretionary application filed with the Department of City Planning by means of Conditional Use Permit or Plan Approval. Additionally this ordinance requires a traditional permit through the channels of the Department of Building and Safety. These processes are very expensive and time burdening for the small business community.

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Restaurants and their workers have taken a dramatic hit after closures, and now with the cost of food and necessary products aggressively increasing- they need every extra \$1 they can make to attempt to JUST break even while they try to climb out of the grave they were buried alive in. We need to stand with them in supporting this industry to find their footing again.

Thank you!  
Sarni

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**Sarni Rogers**  
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**Date : 2/9/2023 10:39:05 AM**  
**From : "Nick Moore"**  
**To : alfresco.planning@lacity.org**  
**Cc : info@ihcla.org**  
**Subject : CPC-2022-8179-CA Permanent AI Fresco Program**

Hi,

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**Date : 2/9/2023 9:57:27 AM**  
**From : "Fran Gillespie"**  
**To : alfresco.planning@lacity.org**  
**Subject : CPC-2022-8179-CA Permanent AI Fresco Program**

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Fran Gillespie

**Date : 2/9/2023 9:26:13 AM**  
**From : "Erin Fitzpatrick"**  
**To : alfresco.planning@lacity.org**  
**Subject : CPC-2022-8179-CA Permanent Al Fresco Program**

Hello. I am writing in regards to the proposed ordinance for a permanent Al Fresco Program.

Many of us, myself included, have come to rely on these outdoor dining services. Covid and other diseases are still a prevalent threat in our community and many of our friends, family, and neighbors are immunocompromised and have other health risks that make these programs vital to living normal, thriving lives while keeping ourselves and others safe. Many of us have dogs and rely on these businesses to provide us a space where we can socialize while keeping our animals safe and comfortable. We live in the city with the most consistently beautiful weather in the world and many of us simply want to be able to enjoy it while we dine.

Since these services are vital to our community, it is imperative that the process to apply be simple and inclusive for all businesses.

So many businesses have come to rely on the revenue generated from these extra dining setups and it has become an integral part of their business models. It is likely that many would not survive if it was taken away or the application process was too demanding for them to qualify.

The process should be quick and affordable so that our small businesses are not unduly burdened and discriminated against. We have already lost too many good businesses to the pandemic, please do not pass a program that will cost our communities even more.

Thank you for your time  
Erin Fitzpatrick (a concerned citizen)



**Date : 2/9/2023 9:21:34 AM**  
**From : "Gemma S"**  
**To : alfresco.planning@lacity.org**  
**Cc : info@IHCLA.org**  
**Subject : CPC-2022-8179-CA Permanent AI Fresco Program**

On behalf of the restaurant-supporting citizens of Los Angeles,

I am writing to comment on the City of LA Planning Draft Ordinance for a permanent AI Fresco Program. We are in support of a permanent program but the Ordinance requires in most cases a discretionary application filed with the Department of City Planning by means of Conditional Use Permit or Plan Approval. Additionally this ordinance requires a traditional permit through the channels of the Department of Building and Safety. These processes are very expensive and time burdening for the small business community.

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Best,  
Gemma Schladow

Sent from my iPhone

**Date : 2/9/2023 8:58:24 AM**  
**From : "Kenny Prawat"**  
**To : alfresco.planning@lacity.org**  
**Cc : info@ihcla.org**  
**Subject : CPC-2022-8179-CA Permanent AI Fresco Program**

On behalf of Anajak Thai restaurant, I am writing to comment on the City of LA Planning Draft Ordinance for a permanent AI Fresco Program. We are in support of a permanent program but the Ordinance requires in most cases a discretionary application filed with the Department of City Planning by means of Conditional Use Permit or Plan Approval. Additionally this ordinance requires a traditional permit through the channels of the Department of Building and Safety. These processes are very expensive and time burdening for the small business community.

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-Kenny Prawat

**Date : 2/9/2023 8:25:25 AM**  
**From : "Sarah Claiborne"**  
**To : alfresco.planning@lacity.org**  
**Cc : info@ihcla.org**  
**Subject : CPC-2022-8179-CA Permanent AI Fresco Program**

On behalf of All Time in Los Feliz, I am writing to comment on the City of LA Planning Draft Ordinance for a permanent AI Fresco Program. We are in support of a permanent program but the Ordinance requires in most cases a discretionary application filed with the Department of City Planning by means of Conditional Use Permit or Plan Approval. Additionally this ordinance requires a traditional permit through the channels of the Department of Building and Safety. These processes are very expensive and time burdening for the small business community.

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Thank you,  
Sarah

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Sarah Claiborne  
c. 8048144336

**Date : 2/9/2023 8:24:57 AM**  
**From : "Anna Parsons"**  
**To : alfresco.planning@lacity.org**  
**Cc : info@ihcla.org**  
**Subject : CPC-2022-8179-CA Permanent AI Fresco Program**

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Businesses need support right now and are really struggling, outdoor dining not only brings life and soul to these places but it also keeps them afloat.

Please think of the little guys!  
Anna

**Date : 2/9/2023 8:18:09 AM**  
**From : "Sophie Pierce"**  
**To : alfresco.planning@lacity.org**  
**Cc : info@IHCLA.org**  
**Subject : CPC-2022-8179-CA Permanent AI Fresco Program**

On behalf of Found Oyster, I am writing to comment on the City of LA Planning Draft Ordinance for a permanent AI Fresco Program. We are in support of a permanent program but the Ordinance requires in most cases a discretionary application filed with the Department of City Planning by means of Conditional Use Permit or Plan Approval. Additionally this ordinance requires a traditional permit through the channels of the Department of Building and Safety. These processes are very expensive and time burdening for the small business community.

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I have watched so many incredible restaurants suffer and close since the pandemic and I do not want the roadblocks of renewing permits to contribute to further. As a small business owner myself, I'm aware that it's hard enough for restaurants and small business to thrive in this current economy.

Thank you for your consideration,

Sophie pierce

**Date : 2/9/2023 8:04:33 AM**  
**From : "\*\*\*JessicaTrent\*\*\*"**  
**To : alfresco.planning@lacity.org**  
**Cc : info@ihcla.org**  
**Subject : CPC-2022-8179-CA Permanent AI Fresco Program**

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Thank you,  
Jessica Trent

**Date : 2/9/2023 7:06:46 AM**  
**From : "Angie Cung"**  
**To : alfresco.planning@lacity.org**  
**Cc : info@ihcla.org**  
**Subject : CPC-2022-8179-CA Permanent Al Fresco Program**

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I do hope you hear me out and sympathize with small businesses.

Best,

**Angie Cung**  
Cell | 626.382.6363

**Date : 2/9/2023 7:04:14 AM**  
**From : "Mike Lewinsky"**  
**To : alfresco.planning@lacity.org**  
**Cc : info@ihcla.org**  
**Subject : CPC-2022-8179-CA Permanent AI Fresco Program**

On behalf of myself, I am writing to comment on the City of LA Planning Draft Ordinance for a permanent AI Fresco Program. We are in support of a permanent program but the Ordinance requires in most cases a discretionary application filed with the Department of City Planning by means of Conditional Use Permit or Plan Approval. Additionally this ordinance requires a traditional permit through the channels of the Department of Building and Safety. These processes are very expensive and time burdening for the small business community.

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Thank you.

Mike Lewinsky



**Date : 2/9/2023 6:59:23 AM**  
**From : "Kate Cushing"**  
**To : alfresco.planning@lacity.org**  
**Cc : info@ihcla.org**  
**Subject : CPC-2022-8179-CA Permanent AI Fresco Program**

On behalf of AllTime, I am writing to comment on the City of LA Planning Draft Ordinance for a permanent AI Fresco Program. We are in support of a permanent program but the Ordinance requires in most cases a discretionary application filed with the Department of City Planning by means of Conditional Use Permit or Plan Approval. Additionally this ordinance requires a traditional permit through the channels of the Department of Building and Safety. These processes are very expensive and time burdening for the small business community.

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**Date : 2/9/2023 6:25:09 AM**  
**From : "robert foulkes"**  
**To : alfresco.planning@lacity.org**  
**Cc : info@ihcla.org**  
**Subject : CPC-2022-8179-CA Permanent Al Fresco Program**

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Sincerely,

Robert Foulkes  
Location Manager  
310-339-6258  
rofo1@sbcglobal.net

**Date : 2/9/2023 2:38:15 AM**  
**From : "Alexis Sepkovic"**  
**To : alfresco.planning@lacity.org**  
**Cc : info@IHCLA.org**  
**Subject : CPC-2022-8179-CA Permanent AI Fresco Program**

On behalf of LA residents, I am writing to comment on the City of LA Planning Draft Ordinance for a permanent AI Fresco Program. We are in support of a permanent program but the Ordinance requires in most cases a discretionary application filed with the Department of City Planning by means of Conditional Use Permit or Plan Approval. Additionally this ordinance requires a traditional permit through the channels of the Department of Building and Safety. These processes are very expensive and time burdening for the small business community.

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Please consider the community that local restaurants create in their communities-existing as a place to gather - and what better place for that than in the sunshine. We all need this for our mental health and well being.

Thank you,  
Alexis Sepkovic

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**Date : 2/9/2023 1:15:12 AM**  
**From : "Lisa Lazoff"**  
**To : [alfresco.planning@lacity.org](mailto:alfresco.planning@lacity.org), [info@IHCLA.org](mailto:info@IHCLA.org)**  
**Subject : CPC-2022-8179-CA Permanent AI Fresco Program**

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Please don't force our wonderful city to lose any more businesses than we already have over the recent years.

Thank you for your time.

Lisa Lazoff

**Date : 2/9/2023 12:49:39 AM**  
**From : "Keya Koul"**  
**To : alfresco.planning@lacity.org**  
**Cc : info@IHCLA.org**  
**Subject : CPC-2022-8179-CA Permanent AI Fresco Program**

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Thank you,  
Keya Koul  
2049 1/2 North Vermont Avenue  
Los Angeles CA 90027  
213-361-5268

Sent from my iPhone

**Date : 2/10/2023 7:17:55 PM**  
**From : "Ryan Willison"**  
**To : alfresco.planning@lacity.org**  
**Cc : info@ihcla.org**  
**Subject : CPC-2022-8179-CA Permanent AI Fresco Program**

To Whom it May Concern,

As a food writer, I am writing to comment on the City of LA Planning Draft Ordinance for a permanent AI Fresco Program. I am in support of a permanent program but the Ordinance requires in most cases a discretionary application filed with the Department of City Planning by means of Conditional Use Permit or Plan Approval. Additionally this ordinance requires a traditional permit through the channels of the Department of Building and Safety. These processes are very expensive and time burdening for the small business community.

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The restaurant community's survival depends on this process to be similar to how the current Temporary AI Fresco permit software works taking no more than 20 minutes to apply.

Sincerely,  
Ryan Willison

**Date : 2/10/2023 5:09:09 PM**  
**From : "Brittney Valles"**  
**To : alfresco.planning@lacity.org**  
**Cc : info@ihcla.org**  
**Subject : CPC-2022-8179-CA Permanent AI Fresco Program**

On behalf of Guerrilla Tacos, Guerrilla Cafectio, Gogo's Tacos and Tiago Coffee I am writing to comment on the City of LA Planning Draft Ordinance for a permanent AI Fresco Program.

The fact that we are even having to advocate to save one of the most supportive programs that the city has come up with in a long time is truly disappointing.

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We want this process to be similar to how the current Temporary AI Fresco permit software works taking no more than 20 minutes to apply. **Remember, this is an equity issue, you should need thousands of dollars and a college degree in city planning to contribute to the beauty, community and culture of the city.**

Brittney

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Brittney Valles  
Managing Partner  
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**Date : 2/10/2023 11:57:39 AM**  
**From : "Eddy Hewitt"**  
**To : alfresco.planning@lacity.org**  
**Cc : info@ihcla.org**  
**Subject : CPC-2022-8179-CA Permanent AI Fresco Program**

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As someone with immunocompromised loved ones, and someone who loves dining outdoors in our beautiful city, I urge you to consider this.

Eddy Hewitt

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Eddy Hewitt  
Asst to Anna Fricke / WALKER S3  
360.521.4547c



**Date : 2/10/2023 9:23:50 AM**  
**From : "Jessie Caballero"**  
**To : alfresco.planning@lacity.org**  
**Cc : info@ihcla.org**  
**Subject : CPC-2022-8179-CA Permanent AI Fresco Program**

On behalf of Mirabelle Wine Bar and Augustine Wine Bar, I am writing to comment on the City of LA Planning Draft Ordinance for a permanent AI Fresco Program. We are in support of a permanent program but the Ordinance requires in most cases a discretionary application filed with the Department of City Planning by means of Conditional Use Permit or Plan Approval. Additionally this ordinance requires a traditional permit through the channels of the Department of Building and Safety. These processes are very expensive and time burdening for the small business community.

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Thank you,  
Jessie Caballero

**Date : 2/11/2023 5:51:34 PM**

**From : "Miles Crakow"**

**To : alfresco.planning@lacity.org, info@ihcla.org, mayor.helpdesk@lacity.org,  
Councilmember.Soto-Martinez@lacity.org**

**Subject : CPC-2022-8179-CA Permanent AI Fresco Program**

On behalf of multiple restaurants all over the city but particularly Northeast LA (Atwater, Silver Lake, Echo Park, Los Feliz, Eagle Rock, Highland Park, Glassell Park, Hollywood, I am writing to comment on the City of LA Planning Draft Ordinance for a permanent AI Fresco Program. We are in support of a permanent program but the Ordinance requires in most cases a discretionary application filed with the Department of City Planning by means of Conditional Use Permit or Plan Approval. Additionally this ordinance requires a traditional permit through the channels of the Department of Building and Safety. These processes are very expensive and time burdening for the small business community.

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Further, the city derives so much more revenue from sales tax vs. parking meter revenue and makes the neighborhoods less dependent on single car driving vs. walking or cycling, which reduces pollution and improves our neighborhoods.

If Barcelona and Paris can transform their cities, we can too. We have with Ciclavia. Let's do it with it more sidewalk space for businesses. It only makes sense.

Sincerely,

Miles

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**MILES CRAKOW**

213.220.2670

**Date : 2/15/2023 11:02:17 PM**  
**From : "Rhoanda M"**  
**To : alfresco.planning@lacity.org**  
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I'd like this process to be similar to how the current Temporary Al Fresco permit software works taking no more than 20 minutes to apply.

**Date : 2/15/2023 10:07:31 PM**  
**From : "Giuliana Gonnella"**  
**To : [alfresco.planning@lacity.org](mailto:alfresco.planning@lacity.org)**  
**Subject : CPC-2022-8179-CA Permanent Al Fresco Program**

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We live in a city with beautiful year-round weather, both locals and visitors should be encouraged to take advantage of dining al fresco. To take away easy access to outdoor dining would completely go against this and harm beloved local restaurants and business owners.

Thank you,  
Giuliana

**Date : 2/15/2023 9:57:34 PM**  
**From : "Melissa Kane"**  
**To : [alfresco.planning@lacity.org](mailto:alfresco.planning@lacity.org)**  
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Melissa Kane  
The Table Supperclub + Melk Boards  
Highland Park, Los Angeles

**Date : 2/15/2023 9:35:47 PM**  
**From : "KATIE ZEPPENFELD"**  
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**Date : 2/15/2023 9:23:43 PM**  
**From : "Peggy Sue Piedra"**  
**To : alfresco.planning@lacity.org**  
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**Date : 2/15/2023 8:01:31 PM**  
**From : "Kristin Abdel"**  
**To : [alfresco.planning@lacity.org](mailto:alfresco.planning@lacity.org)**  
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Small businesses are the back bone of this city. We angelenos should be able to trust our city council to do everything possible to support small businesses. Yet it seems like LA city council is intent on making doing business as a small business as difficult and expensive as possible. Why?

LA city council argues that Al fresco dining is not ADA compliant, yet the same city council allows homeless people to take over entire city blocks and build their own non-ADA compliant "homes".

Do better. Focus on things that are hurting this city, not Al fresco dining which is the ONLY positive thing to come out of a two year pandemic.

Sent from my iPhone



**Date : 2/15/2023 6:44:33 PM**  
**From : "Anna Lownes"**  
**To : [alfresco.planning@lacity.org](mailto:alfresco.planning@lacity.org)**  
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In Los Angeles, one of the best parts about living here is being able to be outside YEAR ROUND. So few other cities get this, and it is really special. Many businesses during Covid stayed alive because of outdoor dining, and it would negatively affect many businesses to have the extra tables and business taken away. Please do not mess with a process that it working for us all!

Thank you,  
Anna Lownes

I work with White Bark Workwear, a company that provides chefwear to many restaurants in not only Los Angeles but across the country!

**Date : 2/15/2023 4:07:16 PM**  
**From : "Marissa Shepherd"**  
**To : alfresco.planning@lacity.org**  
**Subject : CPC-2022-8179-CA Permanent Al Fresco Program**

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Marissa Shepherd

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**Date : 2/15/2023 1:46:41 PM**  
**From : "Joey Scher"**  
**To : alfresco.planning@lacity.org**  
**Subject : CPC-2022-8179-CA Permanent Al Fresco Program**

Hi!

My name is Joey Scher. I am Los Angeles based kitchen worker.

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**From : "Charlie Pennes"**  
**To : alfresco.planning@lacity.org**  
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Best Regards,  
Charlie Pennes

**Date : 2/15/2023 1:08:13 PM**  
**From : "Jared Elms"**  
**To : alfresco.planning@lacity.org**  
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Please don't hurt hard working small businesses in a city that loves its outdoor restaurants and vendors. Outdoor dining should be accessible to all and have as few barriers to entry as possible when it comes to obtaining permits and filling out applications.

Sincerely,  
John Jared Elms  
Fail Better Studios, LTD

**Date : 2/15/2023 12:19:19 PM**  
**From : "Bryan Mendez Monroy"**  
**To : alfresco.planning@lacity.org**  
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**From : "Allison"**  
**To : [alfresco.planning@lacity.org](mailto:alfresco.planning@lacity.org)**  
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**From : "Erin Jensen"**  
**To : alfresco.planning@lacity.org**  
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Thank you,

Erin Jensen

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**Date : 2/15/2023 11:45:07 AM**  
**From : "Max Cutler"**  
**To : alfresco.planning@lacity.org**  
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**From : "Sam Coturri"**  
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**Date : 2/15/2023 10:56:15 AM**  
**From : "mike M"**  
**To : "alfresco.planning@lacity.org"**  
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**From : "KRISTEL ARABIAN"**  
**To : alfresco.planning@lacity.org**  
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Kristel Arabian

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**Date : 2/16/2023 11:03:16 AM**  
**From : "John Gullixson"**  
**To : "alfresco.planning@lacity.org"**  
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**Date : 2/16/2023 8:58:43 AM**  
**From : "Brandon Durant"**  
**To : alfresco.planning@lacity.org**  
**Subject : CPC-2022-8179-CA Permanent AI Fresco Program**

Good Morning Team AI Fresco,

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As a restaurant builder, I understand the budget constraints that our clients experience. The AI Fresco program was working fine as it was and I ask that you refrain from further complicating the process for our small business owners.

Kind Regards,  
Brandon Durant

**Date : 2/16/2023 8:08:48 AM**  
**From : "Kerry Bennett"**  
**To : alfresco.planning@lacity.org**  
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As a regular LA resident with some immunity issues, I only feel comfortable dining outdoors during any COVID surges. Rescinding these outdoor dining options will render restaurant dining (and the support for the businesses and staff) unavailable to me and many people like me.

Thank you -

Kerry Bennett

**Date : 2/14/2023 2:45:05 PM**

**From : "Adam Turner"**

**To : alfresco.planning@lacity.org**

**Subject : CPC-2022-8179-CA Support Letter**

**Attachment : Screenshot 2023-02-14 at 2.34.51 PM.png;Screenshot 2023-02-14 at 2.34.34 PM.png;Screenshot 2023-02-14 at 2.34.51 PM.png;Screenshot 2023-02-14 at 2.34.34 PM.png;**

Dear Planning and Zoning:

I am writing in support of a proposed ordinance that would regulate outdoor dining (CPC-2022-8179-CA). While most restaurants are respectful of neighboring residents, some restaurants will continue to abuse the leeway they were provided during the pandemic. I have attached two photos of street dining as evidence.

**In the first photo**, you'll see a restaurant/bar with outdoor entertainment in their street dining area. Though this business ceases live music after 10pm, amplified music audible beyond their premises is not allowed under their CUPs or nearly ALL CUPs in my neighborhood (the Arts District). And yet, here they have amplified live entertainment on their street patio. As someone who has struggled with businesses that routinely violate noise ordinances and requirements of their CUPs, I only expect the noise pollution to increase without proper regulation. Speaking from firsthand knowledge, it is extremely difficult for residents to challenge a restaurant/bar's CUP, CUB, or CUX. The process for altering a CUP/CUB/CUX is byzantine and takes years for relief. Should you proceed with this ordinance,

As you contemplate additional drafts, I would ask that you

- a) include rules that universally **PROHIBIT** amplified music, entertainment, and alcohol service in businesses that border ANY residence, regardless of zoning;
- b) include mechanisms that empower affected residents to **QUICKLY** obtain relief in the event that a business violates the ordinance. The form of this relief should be either enforcement, amendment of the individual CUP, or outright revocation.
- c) continue to include rules that prohibit or heavily regulate consumption of alcohol on sidewalks and streets. When alcohol is served, patrons may become cantankerous and pose a nuisance to neighbors. Though it is not common for this to occur, the bad apples spoil the bunch.

Furthermore, I would ask that you consider a distance requirement for businesses within 500 feet of residences and residential buildings, regardless of zoning designation. As I mentioned, I live in the Arts District in DTLA and am therefore not within R zoning. Still, I am entitled to the quiet enjoyment of my home.

**In the second photo**, you will see the incredible amount of trash and much that accumulates at these outdoor dining areas. I am opposed to street dining and permanent structures because they make it difficult for the city to maintain.

Finally, I attended the recent hearing over zoom in support of this ordinance, but was **drowned out** by the coordinated lobbying effort clearly organized by the



restaurant industry. Therefore, I did not speak. A neighbor also decided not to speak for this reason. I assume this office recognizes a coordinated lobbying effort when it sees one, but please do not assume that the views presented at these meetings opposing the ordinance represent the entire community.

While I am supportive of restaurants, it is the city's responsibility to balance the needs of those businesses with the needs of the surrounding community.

Thank you. Should you need any additional comment, I may be reached at this email address or by phone at 310-601-6272.

-Adam





**Date : 2/24/2023 5:54:29 AM**  
**From : "LORETTA LIVINGSTON"**  
**To : alfresco.planning@lacity.org**  
**Cc : "LORETTA LIVINGSTON"**  
**Subject : CPC-2022-8179-CA, Arts District homeowner comments, thank you!**  
**Attachment : CPC20228179CA Al Fresco permit resident letter.pdf;ATT00002.bin;**  
Feb. 24, 2023

Attention, Ms. Mary Richardson

Department of City Planning

200 North Spring Street, Room 701

Los Angeles, CA, 90012

*Letter In Support of Requiring CUP/PA/RBC Approvals for Businesses Serving Alcohol in Proposed Permanent Al Fresco Ordinance (CPC-2022-8179-CA)*

Hello,

Attached please find a pdf of a letter regarding alfresco dining in the Arts District neighborhood.

Thank you for reading it!

Sincerely,  
Loretta Livingston  
Mura Condominiums  
629 Traction Ave  
Los Angeles, CA 90013

February 24, 2023

Mary Richardson  
Department of City Planning  
200 North Spring Street, Room 701  
Los Angeles, CA, 90012

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Dear Ms. Richardson,

I am a fifteen-year homeowner/resident in the Mura condominium building in the Arts District, downtown Los Angeles. My neighbors and I love living in the Arts District, and because we love it, we speak up when the quality of our lives as Angelenos is affected negatively.

Here, I am joining other homeowners in writing to you regarding the proposed Permanent Al Fresco Ordinance - Outdoor Dining on Private Property. My neighbors and I support the inclusion of the following condition requiring CUP/PA/RBP approvals for businesses that serve alcohol in the Permanent Al Fresco Ordinance:

**Sec.8.A.24.c.iv. Conditions for Continued Operations After Temporary Permit Expiration**

1. Restaurants which serve alcohol may be authorized to continue operations if an application for a new Conditional Use Permit, Plan Approval, Restaurant Beverage Program Administrative Clearance, or any other applicable approval by the Department of City Planning has been submitted and accepted by the Department within six months of the temporary permit expiration or effective date of this ordinance.

Once temporary permits for al fresco dining were issued, many restaurants and bars moved their business onto sidewalks, private parking lots, and expanded private patios. These people are good neighbors, but there are a small number that are not. We've had trouble with amplified live entertainment and late hours. We residents feel that these expanded outdoor al fresco operations are not adequately addressed by the existing CUP or temporary al fresco permit for businesses. Operating under a temporary al fresco permit gives homeowners limited recourse. The CUP is a key layer of regulation to protect neighbors and a crucial mechanism to address problematic bars and nightclubs.

Thank you for considering the interests of the numerous Angelenos who live alongside these businesses. I request that you include the above proposed condition requiring CUP/PA/RBP approvals for businesses that serve alcohol in the Permanent Al Fresco Ordinance.

Sincerely submitted,  
Loretta Livingston, Mura Condominiums, 629 Traction Ave, Los Angeles, 90013

**Date : 1/31/2023 11:31:31 AM**  
**From : "Marcus Wein" <4marcus@mail.com>**  
**To : alfresco.planning@lacity.org**  
**Subject : CPC-2022-8179-CA.**

I hope the future regulation will allow for as much outdoor dining on private and public property as possible.

That was what LA had been missing.

If sidewalks and parking spaces are affected, we all will get used to it and will manage to handle.

Let the city of LA join the rest of the world and enjoy sitting and dining on public property

Marcus Weinstein

**Date : 2/7/2023 6:25:57 PM**  
**From : "Gillian Zwick"**  
**To : alfresco.planning@lacity.org**  
**Subject : CPC-2022-8179-CA**

Good evening. In advance of your zoom webinar on Wednesday I would like to leave public comment. My name is Gillian and I am resident of LA City (90065).

I disagree that the expense of new permits for existing patios is appropriate. Those restaurants who were able to keep up during the last 3 years should not be retroactively punished financially for survival.

Please consider your proposal on new dining areas in the future and not on previously permitted dining areas.



**Date : 2/8/2023 7:16:28 PM**  
**From : "Andrea Borgen Abdallah"**  
**To : [alfresco.planning@lacity.org](mailto:alfresco.planning@lacity.org)**  
**Subject : CPC-2022-8179-CA**

Public comment re: Al Fresco Dining Ordinance

My name is Andrea Borgen Abdallah, and I owned a restaurant in Downtown for 6 years, barcito, which I closed in the summer of 2021.

There are so many reasons I chose to close, but one of them is because I entered the pandemic in a financially precarious position, having just spent \$60,000 and 18 months renewing my conditional use permit and updating my patio. To emphasize the point - these were both already existing, in good standing, and had been used by my business for 3 years - one was a standard CUB renewal, and the patio update was actually to renovate and shrink the size of my patio (again, to clarify : that \$60,000 does not include what I spent on the updates themselves).

Appointment after appointment, I would always get surprised looks from employees at the city planning desk - they couldn't believe I, the owner, was attempting to navigate this process on my own, without an expeditor. And the truth was, I didn't have the extra 20 or 30 thousand dollars to spend on what was already turning out to be financially devastating for my small restaurant. Your own employees know, and readily admit, this process and fee structure is not built for small businesses.

Since closing, I spend a bulk of my time providing operational support to restaurants across the country, mostly focused on helping them improve wages and benefits. And I have two points to make: number 1) restaurants nationwide are still struggling to survive. between rising food and operational costs, a dining public that is feeling the pinch of inflation, and a labor force that won't return to our industry unless we dramatically improve the pay and working conditions, we have had to re-imagine our business models over and over again. 2) I am constantly asked why restaurants aren't better employers, and the reasons are pretty simple : the profit margins (which are 2 to 4 percent if we're lucky), and public policy - proposals such as this one, that pull the rug out from underneath us over and over again, making it impossible to invest long term in, well...anything.

In a city like Los Angeles, where small independent restaurants define neighborhoods, attract investment, and drive economies, it's a shame we can't figure out a way to better protect them, and ensure their continued success. Thank you.

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**Andrea Borgen Abdallah**  
(she/her)  
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**Date : 2/8/2023 6:48:46 PM**  
**From : "Allen N"**  
**To : Alfresco.planning@lacity.org**  
**Subject : CPC-2022-8179-CA**

To whom it may concern: Outdoor dining has been a major aspect of the height of pandemic. Not only did it help restaurants stay in business, it helped us who wanted some semblance of normalcy to go out and eat at our favorite places with reduced covid exposure. The current Al Fresco program was a swift and positive response to help all of LA city, not just the restaurants it helped so much. It has even made our cities walkable and our roads safer by taking AWAY parking (yes it works).

**This new proposal is an ass-backwards way to "codify" this popular program.**

It has worked, why do you want to break something that works and is so popular? Just amend the current system and make it easy for restaurants and, thus, the people of LA. There are already too many permits for restaurants to deal with, and that cost gets trickles down to us, the residents who love the fabric of LA. The fact that this worked WITHOUT the conditional use permits from different city departments means that this bureaucracy is not needed and BS; Its not like people are building a new structure that merits engineers and consultants. It's just a dining area.

In addition, the pandemic is NOT over, even if other governments say so. If this system gets adopted, there will be outdoor closings, people will be forced to eat indoors, and there can be yet another surge.

This proposal is shortsighted and needs to be tossed or heavily amended; I have been listening to the Feb 8th hearing, and so far everyone has been AGAINST this proposal. Do your job and listen to us, the people you serve.

Keep Al Fresco dining. Keep LA fun and outdoors.

PS: Fire Yeghig Keshishian, they are not serving us, the people.

**Date : 2/8/2023 1:18:16 PM**  
**From : "Alexander Kargher"**  
**To : alfresco.planning@lacity.org**  
**Subject : CPC-2022-8179-CA**

I write with respect to the above referenced case number to voice my objection to the proposal to implement the permanent al fresco ordinance as drafted. Restaurants are a key lifeline to most communities. During the pandemic the City implemented a wise plan to permit al fresco dining. City blocks became places for people to convene and convive. Frankly, it always should have been this way. We have great weather year round. People should be allowed to enjoy meals outside at all restaurants - not just high end ones with resources, expeditors, and lobbyists.

Now the city, without good reason, wants to change the current program and implement a new ordinance that will create needless barriers of entry to restaurant owners, is likely to result in significant loss of jobs to folks in the restaurant industry due to the inability of many if not most restaurants to afford to comply with the new ordinance, and will only do harm to the community.

I've enjoyed being able to dine outdoors and I am concerned that the bureaucratic process and fees will result in the closure of so many of the patios I (and my family) have enjoyed and which have provided much needed life lines to restaurants. Most of those restaurants have continued to struggle due to inflation, cost of rent, absentee landlords, and ever increasing overhead. Implementing the ordinance as planned would simply exacerbate an already bad situation and result in more closures and more jobless.

There is no explanation why the change is needed, which means that this is just senseless. While I understand that the City needs to codify the al fresco program, the current system is problematic and impossible to navigate for small businesses who cannot afford the help of professionals. And even those professionals are fed up with the extraordinary (and often unnecessary) requirements related to obtaining CUPs (e.g., the absurd parking requirements that exist for indoor dining and that would be included in this ordinance--given that we've done away with those for TOD construction, it is absurd to continue requiring it here).

Based on the nominal negative comments received, my guess is that there are liability concerns due to the City's inability to maintain side walks and meaningfully address the homelessness endemic, and that the city is trying to find yet another source of revenue to address those problems. But the City has plenty of resources already, and has nevertheless shirked its obligations to address those issues. Plus, forcing more small businesses out of business will only exacerbate those problems by causing more homelessness and less welcoming sidewalks (which will lose the tax money already paid by those businesses, in favor of landlords whose property taxes are locked in from years ago under Prop 13).

At bottom, the ordinance as proposed is just the City engaging in reckless, self-sabotage.

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Alexander M. Kargher  
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**Date : 2/9/2023 3:06:42 PM**  
**From : "Matt Ruscigno"**  
**To : alfresco.planning@lacity.org**  
**Subject : CPC-2022-8179-CA**

Hello.

I understand that permits etc were relaxed over Covid to allow all of this outside seating. But instead of now demanding all of these permits be applied for, regulations tightly followed etc, just loosen up / adjust the requirements to meet what is currently happening?

Inside space is at a minimum here in Los Angeles, but there's plenty of space outside for cars. And re imagining that space is FINALLY happening now (see parking minimums being repealed, park space created like in Silver Lake, increase in bike lanes etc).

Let's keep rolling with this and make it easier to turn parking spaces and parking lots, which are vast spaces for people to store empty private property, into active-use spaces that are good for consumers, restaurants, and even local taxes (how much revenue does a parking space produce?).

Los Angeles should lead the country in outside dining options with our weather and love for the environment. Going back to pre-Covid restrictions simply and wrongly restricts this positive growth.

Thank you.  
Matt Ruscigno

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**Date : 2/9/2023 11:23:22 AM**  
**From : "Eric Brightwell"**  
**To : alfresco.planning@lacity.org**  
**Subject : CPC-2022-8179-CA**

Angelenos should be allowed to dine outside, in the street, in parking lots and -- where space allows -- on sidewalks. That means less outdoor space for car storage but it's cars that should be forced indoors, not Angelenos. The process for creating outdoor dining space should be made as easy as possible since we, as a city, should be doing everything we can to encourage supporting restaurants and as much as we, as a city, can to discourage driving.

Limiting Al Fresco dining spots to five parking spots for restaurants -- regardless of size -- is irrational. Cars are a cancer in cities. They cause sprawl, destroy the climate, and injure and maim people and wildlife. Inducing driving is against everything we should be striving for as a community and as a species. What's more, restaurants that serve alcohol shouldn't have parking lots at all since they induce driving under the influence. I'm all for allowing parking lots to be converted ENTIRELY into patios or even beer gardens -- but let buzzed and drunk people walk, take a bus, hail a cab, or find some other responsible way of getting home.

It is also imperative that we allow curbside dining and in-street dining anywhere and everywhere -- but sidewalk dining should only be allowed when space allows for both sidewalk dining and ADA compliance. Walkers and wheelchair users are burdened enough by the lack of benches, sidewalks, fountains, waste bins, and street trees -- and by the presence of utility boxes, bike racks, fire hydrants, bus stops, e-scooters, homeless encampments, planters, and more. Meanwhile, empty vehicles are provided with more than enough space -- 3.3 spots for every lifeless automobile and 16% of our land surrendered to prioritizing car storage.

We need parklet minimums, not parking minimums. Progressive cities like Paris are banishing the majority of their parking spots. Meanwhile, Los Angeles, with its ideal weather and overly wide streets -- continues to induce automobile travel as a first resort instead of last.

Thank you for considering my comments,

Eric Brightwell

**Date : 2/9/2023 9:28:17 AM**  
**From : "Dan Gould"**  
**To : alfresco.planning@lacity.org**  
**Subject : CPC-2022-8179-CA**

CPC-2022-8179-CA

To whom it may concern:

I am an ordinary LA citizen--not a restaurant owner, just a neighbor to a few restaurants on Pico.

The previous expansion Al Fresco dining has been the best in the quality of life in the in the 15 years I've lived in Los Angeles. When I first moved to LA, I wondered why there wasn't much al fresco dining: I learned that regulations and costs made it impractical for most restaurants. That seemed irrational given that LA probably has the best weather for it in any city in the US other than San Diego.

The Planning Commission's quick action at the beginning of covid was brilliant. They created a street life in a city without much of one. With people doing more outdoors, the city feels more vibrant (and walking around feels a lot safer). In particular, the sidewalk and curbside spots are great.

I like the proposed ordinance's allowing of dining on any floor, elimination of minimum square footage requirements and allowal by-right to the use of parking lots. In fact, this by-right is smart planning ahead for an eventual world with self-driving cars and micro-mobility.

The proposed regulations will cause a reversal of this improvement to our quality of life. From what I've read, the costs are high enough that many restaurants will stop having outdoor dining. That would ruin the positive changes we've had in LA.

At the very least, you should grandfather any locations that are currently set up. But you could do so much more and slowly transform LA into the outdoor city it could be.

If LA sees this as a source of revenue, perhaps it would be better to do the opposite as a way to promote street life: Any restaurant that is physically located where they can host outdoor dining but doesn't gets charged a fee?

Thank you for taking the time to consider my comments,  
Daniel Gould

**Date : 2/22/2023 2:02:56 PM**

**From : "MY PEROGI"**

**To : alfresco.planning@lacity.org**

**Subject : CPC-2022-8179-CA**

**Attachment : 'CPC20228179CA Al Fresco permit resident letter';**

**Date : 2/22/2023 1:54:57 PM**  
**From : "MY PEROGI"**  
**To : alfresco.planning@lacity.org**  
**Subject : CPC-2022-8179-CA**  
**Attachment : 'CPC20228179CA Al Fresco permit resident letter';**

Thank you for your consideration.



**Date : 2/28/2023 5:20:57 PM**  
**From : "Laura"**  
**To : "alfresco.planning@lacity.org"**  
**Subject : CPC-2022-8179-CA**

I support the continuation of easing the creation/keeping of outside dining as I will continue to not eat at restaurants indoors for the expected near future and would not like businesses to suffer unnecessarily, especially in Los Angeles where it's pleasant to eat outdoors.

Thank you,  
Laura K.

**Date : 10/25/2022 12:02:48 PM**

**From : "Heather Witt"**

**To : bonnie.kim@lacity.org**

**BCc : alfresco.planning@lacity.org**

**Subject : Development project at 8787 Venice Blvd**

**Attachment : Screen Shot 2022-10-25 at 1.27.02 PM.png;Screen Shot 2022-10-25 at 1.14.12 PM.png;8787 W. Venice project.pdf;**

Dear Building and Safety,

This is my first time writing to city planning and I am not sure to whom I should contact regarding my neighbors and my concerns for the building project proposed in our neighborhood of mostly single family one story homes.

I have spoken with most of my neighbors and I have composed the attached letter with most of their concerns. As we live on the Newport - Inglewood Fault line, we are very concerned for such a large double 6 story building with 4 floors under grade going up and how it could rupture the fault harming the houses on our street.

Can you advise us on where to direct our concerns for this project?

Thanks so much,  
Heather Leikin  
owner of 3158 Hutchison Ave., Los Angeles, 90034

<https://tinyurl.com/8787venice>  
<https://tinyurl.com/8787petition>



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## Search

### ▼ Address/Legal

Site Address	8787 W VENICE BLVD
ZIP Code	<u>90034</u>
PIN Number	123B169 1049
Lot/Parcel Area (Calculated)	2,500.5 (sq ft)
Thomas Brothers Grid	PAGE 632 - GRID H7
Assessor Parcel No. (APN)	<u>4312006041</u>
Tract	TR 5500
Map Reference	M B 60-42
Block	None
Lot	92
Arb (Lot Cut Reference)	None
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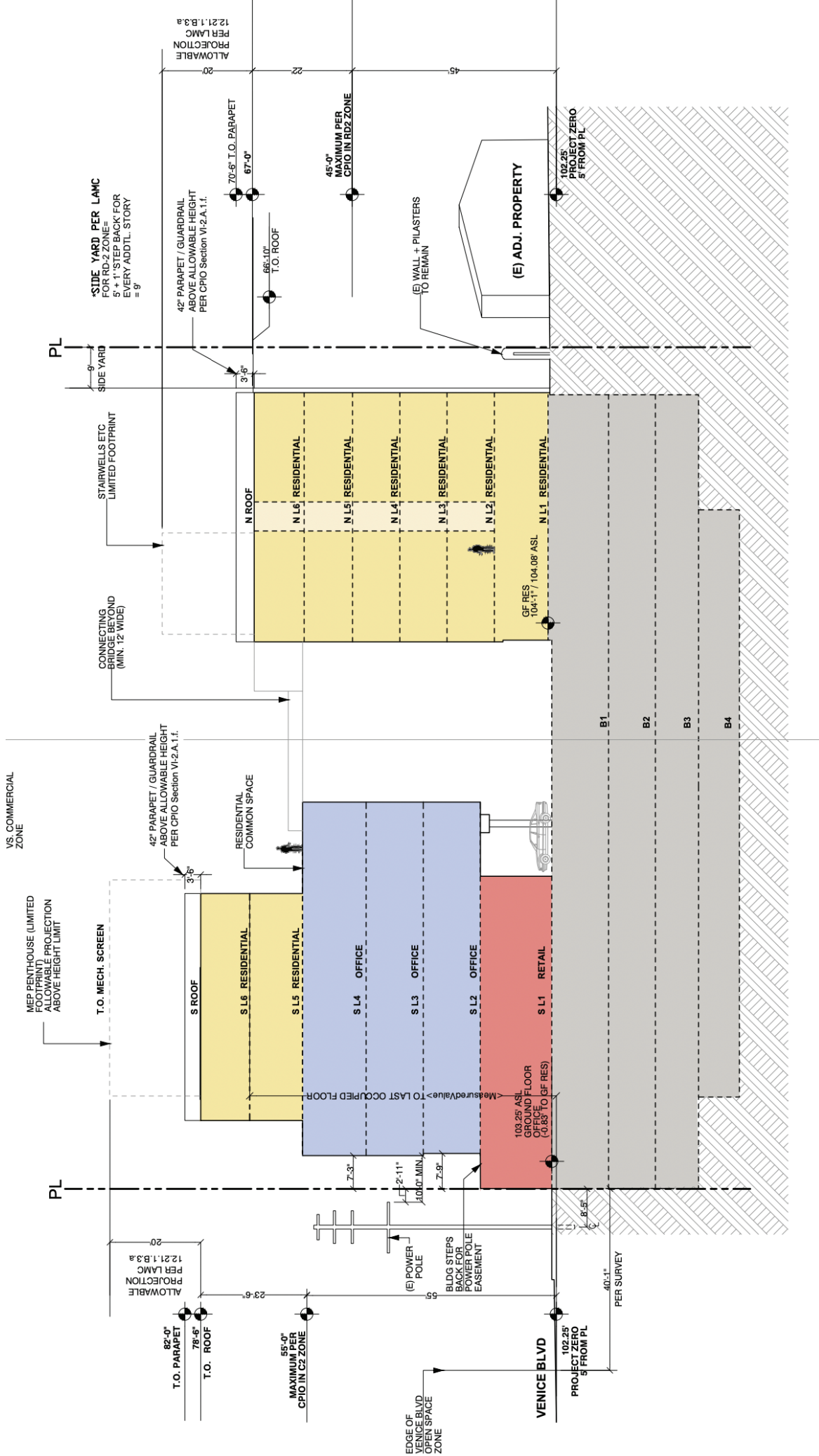
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#### Active Fault Near-Source Zone

Nearest Fault (Distance in km)	Within Fault Zone
Nearest Fault (Name)	Newport - Inglewood Fault Zone (Onshore)
Region	Transverse Ranges and Los Angeles Basin
Fault Type	B
Slip Rate (mm/year)	1.00000000
Slip Geometry	Right Lateral - Strike Slip
Slip Type	Poorly Constrained
Down Dip Width (km)	13.00000000
Rupture Top	0.00000000
Rupture Bottom	13.00000000
Dip Angle (degrees)	90.00000000
Maximum Magnitude	7.10000000
Alquist-Priolo Fault Zone	<u>Yes</u>
Landslide	No
Liquefaction	<u>Yes</u>
Preliminary Fault Rupture Study Area	No



Oct 17, 2022

Dear Soro Neighborhood Council,

For the first time, one week ago, the neighbors in the Helms Neighborhood were able to see the proposed building plans at 8787 W. Venice Blvd. We had not seen or even heard of this project, much less had time to consider its implications before the SoRo Neighborhood Council voted to approve it.

There is a proposed 6-story building where no buildings at all over 2 stories exist with 73 **one** bedroom apartments with 148,488 sf total in the size (including retail) on a street-to-street lot where mostly single family homes are present in an earthquake fault zone. As a stakeholder in the area, I would like the land use committee to consider the following concerns regarding this development.

1) 2 and 3 bedroom units should be offered: Offering only one bedroom units excludes families, people with disabilities that need caregivers, and professionals that work from home (that need a home office) from living here. This neighborhood is filling up with professional, executive, tech, film oriented jobs that demand more space. This would encourage people to be able to make homes long-term in the area in which they work. Only small one-bedroom units (approx. 600sf with no outdoor space) don't address the needs of our community. It causes people to be more transient as there is no space to grow within their apartments. Please note that the current 1-bedroom apartments in the area at Access and Ivy have many vacancies as they are too small for the price. We do not need more of the same, we need to offer comfortable, spacious, affordable housing for professionals, roommates to share costs, and families so they don't have to commute to work.

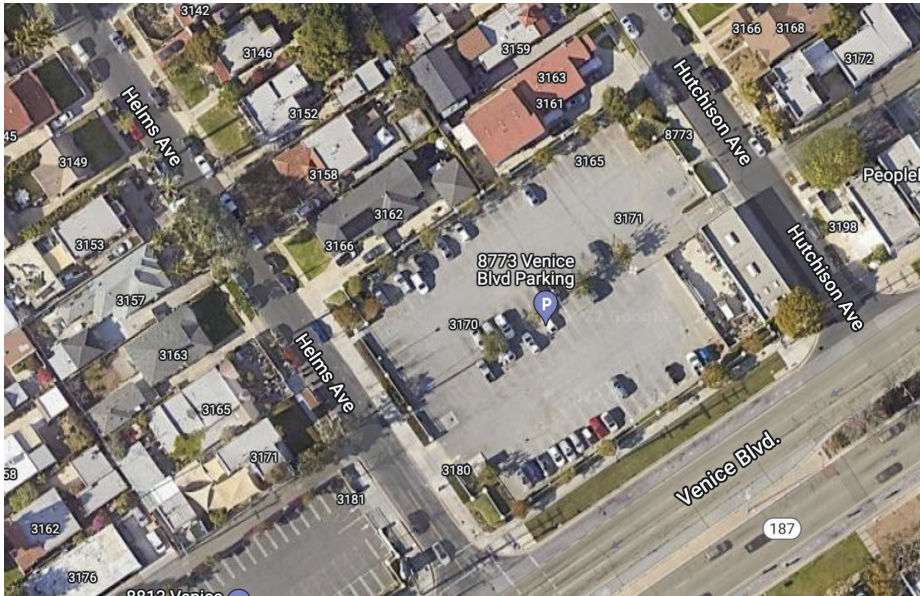


These are very small units with no outdoor space to offer a pleasant quality of life. These units are almost like hotel rooms more than apartments.

Almost 13 units per floor on 6 floors is too much!

2) No bonus density: This project has applied for bonus density, but our streets can't handle it. With our very narrow streets built in the early 1900s as the only ingress and egress, I do not think even ½ of 73 units + retail worth of cars can be served traveling here without backing up substantially onto Venice and the residential streets.





See how little space there is at the corners of the building site? I have to make a three point turn to exit my driveway. It is very tight for just two cars; only one car traveling can pass at a time safely. Additionally, there is a center island on Venice so traffic can only go right at Hutchison, and now that is obstructed with a protected bike lane that forces people turning right to slow Venice's traffic.

NOTE: We are not fighting low income housing at all. We want people to have safe, comfortable, affordable dwellings in Los Angeles. This is not our issue with the building at all. But they need to have 2-3 bedrooms for families, caregivers and expense-sharing for affordability.

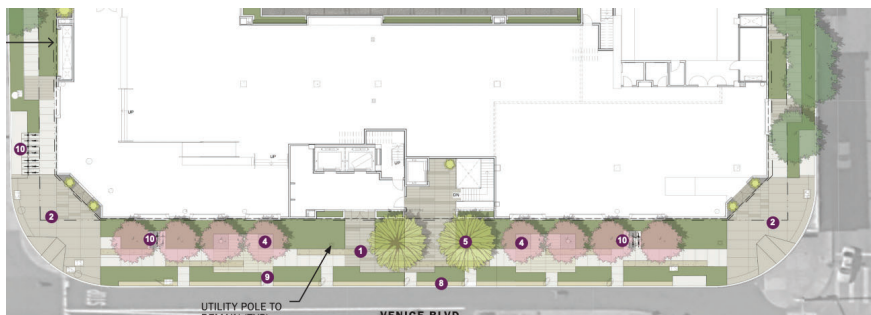
3) Stagger construction: We will also have another construction project already approved at 8833 National that will limit our access (we have only Regent and Venice) and quality of life. Even if you do approve a huge unconforming building such as this, please stagger the construction of these two developments. We will be facing 2 years of construction without access to our streets.

4) Traffic Survey needed: As they are changing the traffic lanes (Venice just added protected bike lane and is considering a bus lane), new projects that have not been fully scaled with tenants (Ivy and Apple have many empty offices, apartments and shops) so it is impossible to know what the traffic impact will be in one year. However, we do know traffic is currently backed up at many points during each day. We have a freeway entrance at Robertson that gets very backed up onto our streets and Hamilton High school which backs up our area when the children go to and from school. Because we are directly affected by the convergences of Venice, Culver, Washington, Robertson, National, this area is nearly unnavigable without the buildings we have being fully occupied.



Look at all of the current large buildings that are not to capacity in the area now. We need a traffic study once they are all built and filled before adding more projects. Note how the streets converge here.

5) Offer community spaces/setbacks: The other projects in the area all offer public spaces for the neighborhood to enjoy. This building has no setbacks on Venice at all. There is no room for a coffee shop with outdoor seating.... There is a dog grooming station, but no place for people to walk those dogs. They are removing the current sidewalk and putting in narrower sidewalks and reducing the parkway: currently this space is where most of the neighbors walk their dogs and play with kids.



6) Ensure affordable or free parking: The cost of the parking will be an issue if it is so expensive that people park on the residential streets to save money. The parking needs to be free for the building with no exceptions. 2 hours free might be an option for the retail.

Because our garages were built behind our houses, before people built fences, very few of us can access our garages, so parking is a big issue. Currently, with very narrow driveways, and lots of cars

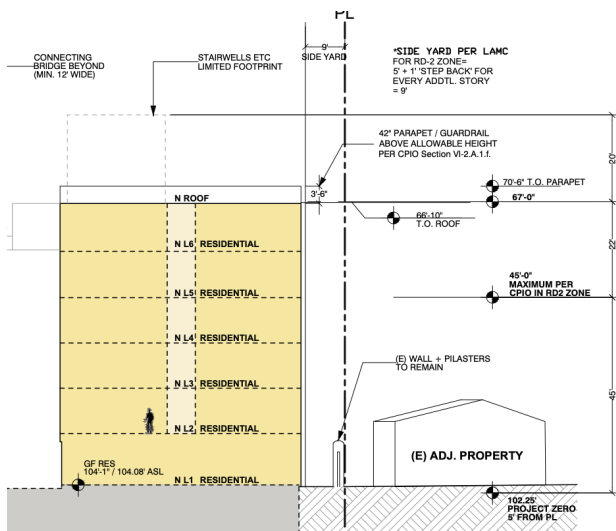


parked on the streets, it can take a 3 point turn just to exit our driveways. Even with permit parking, many times we can't park on our streets at night.

7) No permit parking: Will it be in writing that 73 new residents will not have access to get residential parking permits for our already crowded streets? How can we ensure we get this?

8) Are rentals conforming?: Does it matter to anyone that this area will be going from an area of primarily homeowners and stakeholders in the community to 73 individual people living in 600 sf one bedroom rentals? Is that worth at least a discussion? Please offer larger, more comfortable spaces so that people might stay longer and grow into their homes. Otherwise you can add monthly moving trucks to our traffic flow.

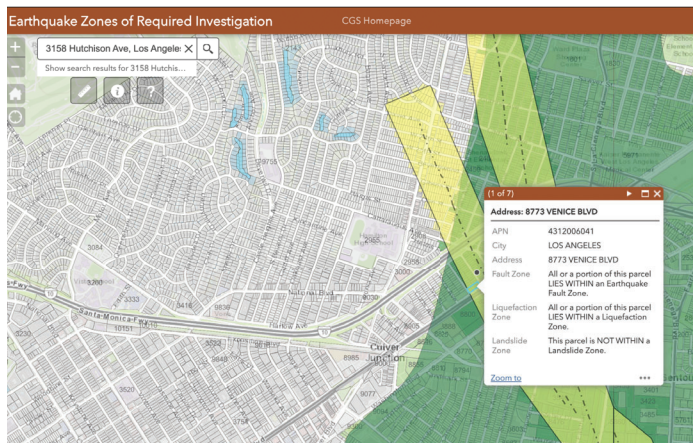
9) Is 6 stories conforming?: Is it worth asking if the renderings showing tiny houses next to a giant building is what this neighborhood is? There are no other buildings in this block over 2 stories. It hurts the look of the jewel of our neighborhood, Helm Bakery, which is 2 stories tall. It is overwhelming to the entire block. It does not conform to this area.



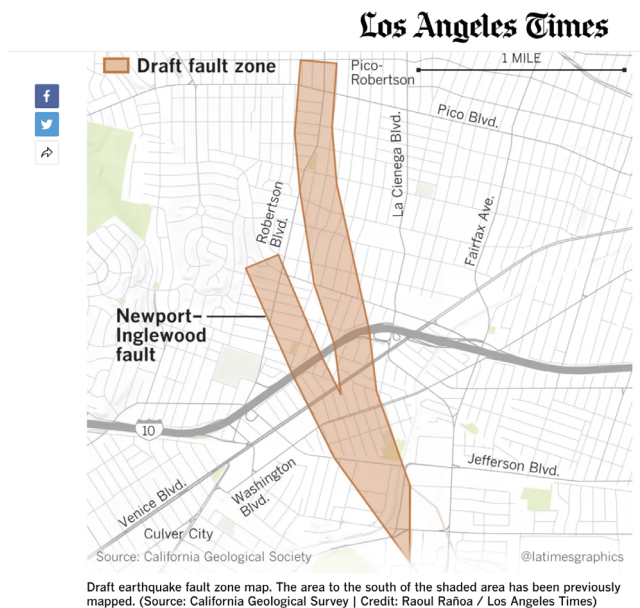
The perspective of this photo doesn't show the full monstrous effect of 6 stories next to a single story house.



10) Earthquake safety: This might be the MOST important factor. There is an earthquake fault line that runs up these streets. Is it safe to put a 6 story building on this site? I would be worried for all that live here and the safety on my street. This building lies within an Earthquake Fault Zone. My tiny house, I am sure I could get out and stand in my yard, but can people living up 6 stories with no outdoor space stand away from a building.... Will digging 3 stories down disturb the fault and cause an earthquake?



<https://www.latimes.com/local/lanow/la-me-ln-newport-inglewood-earthquake-20170321-story.html>



11) Vintage charm: Helms Bakery is a historical landmark and our neighborhood is full of vintage homes built in the 1920s-40s. That is **THE** motivating factor for [people purchasing in the neighborhood](#). This will hurt our property values. We would like to see the building be more conforming and look more similar to its protected landmark neighbor across the street, Helms Bakery. Right now it is very modern and cold glass and will tower over the neighborhood of single story homes.

The Ivy project is red and black on one side to match the building across the street and blue on the other to mirror its neighbor there. It conforms to the buildings around it. This project needs to pay heed to its surroundings as the other projects do. It will reduce the “weight” of our anchor architectural landmark, Helms Bakery, which is two stories tall.

I am not saying, don't do this. There is a lot I love about the project: green roof, automated parking, mixed use, dog grooming station (though no place to walk a dog), drought tolerant landscaping (at least on the parkways- as there are almost no setbacks), no balconies facing neighborhood (but I feel bad for residents with no outdoor space), ride sharing option to discourage car ownership; to name just a few great elements.... But I have serious concerns for the safety, quality of life, and conforming beauty of our neighborhood.

I would love to hear the rest of the thoughts of the neighborhood on this subject.

Sincerely, your neighbor,  
Heather Leikin  
Homeowner at  
3158 Hutchison Ave.,  
Los Angeles, CA 90034

Link to supporting docs: <https://www.soronc.org/committees/viewCommittee/land-use-committee>  
<https://www.soronc.org/committees/viewCommittee/334>

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**Date : 2/24/2023 10:25:33 PM**  
**From : "Hunter Gibson"**  
**To : alfresco.planning@lacity.org**  
**Subject : Do not require parking**

Hello! Feedback on the program: dining space is more important than parking. Los Angeles was made for outdoor dining, and we should prioritize space for humans to enjoy rather than for cars to park.  
Thank you!

Sent from my iPhone

**Date : 2/22/2023 7:43:39 AM**

**From : "Donna Mills"**

**To : [alfresco.planning@lacity.org](mailto:alfresco.planning@lacity.org)**

**Subject : Don't Impose New Red Tape on Al Fresco Dining spaces**

The proliferation of outdoor dining spaces on sidewalks, in parking lots, and streets was one of the few positive things that arose from the pandemic. Aside from being a lifeline for local restaurants, it just makes sense to offer outdoor dining in a climate like ours.

Also: While the pandemic is in a new phase, Covid is not done with us - especially for senior citizens and other folks who are prone to bad outcomes from the virus. My husband and I still choose to dine in safer outdoor spaces. I'm afraid that by imposing expensive fees, new inspections, and other red tape will kill these spaces and close us off again from interacting with friends and other residents of the city.

Please don't do this.

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Donna Schwartz Mills  
Granada Hills, CA

**Date : 3/2/2023 8:23:14 AM**  
**From : "Susie Williams"**  
**To : alfresco.planning@lacity.org**  
**Subject : Don't get rid of outdoor dining!**

Dear Al Fresco,

Please do NOT pass the ordinance re: Outdoor dining.

We LOVE outdoor dining in Los Angeles and San Fernando Valley during the Summer, Spring, Fall and Winter.

We are all trying to get back on our feet financially and emotionally after Covid and outdoor dining helps us appreciate the simple things in life - like nature. Plus some people are more comfortable outdoors because of the fear of getting covid.

Please do not pass this! And **allow us our outdoor dining experience the way it is.**

Thank you,  
S Williams

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**Date : 2/3/2023 11:08:17 AM**  
**From : "Thomas Kneafsey"**  
**To : alfresco.planning@lacity.org**  
**Subject : Draft ordinance for alfresco dining**

I am a long time property owner on Larchmont Blvd, Los Angeles and have witnessed the change that outdoor dining has done for the boulevard. I think it saved the street during Covid and the neighborhood has adapted well to it and would like to see it continue. Weather in Los Angeles is perfect for outdoor dining and something like this should have been allowed much sooner. Now that we have adapted to it we should keep it and improve on the looks of the build out.

Thomas Kneafsey  
200 N Larchmont Blvd.

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***323-463-4220***

**Date : 3/2/2023 7:31:02 AM**  
**From : "DAVID TRAINER"**  
**To : alfresco.planning@lacity.org**  
**Subject : Easy Outdoor Dining Permits!**

Outdoor dining is a great success. Make it permanent, and make the permitting process simple and inexpensive for restaurant owners. Do not create layers of expensive bureaucracy to continue something that already works great! You will jeopardize businesses and destroy one of the few good things to come out of Covid. David Trainer

**Date : 5/21/2022 1:08:57 PM**  
**From : "Chris Parker"**  
**To : "AlFresco.Planning@lacity.org"**  
**Subject : Email list for Permanent Al Fresco Ordinance**  
**Attachment : image001.png;**

Hi Andrew,

Please add my email address to your "interested parties list" for the Permanent Al Fresco Ordinance that is being developed. Thank you.

**CHRIS J. PARKER**  
CEO



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**Date : 1/18/2023 12:35:14 AM**  
**From : "Donna Lauber"**  
**To : AlFresco.Planning@lacity.org**  
**Subject : Food trucks**

I see Los Angeles turning into a third world neighborhood as these Food truck venues begin to creep up into our lake View Terrace, Sylmar and general San Fernando valley areas. They obstruct the public way and attract street racers and other sordid gang types gathering.

Public safety and freedom of movement are effected. They should not be allowed off any main streets, and perhaps any highly traffic areas where necessary.

Ms. Donna Lauber  
Former CD7  
Community Interest Representative

Date : 2/21/2023 4:23:30 PM  
From : "Wendy Feinberg"  
To : alfresco.planning@lacity.org  
Subject : For our restaurants

To Whom it May Concern,

I am writing to oppose the Al Fresco Ordinance, which would make patio dining permanent in Los Angeles.

In theory, it sounds like a good idea, but the new rules and regulations would ultimately put some of my favorite restaurants out of business.

In order to achieve a better community experience, I believe it is vitally important for outdoor dining to thrive in Los Angeles.

Thus, it is in our best interest to make patio dining easy for businesses to implement and maintain, especially in a post-COVID environment.

The Al Fresco Ordinance would place more cumbersome restrictions on local businesses during a time when they are already struggling to recover from the effects of the pandemic.

For this reason, I vehemently oppose this legislation and urge you to reconsider implementing it.

Sincerely,

Wendy Feinberg

**Date : 2/8/2023 12:08:34 PM**  
**From : "Tara Stephenson-Fong"**  
**To : alfresco.planning@lacity.org**  
**Subject : Found Oyster advocacy letter**  
**Attachment : Found Oyster Al Fresco Program.pdf;ATT00002.bin;**

**To:** [alfresco.planning@lacity.org](mailto:alfresco.planning@lacity.org)

**CC:** [info@IHCLA.org](mailto:info@IHCLA.org)

**Subject:** CPC-2022-8179-CA Permanent Al Fresco Program

On behalf of Found Oyster, I am writing to comment on the City of LA Planning Draft Ordinance for a permanent Al Fresco Program. We are in support of a permanent program but the Ordinance requires in most cases a discretionary application filed with the Department of City Planning by means of Conditional Use Permit or Plan Approval. Additionally this ordinance requires a traditional permit through the channels of the Department of Building and Safety. These processes are very expensive and time burdening for the small business community.

Our number one request is to create an ordinance free from inequalities; to make this process accessible to all businesses in lieu of a fortunate few. We can take this opportunity to create a small business food operator friendly application that does not require expensive consultants or architects to gain permits. This can be a program for the people, by the people with built in equity and purpose; to incentivize and activate our streets creating a safer more local economically driven city.

We want this process to be similar to how the current Temporary Al Fresco permit software works taking no more than 20 minutes to apply.

Found Oyster is a super small local restaurant that has a wonderful outdoor space that if taken away, could make the restaurant struggle without it. These local small businesses are struggling to recover from the covid shutdown and with these outdoor spaces that have been able to slowly build back with these outdoor spaces. Don't take that away from them. Found Oyster would be a huge loss if they had to get rid of their outdoor space. For those, like me, who feel safer eating outside being able to keep the outdoor space would make me feel more comfortable.

Tara Stephenson-Fong

**Date : 3/1/2023 2:33:41 PM**  
**From : "George Francisco"**  
**To : "alfresco.planning@lacity.org"**  
**Subject : Fw: Al Fresco Dining**

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**From:** Barry Cassilly <barrycassilly@icloud.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 1, 2023 2:30 PM  
**To:** alfresco@lcity.org <alfresco@lcity.org>; mayor.helpdesk@lacity.org <mayor.helpdesk@lacity.org>; cityclerk@lacity.org <cityclerk@lacity.org>; councilmember.park@lacity.org <councilmember.park@lacity.org>  
**Subject:** Al Fresco Dining

Small non-chain restaurants are one of the vital anchors of community in Los Angeles. Al Fresco dining has enlivened our streets making the connection between dining and the streetscape more immediate, intimate and tangible. The added seating has also served as a lifeline for restaurants struggling through the pandemic and now inflationary pressures.

The draft ordinance was certain to destroy countless small, community centered businesses in Los Angeles. It reflected a bureaucratic mentality divorced from real world conditions. It was not written in cooperation with our small business, community members. It was conceived in autocratic fashion and whatever it's intentions, was an unwieldy, regulation intensive document that as we all know favors deep pocket corporate interests at the expense of independent, small businesses.

Los Angeles should abandon this top heavy, bureaucratic process in general, and reconnect our city services to the needs of our communities. Shredding the draft ordinance in question would be a great place to start.

Some suggestions:

1. Current usage should be grandfathered in. The priority should be protecting what is alive and vibrant and enriching in our communities. Regulations should be fashioned to support current uses, not preempt and discourage them.
2. The restaurants should be the priority, not bureaucratic interests. A single approval should ensure that all city departments, ABC and the Coastal Commission are approving the license. The burden should be on the bureaucracy to do their job and to insure that the process is user focused and user friendly. DO NOT allow bureaucratic interests to operate as independent fiefdoms insisting that businesses kiss the ring of each to be anointed the special privilege of continuing to operate their businesses. When people say, "Unfriendly to Business," this is exactly what they are talking about.

Sincerely,  
Barry Cassilly, Venice

**Date : 2/10/2023 10:49:23 AM**  
**From : "Erienne D. Lee"**  
**To : "alfresco.planning@lacity.org"**  
**Subject : FW: Al Fresco Permit for Bacaro LA**  
**Attachment : Al Fresco dining Permit 2023.pdf;**

Good morning,

I am following up on my email below. It's a time-sensitive matter, so I would greatly appreciate any feedback you could provide.

Thanks!  
Erienne

Erienne Lee, Paralegal/Office Manager  
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**From:** Erienne D. Lee  
**Sent:** Thursday, February 9, 2023 9:41 AM  
**To:** alfresco.planning@lacity.org  
**Subject:** Al Fresco Permit for Bacaro LA

Good morning,

I am writing on behalf of the landlord for the property located at 2308 S Union Ave, Los Angeles CA 90007-1843. The tenant Bacaro LA Restaurant received the attached permit for outdoor dining on private property.

We are reaching out to inquire if this permit requires permission or consent of the landlord? The tenant is currently operating their outdoor dining arrangement but never received permission or consent from the landlord. They are operating based on the consent of the temporary city permit alone.

Additionally, the parking area they are using to operate outdoor dining consists of 5 parking spaces 1 of which is an ADA zoned parking space. Does the city ordinance allow the ADA parking space to be used as an area for outdoor dining?

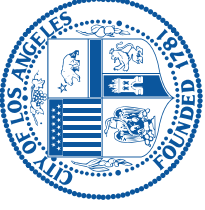
Your assistance on this matter would be greatly appreciated!

Best Regards,

Erienne

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# Temporary Use Authority for Outdoor Dining on:

☒ Sidewalks ☒ Private Property

Bacaro LA

(Restaurant Name)

2308 S Union Ave, Los Angeles CA 90007-1843

(Address)

Daniel

Kronfli

+18186456464

(Contact Name and Phone Number)

850

(Signature)

(Application Number)

## Key Conditions of Authorization:

- A continuous 5-foot pedestrian access route is provided, generally utilizing the most passable portion of the sidewalk.
- The outdoor dining area shall comply with requirements and guidelines from the City of Los Angeles, Los Angeles County Public Health, and all others as applicable.
- Alcoholic beverages may only be served with the approval from the Department of City Planning and the California Department of Alcohol and Beverage Control.

06/09/2020

**DATE ISSUED:**

A copy of this certificate must be displayed on site, adjacent to the temporary outdoor dining area, and visible from the public right-of-way.

**Valid Through: May 31, 2023**



## Sidewalk

The applicant self-certified and agree to the following:

- Restaurant / Business Owner has a minimum \$300,000 liability insurance policy and a valid City of Los Angeles business license.
- A 5-foot wide pedestrian access route shall be maintained for pedestrian access, generally utilizing the most passable portion of the sidewalk.
- I understand that alcoholic beverages may only be served in the public right-of-way with the approval from the Department of City Planning and the California Department of Alcohol and Beverage Control.
- The sidewalk within or adjacent to the dining area shall be maintained in a clean and orderly manner at all times. All food or drink spills, and trash of any kind, must be immediately removed from the sidewalk area.
- The sidewalk dining area shall comply with requirements and guidelines from the City of Los Angeles, Los Angeles County Public Health, and all others as applicable.
- I understand this is an application for temporary authorization. This authorization may be revoked by the City at any time in its sole discretion for any reason including noncompliance, unsafe conditions, or discontinuation of the program.
- Restaurant / Business Owner / Vendor agrees to defend, indemnify and hold the City of Los Angeles harmless for any loss or liability, including but not limited to, damage or injury related to this temporary authorization.
- I have read and agree with the Sidewalk Dining Temporary Use Authority Program Rules and Guidelines available online at <https://engpermitmanual.lacity.org/other-boe-permitsprocesses/technical-procedures/00-la-al-fresco-sidewalk-dining-program-rules-and>

## Private Property

The applicant self-certified and agree to the following:

- Operation must match the character and mode of the existing establishment in regards to alcohol service
- All shade structures or canopies shall only be overhead, without any vertical sides, and shall not exceed 400 square feet in size. Shade structures or canopies larger than 400 square feet shall require permits from the Los Angeles Fire and Building and Safety Departments. Full enclosures are prohibited. Exception: The aggregate area of multiple canopies placed side by side with a fire break clearance of 12 feet between each canopy may exceed 400 square feet total without requiring permits
- All alcohol that is served shall be delivered to tables by employees
- All patrons shall be seated
- All alcohol service shall continue to require Department of City Planning approval. No fixed or portable bar service areas shall be placed in the temporary outdoor dining areas
- All temporary outdoor dining areas shall operate no later than 10:30pm if adjacent to residentially zoned properties or residential uses
- Prohibit music, television monitors, screens and speakers in temporary outdoor dining areas
- Prohibit private events and cover charges in temporary outdoor dining areas
- Prohibit live entertainment, dancing, pool tables, billiard tables, and adult entertainment uses pursuant to LAMC 12.70 in all temporary outdoor dining areas
- Require nightly cleaning of premise, outdoor seating areas, and adjoining sidewalk areas free of debris and litter
- A City-issued identification shall be posted in the temporary outdoor dining area and made clearly visible to the public, indicating that the area is subject to the requirements and restrictions of the LA AI Fresco Program. This shall include a telephone number and an email address shall be provided for complaints or concerns regarding the operation of the temporary outdoor dining area
- Exits from proposed outdoor dining areas must be provided with direct, unobstructed access to the public right of way
- Fire apparatus access roads must remain unobstructed
- Immediate access to Fire Department connections shall be maintained without obstructions

- Tables shall be arranged so that the seating edges of adjacent tables are not less than 54 inches apart. Rectangular tables arranged to accommodate seating on one side only shall have not less than 36 inches between adjacent table edges
- A minimum of 5% of outdoor seating spaces must be accessible
- Aisles between tables and chairs must be 44-inch minimum width
- A clear space of 36-inch minimum must be provided behind accessible seating spaces
- This approval constitutes a temporary use authorization for outdoor dining areas for the duration of the Mayoral order, subject to additional extensions by Mayoral order
- At the expiration of this order, all temporary uses granted under this emergency order shall be subject to standard building and zoning codes and procedures
- LADBS and LAFD (Public Assemblage Unit) shall have the authority to inspect and enforce conditions and may revoke any temporary use authorization for non-compliance with subject operating conditions

**Date : 1/26/2023 1:44:52 PM**  
**From : "Bonnie Kim"**  
**To : [alfresco.planning@lacity.org](mailto:alfresco.planning@lacity.org), "Hagu Solomon-Cary"**  
**Subject : Fwd: 2/2/23 Ventura PRB Mtg - Al Fresco**

FYI - forwarding some questions from the Ventura PRB.



**Bonnie Kim**  
City Planner  
**Los Angeles City Planning**

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From: **Florence Blecher** <[fmbletcher@gmail.com](mailto:fmbletcher@gmail.com)>  
Date: Thu, Jan 26, 2023 at 1:40 PM  
Subject: Re: 2/2/23 Ventura PRB Mtg - Al Fresco  
To: Adrineh Melkonian <[adrineh.melkonian@lacity.org](mailto:adrineh.melkonian@lacity.org)>, Nash Erin  
<[erin.nash@lacity.org](mailto:erin.nash@lacity.org)>  
Cc: Kim Bonnie <[bonnie.kim@lacity.org](mailto:bonnie.kim@lacity.org)>,  
>

Without hearing the presentation by Bonnie, Mary et al, it is impossible to formulate pertinent questions other than the OBVIOUS questions to this PRB.

—How will they compensate for the loss of available parking (replaced by outdoor dining areas) for restaurant & other Boulevard patrons? 5+5+5+5+5+5... adds up to a LOT of lost parking spaces.

--How will deficient parking be calculated should this ordinance become permanent?

—How will Planning & applicants compensate for the loss of revenue to the 523 Fund for lost required off-site parking?

—Will the City receive “rental” fee compensation for the use of the public right of way by private businesses & if so, how much & for how long? (Those fees could become compensation for lost 523 income.)

I reserve the right to ask additional questions based on issue arising in the presentation.

Florence

**Date : 10/5/2022 12:57:53 PM**  
**From : "ato paulo" <701fls@gmail.com>**  
**To : Alfresco.planning@lacity.org**  
**Subject : Fwd: 5671 W. Pico blvd 90019**  
**Attachment : 8BE507EC-DB9F-4E33-BD45-C10421F343EC.jpeg;**

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From: **ato paulo** <[701fls@gmail.com](mailto:701fls@gmail.com)>  
Date: Friday, September 30, 2022  
Subject: 5671 W. Pico blvd 90019  
To: [Alfresco.planning@lacity.org](mailto:Alfresco.planning@lacity.org)

Hello

I am a resident in the area. I am asking if this business has the right to take over a public sidewalk for their business use.

Please contact me at this email or call 949-566-5467 Michael Sullivan.

I will also be contact the mayors office and my local representative.

I look forward to hearing back from you.

Thank you kindly





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Coffee  
Breakfast  
Lunch  
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**Date : 2/17/2023 12:41:53 PM**  
**From : "LA Al Fresco"**  
**To : [alfresco.planning@lacity.org](mailto:alfresco.planning@lacity.org)**  
**Subject : Fwd: al fresco dining**

Please see below public comment on the ordinance.

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From: **Les Frost** <[lesfro@gmail.com](mailto:lesfro@gmail.com)>  
Date: Tue, Feb 14, 2023 at 9:57 AM  
Subject: al fresco dining  
To: <[alfresco@lacity.org](mailto:alfresco@lacity.org)>

I know a new ordinance regarding outside, sidewalk seating for restaurants is under consideration. I want to strongly urge that this dining continue to be permitted without undo costs and paperwork for restaurants. We want our neighborhood cafes and eating establishments to be able to stay in business as they offer dining options within walking distance of our home.

Thanks for listening.

*Les W. Frost*

2208 Patricia Avenue  
Rancho Park, CA 90064  
310-470-0613 (home)

**Date : 2/8/2023 12:05:33 PM**  
**From : "LA Al Fresco"**  
**To : [alfresco.planning@lacity.org](mailto:alfresco.planning@lacity.org)**  
**Subject : Fwd: Al Fresco**

A comment from the public regarding the proposed Permanent Al Fresco is being forwarded to you. Thank you

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From: **Jared is your friend** <[jared@thefriendbar.com](mailto:jared@thefriendbar.com)>  
Date: Tue, Feb 7, 2023 at 9:57 AM  
Subject: Al Fresco  
To: <[alfresco@lacity.org](mailto:alfresco@lacity.org)>

On behalf of The Friend, The Roger Room, The Brig and Nueva, I am writing to comment on the City of Los Angeles Draft Ordinance for a permanent Al Fresco Program. We are in support of a permanent program but the Ordinance requires in most cases a discretionary application filed with the Department of City Planning by means of Conditional Use Permit or Plan Approval. Additionally this ordinance requires a traditional permit through the channels of the Department of Building and Safety. These processes are very expensive and time burdening for the small business community.

Our number one request is to create an ordinance free from inequalities; to make this process accessible to all businesses in lieu of a fortunate few. We can take this opportunity to create a small business food operator friendly application that does not require expensive consultants or architects to gain permits. This can be a program for the people, by the people with built in equity and purpose; to incentivise and activate our streets creating a safer more local economically driven city.

We want this process to be similar to how the current Temporary Al Fresco permit software works taking no more than 20 minutes to apply.

This program is a critical piece for ongoing success for hundreds, maybe thousands of businesses in Los Angeles.

Sincerely,

Jared Meisler

[alfresco@lacity.org](mailto:alfresco@lacity.org)



**Date : 2/23/2023 5:16:37 PM**  
**From : "Bonnie Kim"**  
**To : "Alfresco Planning"**  
**Subject : Fwd: Alfresco Program - Interview & Full INformation needed**

FYI, another comment for the record.



**Bonnie Kim**  
City Planner  
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From: **Tricia La Belle** <[tricia@glaha.org](mailto:tricia@glaha.org)>  
Date: Thu, Feb 23, 2023 at 2:49 PM  
Subject: Re: Alfresco Program - Interview & Full INformation needed  
To: Emma Howard <[emma.howard@lacity.org](mailto:emma.howard@lacity.org)>, Bonnie Kim  
<[bonnie.kim@lacity.org](mailto:bonnie.kim@lacity.org)>, <[councilmember.soto-martinez@lacity.org](mailto:councilmember.soto-martinez@lacity.org)>

Dear Emma, Bonnie and I've included Council-member Hugo Soto-Martinez on this thread as well.

GLAHA will be sending in a letter regarding our comments to what has been proposed. There should be no planning, LADBS or DOT 'process'. The Alfresco program has been in place now for nearly 2 yrs with overwhelming success and acceptance by the majority of Los Angeles residents, which should eliminate any need for public opinion and the can of worms that opens for ALL of us. The city should also be a partner in making the alfresco program a permanent fixture by contributing painted concrete barriers, festive lighting and maintaining their sidewalks and streets for all. In addition, if what any restaurant owner has implemented is working in their community, then there should be no restrictions on how many seats they can or are providing. While we all agree that limiting such usage should be for restaurant dining only. The business owner should only be on the hook for a nominal yearly fee, and maintaining cleanliness of the area.

Not only did the alfresco program save many restaurants who had the ability to participate in the program from closing, it is now saving these very same restaurants to be able to meet the insane rising in labor costs, insurance costs that have tripled in this state, but also food costs, service costs that have tripled, tax increase and repairs through the increased seating.

Restaurants are the number one job creator in this state and an important cultural need for our communities well being and health.

Our city is long over due for a city council to step up and be more pro-active in

supporting not only their voters but their businesses in their communities as well. A balance has to be aligned for all of us to live in healthy vibrant neighborhoods and prosper well enough to live in this city.

I welcome the opportunity to work with your office and planning to draft a fair and balanced ordinance.

Thank you.

Sincerely, Tricia La Belle

On 2/23/2023 10:34 AM, Emma Howard wrote:

Tricia, Bonnie Kim cced here is the project lead on the Al Fresco Ordinance. I'm sure she'd be happy to answer any additional specific questions.

Take care,  
Emma



Emma G. Howard (*she/her*)  
Planning Director,  
Council District 13  
Councilmember Soto-Martinez  
200 N. Spring Street  
Los Angeles, CA 90012

On Wed, Feb 22, 2023 at 2:56 PM Emma Howard

<[emma.howard@lacity.org](mailto:emma.howard@lacity.org)> wrote:

Hi Tricia, the staff at LA City Planning are the specialists on this ordinance, and I'd be happy to connect you to their team so you can ask in depth questions- as a council office our role is to review the final approved ordinances at the City Planning Commission and through the Council process. The Al Fresco ordinance isn't yet to the CPC so its in draft format and not yet finalized. May I connect you to them?

Emma

PS This is the site where most of the information about the current draft status is housed: <https://planning.lacity.org/plans-policies/outdoor-dining>



Emma G. Howard (*she/her*)  
Planning Director,  
Council District 13  
Councilmember Soto-Martinez  
200 N. Spring Street  
Los Angeles, CA 90012

On Wed, Feb 22, 2023 at 2:51 PM Tricia La Belle  
<[Tricia@glaha.org](mailto:Tricia@glaha.org)> wrote:

Hi Emma,

Dan Halden gave me your contact. I am the president of The Greater Los Angeles Hospitality Association. Tonight I have a live interview on the Alfresco subject and as you know it's all over the place. I am also a restaurant owner who has taken meters and sidewalk for Alfresco in Atwater Village... which has been a huge success for our community and saving my restaurant through some dark times and through incredible rising costs to do business.... it's saving my life!

Before I do this interview tonight, as the president of GLAHA, I want to be as informed as possible to be able to provide a balanced interview the supports and expresses both our city's prospective and the restaurateurs. Might you have a couple of minutes to chat with me today about both the private and public ordinances the city is considering so that I am fully informed for my interview tonight.

Thanks so much ~Tricia

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The Greater Los Angeles Hospitality Association  
PO Box 27718  
Los Angeles, California 90027  
c> 818.642.7391

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Sincerely ~ Tricia La Belle  
The Greater Los Angeles Hospitality Association

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**Date : 2/8/2023 7:05:13 PM**  
**From : "LA Al Fresco"**  
**To : [alfresco.planning@lacity.org](mailto:alfresco.planning@lacity.org)**  
**Subject : Fwd: Comment for Planning Case No. CPC-2022-8179-CA**

Please see below public comment.

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From: **Jonathan Jae-an Crisman** <[alphabetical@gmail.com](mailto:alphabetical@gmail.com)>  
Date: Wed, Feb 8, 2023 at 6:32 PM  
Subject: Comment for Planning Case No. CPC-2022-8179-CA  
To: <[alfresco.planning@lacity.org](mailto:alfresco.planning@lacity.org)>, [alfresco@lacity.org](mailto:alfresco@lacity.org) <[alfresco@lacity.org](mailto:alfresco@lacity.org)>

To whom it may concern,

I wanted to speak up in favor of al fresco dining, but AGAINST the proposed ordinance as it is currently written (Planning Case No. CPC-2022-8179-CA). I don't understand why you need to take something that is working -- the temporary Al Fresco program -- and then layer on a bunch of unnecessary bureaucracy, fees, and delays. Why not just permanently extend the temporary program? The al fresco dining areas are a public good because they make sidewalks more walkable, support local businesses, and improve the quality of life in LA. The proposed ordinance, among other things, yet again protects cars and parking over pedestrians, diners, and everyday streetlife.

We already have a housing crisis that is the product of a million tiny reasons, one of which is that city planning, building & safety, and other permitting agencies are overburdened with all of this bureaucracy as well -- it takes too long to receive approvals for building, let alone this newly proposed process, and arguably this new ordinance would further contribute to the impossibility of development, building, and business in Los Angeles, and further exacerbate our housing crisis.

I think that any permanent al fresco ordinance should allow for permitting that is AT MINIMUM fast, easy, and free. It should work like the current process which can be done in 20 minutes by a business owner. Please revise this ridiculous proposed ordinance so that it facilitates an improved quality of life in LA, instead of being a barrier to al fresco dining.

Best,  
Jonathan Crisman  
Highland Park

**Date : 2/8/2023 7:55:56 PM**  
**From : "LA Al Fresco"**  
**To : [alfresco.planning@lacity.org](mailto:alfresco.planning@lacity.org)**  
**Subject : Fwd: Comment Re: Al Fresco - Please limit seat count to pre-Covid levels!**

Please see public comment below.

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From: **Jake Mathews** <[jake@9mileinvestments.com](mailto:jake@9mileinvestments.com)>  
Date: Wed, Feb 8, 2023 at 7:50 PM  
Subject: Comment Re: Al Fresco - Please limit seat count to pre-Covid levels!  
To: <[alfresco@lacity.org](mailto:alfresco@lacity.org)>

Hi. I'm a restaurant owner in Venice, CA. I believe the #1 flaw in the Al Fresco program is that it allows restaurants to increase seat count without any limitations. I know of a number of restaurants that have used Al Fresco to double or triple their seat count. This actually hurts small businesses and it hurts small restaurants. Please limit the total number of seats each restaurant can have to their pre-Covid levels. Alternatively, consider allowing restaurants to increase seating by 10% or 20% but more than that creates too much new capacity. Before COVID the number of seats in each restaurant was meeting the needs of Los Angeles diners. My restaurant was doing fine. Since COVID there is so much competition from all of the new outdoor seating our business is way down. Again, no problem for restaurants to move their existing seats outdoors but please don't let them expand capacity without limits. It creates unfair winners and losers if there is not a cap on the number of seats each restaurant can add. Thank you for your consideration.

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**Jake Mathews**

**Date : 2/8/2023 7:06:30 PM**  
**From : "LA Al Fresco"**  
**To : [alfresco.planning@lacity.org](mailto:alfresco.planning@lacity.org)**  
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Date: Wed, Feb 8, 2023 at 6:47 PM  
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Formal comment:

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Please consider that by going forward in this manner you are putting at great risk neighborhoods, communities, and economic growth. The timing is particularly bad given that many PPE loans are coming due, making it even more difficult for these restaurants to stay in business. You are also endangering the ability of immunocompromised individuals such as myself, post cancer and Type 1 Diabetic, to be an active member of my community, to celebrate personal milestones at the neighborhood and city restaurants I love; I cannot and do not eat indoors, and for many like me it would put their very lives at risk.

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**From : "Planning Help Desk"**  
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Hi -

On behalf of Found Oyster, I am writing to comment on the City of LA Planning Draft Ordinance for a permanent Al Fresco Program. We are in support of a permanent program but the Ordinance requires in most cases a discretionary application filed with the Department of City Planning by means of Conditional Use Permit or Plan Approval. Additionally this ordinance requires a traditional permit through the channels of the Department of Building and Safety. These processes are very expensive and time burdening for the small business community.

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Thank you,  
Erika



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To: <[alfresco@lacity.org](mailto:alfresco@lacity.org)>  
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On behalf of Arts District Brewing Company, Wurstkuche, The Pie Hole, Eat Drink Americano, Pali Wine, Breadlam, Yunomi, Prince Street Pizza, Little Bear, Tony's Saloon, and countless other small bars and restaurants in our corner of Los Angeles and beyond, I am writing to comment on the City of LA Planning Draft Ordinance for a permanent Al Fresco Program. We are in support of a permanent program but the Ordinance requires in most cases a discretionary application filed with the Department of City Planning by means of Conditional Use Permit or Plan Approval. Additionally this ordinance requires a traditional permit through the channels of the Department of Building and Safety. **These processes are very expensive and time burdening for the small business community.**

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With the amount of time it takes for the City of Los Angeles to complete the normal permitting process(which is already long, tedious, and expensive) adding 10,000s of new applications would create an enormous backlog which the current infrastructure of the permitting department is not capable of handling. This will only lead to further lead times and delays in inspections/reinspections/hearings/processing, which many small restaurants will not be able to wait out, in effect forcing many independent small businesses to wither on the vine while they wait their turn indefinitely.

**The current proposal will not only force the closure of many of these small businesses, which are currently thriving and providing a necessary service to their communities, but will also necessitate an untold amount of taxpayer dollars to expand an already inefficient and overworked bureaucracy.**

Cheers,

Bobby Downs  
General Manager  
Arts District Brewing Company  
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To: <[alfresco@lacity.org](mailto:alfresco@lacity.org)>  
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Kindly,

**Pierluc Dallaire**  
Director Of Operations - Botanica Restaurant & Market  
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**Date : 2/8/2023 5:21:48 PM**  
**From : "Summer McQuoid"**  
**To : alfresco.planning@lacity.org**  
**Subject : Fwd: CPC-2022-8179-CA Permanent Al Fresco Program**

Good Evening,

I am reaching out as a resident of Los Angeles. I am in support of a permanent Al Fresco program. This program has kept many of our loved restaurants open during the COVID shutdown. We are still seeing effects of the pandemic shutdown, including high food prices and shortages. I support the opportunity for all businesses to be able to apply. I understand that these processes are very expensive and time-burdening for small businesses. I support the business' request to create an ordinance free from inequalities; to make this process accessible to all businesses. I support their efforts to create a process to be similar to how the current Temporary Al Fresco permit works.

Thank you,  
Summer

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**Subject : Fwd: CPC-2022-8179-CA Permanent Al Fresco Program**  
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To: <[alfresco@lacity.org](mailto:alfresco@lacity.org)>  
Cc: <[info@ihcla.org](mailto:info@ihcla.org)>

Best Regards,

Jeffrey Birkmeyer  
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**CC:** [info@IHCLA.org](mailto:info@IHCLA.org)

**Subject:** CPC-2022-8179-CA Permanent AI Fresco Program

On behalf of Analog Construction, I am writing to comment on the City of LA Planning Draft Ordinance for a permanent AI Fresco Program. We are in support of a permanent program but the Ordinance requires in most cases a discretionary application filed with the Department of City Planning by means of Conditional Use Permit or Plan Approval. Additionally this ordinance requires a traditional permit through the channels of the Department of Building and Safety. These processes are very expensive and time burdening for the small business community.

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It is important to the survival of restaurants in Los Angeles that this type of seating becomes ubiquitous. The fact that it took a pandemic to spur this city into loosening the restrictions around al fresco dining, in a city renowned for its weather, is evidence of the need to simplify the procedures around securing these permits. Anything more complicated will set the city and business back 10 years.

Best Regards,



Jeffrey Birkmeyer – President  
Analog Construction

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Subject: CPC-2022-8179-CA Permanent Al Fresco Program  
To: <[alfresco@lacity.org](mailto:alfresco@lacity.org)>

On behalf of myself and Last Word Hospitality, I am writing to comment on the City of LA Planning Draft Ordinance for a permanent Al Fresco Program. We are in support of a permanent program but the Ordinance requires in most cases a discretionary application filed with the Department of City Planning by means of Conditional Use Permit or Plan Approval. Additionally this ordinance requires a traditional permit through the channels of the Department of Building and Safety. These processes are very expensive and time burdening for the small business community. The smaller the business, the less likely they will be to benefit from this program - and the smallest businesses need this the most.

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Best,

-Adam Weisblatt

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To: <[alfresco@lacity.org](mailto:alfresco@lacity.org)>

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On behalf of David Wick, I am writing to comment on the City of LA Planning Draft Ordinance for a permanent Al Fresco Program. We are in support of a permanent program but the Ordinance requires in most cases a discretionary application filed with the Department of City Planning by means of Conditional Use Permit or Plan Approval. Additionally this ordinance requires a traditional permit through the channels of the Department of Building and Safety. These processes are very expensive and time burdening for the small business community.

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Best regards,

David Wick  
Architect/Leed AP  
Wick Architecture & Design

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To: <[alfresco@lacity.org](mailto:alfresco@lacity.org)>  
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On behalf of Mosaic Wine Alliance I am writing to comment on the City of LA Planning Draft Ordinance for a permanent Al Fresco Program. We are in support of a permanent program but the Ordinance requires in most cases a discretionary application filed with the Department of City Planning by means of Conditional Use Permit or Plan Approval. Additionally this ordinance requires a traditional permit through the channels of the Department of Building and Safety. These processes are very expensive and time burdening for the small business community.

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Thank you for your time,

Jordana Brundage

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Cheers!



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As the owner of Botanica Restaurant in Silver Lake, Los Angeles, I am writing to comment on the City of LA Planning Draft Ordinance for a permanent Al Fresco Program. We are in support of a permanent program, but the Ordinance requires in most cases a discretionary application filed with the Department of City Planning by means of Conditional Use Permit or Plan Approval. Additionally, this ordinance requires a traditional permit through the channels of the Department of Building and Safety. These processes are *very expensive and time burdening* for the small business community.

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Thank you,  
Heather Sperling, Botanica Restaurant

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Heather Sperling  
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Thank you for your attention to this matter

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From: **Holly Fox** <[holly@lw-h.com](mailto:holly@lw-h.com)>  
Date: Wed, Feb 8, 2023 at 7:19 PM  
Subject: CPC-2022-8179-CA Permanent Al Fresco Program  
To: LA Al Fresco <[alfresco@lacity.org](mailto:alfresco@lacity.org)>  
Cc: Independent Hospitality Coalition <[ihcla@wildapricot.org](mailto:ihcla@wildapricot.org)>

Hello,

I would like to submit additional comments for consideration as the city makes strides to codify Al Fresco.

Across city departments, it seems that there is a lack of empathy and possibly understanding for what any small business owner really has to go through to open and operate a restaurant in Los Angeles.

Looking at this draft ordinance and seeing that this is only a small piece of a much larger multi-step approval process to be able to serve guests outside is incredibly disheartening.

As City Planning looks at how to permanently codify the al fresco ordinance, layering in another expensive, time-consuming, burdensome process only hurts the smallest among us. City Planning should be making efforts to keep this as simple as possible and beyond today, we should be looking at how to simplify the development process across city departments.

We live in one of the most vibrant cities in the world and we should be doing all we can as a city to support diversity and independent development.

I am in the midst of trying to help open three very small restaurants across Los Angeles, all of which are approaching two year project timelines from the time of lease signing - exclusively due to the sluggish delays with approvals, plan submissions, hearings and permits from nearly a dozen departments. The city has created an environment where the only tool to fight through the tape is extraordinary access to money.

We need to be fostering small business development and supporting ease of use for common sense applications like outdoor dining.

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**Date : 3/1/2023 8:57:10 PM**  
**From : "Suzanne Rosenblatt"**  
**To : alfresco.planning@lacity.org**  
**Subject : Fwd: CPC-2022-8179CA**

Suzanne Rosenblatt, LMFT  
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213-598-7442(mobile)

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**From:** Suzanne Rosenblatt <suzrosen@icloud.com>  
**Date:** March 1, 2023 at 4:59:03 PM PST  
**To:** alfrescoplanning@lacity.org  
**Subject:** CPC-2022-8179CA

To whom it may concern:

Outdoor dining has been a wonderful addition to dining in Los Angeles. To create a difficult permitting process for restaurants, which is vital on so many levels of the economy, seems fool-hardy, anti-small business and actually dangerous to us older residents who prefer outdoor dining, due to our possible exposure and vulnerability to illness if we dine indoors. My family strongly encourages you to moderate the proposed requirements and minimize the time and effort, including a ridiculous structure of permits, which are currently up for discussion by city planning.

I am a 4th generation Angeleno and have been thrilled to see how outdoor dining has enhanced to vitality of the city. We have no connection to the restaurant business not does anyone in our family.

Thank you for your consideration.

Suzanne Rosenblatt Buhai and Jeff Buhai  
454 S Irving Blvd  
Los Angeles 90020  
213-598-7442(mobile)

**Date : 2/13/2023 9:14:00 AM**  
**From : "Bonnie Kim"**  
**To : [alfresco.planning@lacity.org](mailto:alfresco.planning@lacity.org)**  
**Subject : Fwd: Draft Al Fresco Ordinance**

Please add this comment to the tracking sheet.



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From: **Lisa Sarkin** <[lssarkin@gmail.com](mailto:lssarkin@gmail.com)>

Date: Mon, Feb 13, 2023 at 9:08 AM

Subject: Draft Al Fresco Ordinance

To: Bonnie Kim <[bonnie.kim@lacity.org](mailto:bonnie.kim@lacity.org)>,  
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Cc: Kathy Delle Donne <[kadedo@earthlink.net](mailto:kadedo@earthlink.net)>, Alan Dymond  
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<[tiffany.zeytounian@lacity.org](mailto:tiffany.zeytounian@lacity.org)>

Dear Ms. Kim and Ms. Richardson,

I am currently an appointee to the Ventura/Cahuenga Boulevard Corridor Specific Plan Review Board. I was a member of the Studio City Neighborhood Council Board Member from 2007-2016, and served as Land Use Chair, Vice President and President. I have lived in Studio City almost all my life. I've been around for many, many ordinance discussions. I have used the term many times "ONE SIZE DOES NOT FIT ALL" before, but this really must be included if this Ordinance actually gets to the City Council.

Studio City's section of Ventura Boulevard is unique from the rest of the Corridor. There are several curves, it is very narrow with little opportunity to widen because it is stuck between the hillside and the river channel and our neighborhoods back up or face the Corridor. There are numerous other issues causing quality of life problems and safety problems which I will list below:

1. Most of our sidewalks are substandard;
2. There are tree wells covering the 3 ½ miles within Studio City;
3. There are almost no circulation streets;
4. The alleys are not maintained by the City;
5. Most of the hillside and flat streets have restricted parking;
6. The hillside streets are substandard;
7. The river is a giant megaphone both North and South.

Our stakeholders have put up with the current AI Fresco Dining because, of course, we want the restaurants to thrive. Most restaurants have valet parking, but without our parking lots, there is no place for them to park the cars and actually, their cars too. The valets illegally make U-turns around the medians or the middle of the street and hold up traffic when taking and returning cars for diners. On Tujunga Avenue, with the street parking half removed for street dining and the structures allowed in the parking lots, it is very dangerous for pedestrians and stakeholders crossing the street in the middle.

The sidewalks are so crowded two pedestrians must walk in a single line to get past the tables, planters and diners waiting for a table.

One of my worst issues is that there is no enforcement of the current situation and I highly doubt that the Departments involved with the AI Fresco Ordinance have the staff or budget to enforce it. Currently, all Departments are far behind in enforcement, if it is possible to get staff to inspect and follow through with a hearing at all.

As for the noise level, the police do not enforce the Noise Ordinance. At the North Hollywood Police Department, if you call you are told it is closed or the wait time for anyone to answer can take 2 hours.

My final point (even though I could go on and on) will be the BY-RIGHT legalization of the AI Fresco Ordinance. This will allow a proprietor to skip the Neighborhood Councils and community input. It makes no sense to me that permits, etc. will be required, with no oversight of the affected area.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

**Date : 2/17/2023 12:45:05 PM**  
**From : "LA Al Fresco"**  
**To : [alfresco.planning@lacity.org](mailto:alfresco.planning@lacity.org)**  
**Subject : Fwd: End of Al Fresco Dining in Los Angeles**

Please see below public comment on the ordinance.

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From: **Sharon Rosas** <[sharronbeth@msn.com](mailto:sharronbeth@msn.com)>  
Date: Mon, Feb 13, 2023 at 2:10 PM  
Subject: End of Al Fresco Dining in Los Angeles  
To: [alfresco@lacity.org](mailto:alfresco@lacity.org) <[alfresco@lacity.org](mailto:alfresco@lacity.org)>

**The city has become such a beautiful landscape dotted with creatively made outdoor dining rooms as far as the eye can see. It has become something we all know and love, and might be the one good thing to come out of the pandemic! It would be such a shame to lose this.**

**We have been able to continue to support locally owned and operated restaurants/coffe shops/bake shops who had the ability to pivot to outdoor dining, without being subject to navigating red tape and/or expensive permitting. Please do not add another burden to our beloved Los Angeles Food Industry by enforcing additional obstacles in order to survive/thrive in these precarious economic times**

**Thank you,  
Sharon Richter-Rosas**

Sent from my iPad

**Date : 3/2/2023 4:43:59 PM**  
**From : "LA Al Fresco"**  
**To : "Alfresco Planning"**  
**Subject : Fwd: L.A. NEEDS AL FRESCO DINING!**

Please see below public comment.

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From: **Connie Brooks** <[connie\\_brooks@verizon.net](mailto:connie_brooks@verizon.net)>  
Date: Thu, Mar 2, 2023 at 11:59 AM  
Subject: L.A. NEEDS AL FRESCO DINING!  
To: <[alfresco@lacity.org](mailto:alfresco@lacity.org)>

Dear Decision Makers:

I'm writing to express my concern about the changes being considered to the al fresco dining program that came to mean so much to all Angelenos as we endured the Covid pandemic.

As a member of the Venice Chamber of Commerce and a person who loves dining outside, I ask that you allow for "grandfathering" in the outdoor rights that were granted to restaurants and time-tested during Covid.

While the pandemic dragged on, outdoor dining made it possible for local restaurants to welcome their customers back. It honestly felt like a life-line for all of us. As customers, we could enjoy socializing again and be able to support the local businesses we love. Our restaurants said it literally saved them.

Let's not go backwards, and take down the restaurant owners and staff who were as courageous during the pandemic as all other "front line" workers.

**Please create a single, unified process where one approval of a restaurant's al fresco license ensures the agreement of ALL involved city departments, as well as the ABC and the Coastal Commission. Please make the application process low-cost and in plain language with a single approval inspection – NOT multiple new applications involving multiple agencies and departments.**

Of course every situation is different. But creating a simple, low-cost and all-encompassing permanent solution will help define a baseline that's productive



rather than punitive. Our wonderful and eclectic range of dining establishments make our great city appealing to visitors. And our climate invites outdoor dining nearly all year round. Let's support it!!!

Thank you for your work on this!

Very best,

Connie Brooks, Venice

310-291-5210

**Date : 2/17/2023 12:33:52 PM**  
**From : "LA Al Fresco"**  
**To : [alfresco.planning@lacity.org](mailto:alfresco.planning@lacity.org)**  
**Subject : Fwd: LA Alfresco program**

Please see below public comment on ordinance.

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From: **Laurie Young** <[lolielynn@gmail.com](mailto:lolielynn@gmail.com)>  
Date: Tue, Feb 14, 2023 at 8:35 PM  
Subject: LA Alfresco program  
To: <[alfresco@lacity.org](mailto:alfresco@lacity.org)>

To the city planning department and any other relevant parties:

I have recently read about the proposal to end outdoor dining as it is now, and replace it with an ordinance that would force restaurants to apply for expensive permits. These permits are suggested to cost businesses tens of thousands of dollars, as reported by Eyewitness news.

This sounds like a huge money grab that ignores the fact that so many restaurants are still struggling. And as someone who is immuno-compromised, this will limit my (and many others) options for eating outside.

As much as we all would love to pretend that Covid is over and life can go back to "normal," it is very likely that restaurants will continue to need these outdoor areas indefinitely. Requiring an expensive permit will surely close many businesses.

I urge the city planning department to waive any and all fees for these permits in order to keep these small businesses open. At the very least, create a sliding scale so that the mom & pop diners and cafes will not suffer and be forced to close.

Thank you for your time and attention. Please forward to any other individuals who are able to influence this decision.

Sincerely,  
Laurie Young  
[lolielynn@gmail.com](mailto:lolielynn@gmail.com)  
90064

**Date : 2/17/2023 12:42:40 PM**  
**From : "LA Al Fresco"**  
**To : [alfresco.planning@lacity.org](mailto:alfresco.planning@lacity.org)**  
**Subject : Fwd: LA ALIVE**

Please see below public comment on the ordinance.

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From: **Marilyn Frost** <[frostmarilynj@gmail.com](mailto:frostmarilynj@gmail.com)>  
Date: Tue, Feb 14, 2023 at 9:29 AM  
Subject: Re: LA ALIVE  
To: LA Al Fresco <[alfresco@lacity.org](mailto:alfresco@lacity.org)>

thanks for confirming this... but in speaking with restaurant owners, the concern is about including added costs and requirements that will challenge their ability to stay open.

On Tue, Feb 14, 2023 at 9:13 AM LA Al Fresco <[alfresco@lacity.org](mailto:alfresco@lacity.org)> wrote:  
Hi Marilyn,

Thank you for communicating your support of the L.A. Al Fresco program. The City has no intention of closing this program down, and we are currently developing a permanent permitting pathway for these businesses. If this email is to submit public comment on the proposed Al Fresco Ordinance regarding outdoor dining on private property, let me know I can forward your email into the record.

Thank you,

On Mon, Feb 13, 2023 at 2:19 PM Marilyn Frost <[frostmarilynj@gmail.com](mailto:frostmarilynj@gmail.com)> wrote:

To whom it may concern:

Applause to the city council for allowing restaurants to creatively have outdoor dining spaces during Covid.

Please vote to keep these vibrant spaces alive without further costs or red tape. We have lost far too many restaurants due to Covid of course but also to the overall economic causes.

Al fresco dining across the world has contributed to culture and community and now Los Angeles has joined them.

Sincerely,

Marilyn Frost  
2208 Patricia Ave, Los Angeles, CA 90064

310.470.0613

**Date : 2/17/2023 12:53:52 PM**  
**From : "LA Al Fresco"**  
**To : [alfresco.planning@lacity.org](mailto:alfresco.planning@lacity.org)**  
**Subject : Fwd: LA Outdoor Al Fresco Dining**

Please see below public comment on the ordinance.

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From: **Kimberley Craig** <[kcraig24@sbcglobal.net](mailto:kcraig24@sbcglobal.net)>  
Date: Mon, Feb 13, 2023 at 8:02 AM  
Subject: LA Outdoor Al Fresco Dining  
To: [alfresco@lacity.org](mailto:alfresco@lacity.org) <[alfresco@lacity.org](mailto:alfresco@lacity.org)>

To LA City,

I wanted to voice my concern over Al Fresco Dining possibly ending in Los Angeles. So many of us have relied on this ordinance to be able to enjoy visiting our favorite restaurants and sitting outdoors has enabled us to do so. As the weather warms up with spring and summer coming, sitting at these outdoor restaurants has not only become extremely pleasurable, but also a necessity for those of us that have to be extremely cautious of the health issues that eating indoors can cause.

Please, when it is time for this vote, vote to keep the outdoor Al Fresco spaces open at our City's restaurants.

Sincerely,  
Kim Craig/LA County Resident for 60 years

**Date : 2/14/2023 9:14:47 AM**  
**From : "LA Al Fresco"**  
**To : [alfresco.planning@lacity.org](mailto:alfresco.planning@lacity.org)**  
**Subject : Fwd: LAAlfresco**

Please see below public comment on the ordinance.

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From: **Nancy Simone** <[njsimone2@gmail.com](mailto:njsimone2@gmail.com)>  
Date: Mon, Feb 13, 2023 at 4:17 PM  
Subject: LAAlfresco  
To: <[alfresco@lacity.org](mailto:alfresco@lacity.org)>

Hello,

Outdoor dining(sidewalks, etc...) is perfect for our weather. It also gives us the option of feeling safe since Covid cases still are occurring. The residents of Los Angeles want to support our local restaurants.If the ordinance to close the public outdoor areas passes more restaurants will close and people need to keep their jobs.

Regards,  
Nancy Simone

**Date : 2/22/2023 1:54:14 PM**

**From : "Bonnie Kim"**

**To : "Alfresco Planning" , "Mary Richardson"**

**Subject : Fwd: Letter From the Los Feliz NC - Permanent Al Fresco Ordinance**

**Attachment : 23 0221 LFNC Letter CPC-2022-8179-CA Permanent Al Fresco Ordinance .docx.pdf;**

Hey team, forwarding public comment from the Los Feliz Neighborhood Council.



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From: **Jon Deutsch** <[jon.deutsch@losfeliznc.org](mailto:jon.deutsch@losfeliznc.org)>

Date: Wed, Feb 22, 2023 at 1:50 PM

Subject: Letter From the Los Feliz NC - Permanent Al Fresco Ordinance  
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Cc: Dan McNamara <[dan.mcnamara@losfeliznc.org](mailto:dan.mcnamara@losfeliznc.org)>, Misty LeGrande <[misty.legrande@losfeliznc.org](mailto:misty.legrande@losfeliznc.org)>, Erica Vilardi-Espinosa <[erica.vilardi-espinoza@losfeliznc.org](mailto:erica.vilardi-espinoza@losfeliznc.org)>, Amanda Blide <[amanda.blide@losfeliznc.org](mailto:amanda.blide@losfeliznc.org)>, Celine Vacher <[celine.vacher@losfeliznc.org](mailto:celine.vacher@losfeliznc.org)>

Dear Ms. Richardson,

Attached please find a letter from the Los Feliz Neighborhood Council concerning the proposed permanent Al Fresco Dining Ordinance.

Best Regards,

Jon Deutsch

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Jon Deutsch | President | District B Representative | Los  
Feliz Neighborhood Council (LFNC) p.o. box 27003 | los angeles |  
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February 16, 2023

Mary Richardson

City Planning Associate  
Department of City Planning  
200 N. Spring St. Room 701  
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Re: CPC-2022-8179-CA

Dear City Planning Associate,

The Los Feliz Neighborhood Council, representing over 50 restaurants and the thousands of patrons who support them, supports implementing a Permanent AI Fresco program and urges the Department of City Planning to minimize the costs in an effort to make compliance reasonably achievable.

The LFNC also urges the Department to reconsider the automobile parking space requirements proposed by the Permanent AI Fresco Ordinance. In the spirit of the City's Vision Zero initiative and the popularity of ride-sharing, it seems particularly important to avoid prioritizing vehicles over business. If the objective of the Ordinance is to support the hospitality industry by making a successful temporary program permanent, individual businesses should be given the freedom to determine the number of parking spaces they find to be appropriate for the needs of their establishments.

The temporary AI Fresco program proved to be a lifeline for local restaurants who are still depending on this additional source of revenue to recover from three of the most challenging years the hospitality industry has had to face due to the pandemic. Though the COVID-19 emergency order is ending, the debts accrued by small business owners in that time are still a reality and allowing restaurants to continue operating with expanded capacity through additional outdoor seating not only supports our local restaurateurs, it also provides additional exposure for adjacent retail businesses, thus benefitting the wider neighborhood economy.

Providing a streamlined and affordable permanent outdoor dining permit process will help Los Feliz preserve its unique character by supporting its small business

community - the heart and soul of our beloved neighborhood and its renowned charm.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Jon Deutsch". The signature is stylized with a large, sweeping initial "J" and "D".

Jon Deutsch, President  
Los Feliz Neighborhood Council

By:

Céline Vacher  
Chair  
LFNC Business Committee

cc: Lee, Su Inn. (CD4 - Business Liaison)  
Kim, Bonnie (Department of City Planning)



**Date : 2/8/2023 11:58:52 AM**  
**From : "LA Al Fresco"**  
**To : [alfresco.planning@lacity.org](mailto:alfresco.planning@lacity.org)**  
**Subject : Fwd: Make it easier for more outdoor dining**

A comment from the public regarding the proposed Permanent Al Fresco is being forwarded to you. Thank you.

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From: **Brennan Lindner** <[brennan@genericevents.com](mailto:brennan@genericevents.com)>  
Date: Wed, Feb 8, 2023 at 10:44 AM  
Subject: Make it easier for more outdoor dining  
To: <[alfresco@lacity.org](mailto:alfresco@lacity.org)>

Please do not require restaurants to go through a cumbersome and expensive process to retain their outdoor dining.

We have all been through enough with the pandemic and high costs of living.

Brennan Lindner  
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**Date : 2/9/2023 9:11:39 AM**  
**From : "Bonnie Kim"**  
**To : [alfresco.planning@lacity.org](mailto:alfresco.planning@lacity.org)**  
**Subject : Fwd: NO to new permits proposal for outdoor dining**



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From: **Planning CPC** <[cpc@lacity.org](mailto:cpc@lacity.org)>  
Date: Wed, Feb 8, 2023 at 7:07 PM  
Subject: Fwd: NO to new permits proposal for outdoor dining  
To: Hagu Solomon-Cary <[hagu.solomon-cary@lacity.org](mailto:hagu.solomon-cary@lacity.org)>, Bonnie Kim <[bonnie.kim@lacity.org](mailto:bonnie.kim@lacity.org)>

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From: **Melanie Deisz** <[melanie.deisz@gmail.com](mailto:melanie.deisz@gmail.com)>  
Date: Wed, Feb 8, 2023 at 4:01 PM  
Subject: NO to new permits proposal for outdoor dining  
To: <[councilmember.hernandez@lacity.org](mailto:councilmember.hernandez@lacity.org)>, <[councilmember.Krekorian@lacity.org](mailto:councilmember.Krekorian@lacity.org)>, >, <[councilmember.rodriquez@lacity.org](mailto:councilmember.rodriquez@lacity.org)>, <[councilmember.harris@lacity.org](mailto:councilmember.harris@lacity.org)>, >, <[councilmember.Lee@lacity.org](mailto:councilmember.Lee@lacity.org)>, <[councilmember.soto-martinez@lacity.org](mailto:councilmember.soto-martinez@lacity.org)>, <[councilmember.mcosker@lacity.org](mailto:councilmember.mcosker@lacity.org)>, <[councilmember.kevindeleon@lacity.org](mailto:councilmember.kevindeleon@lacity.org)>, <[apccentral@lacity.org](mailto:apccentral@lacity.org)>, <[cpc@lacity.org](mailto:cpc@lacity.org)>

Dear city council members and city planner:

The proposition to make restaurants in LA apply for renewed Al Fresco dining permit is nothing but a cash grab. How are you going to sit here and say the city needs more money from one of the hardest hit industries from the pandemic? Not only did most of them lose their business and clientele overnight when covid hit, the ones who somehow made it, then had to pay tens if not hundreds of thousands of dollars to create outdoor seating just to keep their doors open. This is the only thing that kept them afloat. And now you want to penalize them again? You're creating a situation where so many of your constituents will lose their businesses, livelihoods and possibly more, like housing.

When people lose their jobs, they're more apt to lose their housing. We already have such an issue in this city with affordable housing and the homeless crisis. If you want your city to thrive, you need to worry about the living and working conditions of your constituents rather than lining you and your pals' pockets. The issue isn't that there isn't housing. There is. The problem is that the housing is not affordable. You continue to allow developers to come in and knock down affordable housing just to build luxury buildings. You allow greedy landlords to raise rents to obscene levels just because they can.

You're doing the exact same thing with this new proposed permit plan. You're doing nothing more than making the city money. It shows us that you don't care about your constituents and what they want. If you did, you wouldn't put this additional burden on the restauranteurs during a time where covid is still very much a real thing, while there is still sky high inflation, while the fed continues to hike interest rate and while corporations continue to rake in record profits under the guise of inflation. You should actually do something to keep small businesses in this city rather than run them out so larger corps can gobble up the property... unless of course that's the real plan.

You were elected to do a job. Listen to your constituents for once and do your job correctly. No one is for this proposition. Do not pass it. Perhaps distribute the obscene amount of tax dollars you already have from us instead.

Best,  
Melanie Deisz  
90028

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Please excuse any typos ... They're all Siri's fault.

**Date : 2/17/2023 12:39:18 PM**  
**From : "LA Al Fresco"**  
**To : [alfresco.planning@lacity.org](mailto:alfresco.planning@lacity.org)**  
**Subject : Fwd: Out door seating**

Please see the below public comment on the ordinance.

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From: **Lee Kassel** <[myketsel@gmail.com](mailto:myketsel@gmail.com)>  
Date: Tue, Feb 14, 2023 at 10:41 AM  
Subject: Re: Out door seating  
To: LA Al Fresco <[alfresco@lacity.org](mailto:alfresco@lacity.org)>

Yes put my letter into the record

Sent from my iPhone

On Feb 14, 2023, at 9:15 AM, LA Al Fresco <[alfresco@lacity.org](mailto:alfresco@lacity.org)> wrote:

Hi Lee,

Thank you for communicating your support of the L.A. Al Fresco program. The City has no intention of closing this program down, and we are currently developing a permanent permitting pathway for these businesses. If this email is to submit public comment on the proposed Al Fresco Ordinance regarding outdoor dining on private property, let me know I can forward your email into the record.

Thank you,

On Mon, Feb 13, 2023 at 9:39 AM Lee Kassel <[myketsel@gmail.com](mailto:myketsel@gmail.com)> wrote:

Please let us enjoy our city and keep out door dining. we will lose some great small businesses  
And for those of us still  
Vulnerable to the virus  
The ability to go out and enjoy our city .  
Please do not take this perk away it will hurt  
Businesses and those who  
Patronize them.  
Everyone loses!!!!

Sent from my iPhone

**Date : 2/16/2023 5:32:11 PM**  
**From : "Yeghig Keshishian"**  
**To : "Alfresco Planning"**  
**Subject : Fwd: Outdoor dining**



**Yeghig Keshishian**  
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From: **Renata Garza** <[garzasystem@gmail.com](mailto:garzasystem@gmail.com)>  
Date: Thu, Feb 16, 2023 at 5:30 PM  
Subject: Outdoor dining  
To: <[yeghig.keshishian@lacity.org](mailto:yeghig.keshishian@lacity.org)>

Hi,

I just read the op-Ed in the LA Times about the plan to remove, or make the cost and effort for outdoor seating prohibitive. I found it upsetting that this option will all but disappear to make room for parking and whatnot. Like millions of Americans, I have a chronic health issue (an organ transplant ) that requires medication to keep my immune system in a constantly weakened state. There are thousands and thousands of people like me in Los Angeles. *The pandemic is not over for us.* We continue to mask and stay away from indoor spaces. Eating outdoors is the ONLY thing I feel comfortable doing since the start of the pandemic. I have yet to eat inside of a restaurant and only patronize restaurants or bars with patios. My siblings and their families maintain the same level of safety. Please please reconsider your position on this issue. I didn't even know Casa Vega had a big patio. Now I actually want to go there for dinner.

Sincerely,

Renata Garza-Silva

**Date : 2/17/2023 12:50:54 PM**  
**From : "LA Al Fresco"**  
**To : [alfresco.planning@lacity.org](mailto:alfresco.planning@lacity.org)**  
**Subject : Fwd: Outdoor dinning**

Please see below public comment.

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From: **Ginny Solomon** <[iginski@yahoo.com](mailto:iginski@yahoo.com)>  
Date: Mon, Feb 13, 2023 at 9:33 AM  
Subject: Outdoor dinning  
To: <[alfresco@lacity.org](mailto:alfresco@lacity.org)>

Please allow outdoor dinning to remain in place as it was allowed during these last few years during the pandemic. It has created a whole new lovely atmosphere in our city. Closing down outdoor dinning would stifle businesses that are barely surviving. I for one will not eat inside small(er) restaurants since I know COVID is not over!

Thank you for your continued support of outdoor dinning in the city of Los Angeles.  
Virginia Solomon.

**Date :** 1/18/2023 10:30:21 AM  
**From :** "Planning Help Desk"  
**To :** "Alfresco Planning"  
**Subject :** Fwd: Permanent AI Fresco Virtual Information Webinar Confirmation

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**From:** Suzanne Lewis @ Brilliant Events <[brilliantevents@earthlink.net](mailto:brilliantevents@earthlink.net)>  
**Date:** Wed, Jan 18, 2023 at 10:23 AM  
**Subject:** Permanent AI Fresco Virtual Information Webinar Confirmation  
**To:** <[planning.helpdesk@lacity.org](mailto:planning.helpdesk@lacity.org)>

Good Morning,

I'm a Member of Neighborhood Council Valley Village (NCVV) Board of Directors.  
I would like to make a Public Comment about the AI Fresco Dining on behalf of our Board.  
Will NC's be given an opportunity to Speak?

Thank you.

Suzanne  
NCVV  
Chair, City Services  
818.679.1153

Suzanne Lewis  
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Sent: Jan 17, 2023 4:58 PM  
To: <[brilliantevents@earthlink.net](mailto:brilliantevents@earthlink.net)>  
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From : "Planning Help Desk"  
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From: **Tim Bonefeld** <[info@democraticdesignstudio.com](mailto:info@democraticdesignstudio.com)>  
Date: Wed, Feb 8, 2023 at 6:43 PM  
Subject: Re: Permanent AI Fresco Virtual Public Hearing Confirmation  
To: <[planning.helpdesk@lacity.org](mailto:planning.helpdesk@lacity.org)>  
Cc: <[info@democraticdesignstudio.com](mailto:info@democraticdesignstudio.com)>

Please remove me from the public speaking list. I will submit a written support if the AI Fresco.

Thank you,  
Tim Bonefeld

On Wed, Feb 8, 2023 at 5:05 PM Planning Help Desk <[no-reply@zoom.us](mailto:no-reply@zoom.us)> wrote:

Hi Tim Bonefeld,  
Thank you for registering for Permanent AI Fresco Virtual Public Hearing. You can find information about this webinar below.

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Thanks, Tim

**Date : 2/8/2023 10:49:54 AM**  
**From : "Planning Help Desk"**  
**To : "Alfresco Planning"**  
**Subject : Fwd: Permanent Al Fresco Virtual Public Hearing**

Thank you.



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From: **Kendra Turski** <[klturski@yahoo.com](mailto:klturski@yahoo.com)>

Date: Wed, Feb 8, 2023 at 10:40 AM

Subject: Permanent Al Fresco Virtual Public Hearing

To: [planning.helpdesk@lacity.org](mailto:planning.helpdesk@lacity.org) <[planning.helpdesk@lacity.org](mailto:planning.helpdesk@lacity.org)>

Hello,

I'm a resident of Sherman Oaks and have watched our local restaurants struggle to stay open with the number of curve balls that have been thrown at them over the past few years. Local restaurants continue to close due to lack of patronage as many, myself included, are still not comfortable dining in a small indoor space. Al Fresco dining is essentially all my family has done for the past few years.

My question: has the new plan to require complicated and costly permitting considered the likely decrease in tax revenues that will occur when more of our favorite restaurants are forced to close? Or the likely uptick in crime associated with vacant buildings?

The Al Fresco dining is working - it's a lovely addition to our city and restaurants have been incredibly responsible in how they set up and utilize such spaces. If we already know it works, why do we need to overcomplicate it? This is not what taxpayer money should go to - it should go to making our cities safe and wonderful places to live, which our local restaurants are attempting to do each day.

Please do whatever needs to be done to extend or make permanent the regulations that allowed such Al Fresco spaces without putting more burden on a struggling industry.

Thank you,  
Kendra Slutsky

**Date : 2/17/2023 12:41:15 PM**  
**From : "LA Al Fresco"**  
**To : [alfresco.planning@lacity.org](mailto:alfresco.planning@lacity.org)**  
**Subject : Fwd: Please continue outdoor dining**

Please see below public comment on the ordinance.

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From: **Josh Silver** <[josh@silverjmgmt.com](mailto:josh@silverjmgmt.com)>  
Date: Tue, Feb 14, 2023 at 9:57 AM  
Subject: Re: Please continue outdoor dining  
To: LA Al Fresco <[alfresco@lacity.org](mailto:alfresco@lacity.org)>

Sure, please submit my email for the record. Thanks very much for your quick response!

On Tue, Feb 14, 2023 at 9:14 AM LA Al Fresco <[alfresco@lacity.org](mailto:alfresco@lacity.org)> wrote:

Hi Josh,

Thank you for communicating your support of the L.A. Al Fresco program. The City has no intention of closing this program down, and we are currently developing a permanent permitting pathway for these businesses. If this email is to submit public comment on the proposed Al Fresco Ordinance regarding outdoor dining on private property, let me know I can forward your email into the record.

Thank you,

On Mon, Feb 13, 2023 at 3:25 PM Josh Silver <[josh@silverjmgmt.com](mailto:josh@silverjmgmt.com)> wrote:

The city should continue to allow the pandemic practice of additional outdoor seating for restaurants. If the restaurants stay in business, it's better for everyone. More taxes to the city, more choices for residents, and better neighborhoods with fewer empty storefronts and more pedestrian traffic.

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Regards,

JOSH SILVER  
1833 Fairburn Ave  
LA CA 90025  
310-962-8130 - cell

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Regards,

JOSH SILVER

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Beverly Hills, CA 90212

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**Date : 2/28/2023 8:48:17 AM**  
**From : "LA Al Fresco"**  
**To : [alfresco.planning@lacity.org](mailto:alfresco.planning@lacity.org)**  
**Subject : Fwd: please keep alfresco dining!**

Public Comment (just passing along even though it is general).

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From: **laura shute** <[laura.shute@icloud.com](mailto:laura.shute@icloud.com)>  
Date: Fri, Feb 17, 2023 at 10:44 PM  
Subject: please keep alfresco dining!  
To: <[alfresco@lacity.org](mailto:alfresco@lacity.org)>

We love all the outdoor dining! As it gets warmer we'll continue to use it. It expands seating at some of our favorite places, which keeps more people employed and keeps our small business economy going.

Please, please, please keep alfresco dining going!

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**Date : 2/7/2023 1:02:48 PM**  
**From : "Anita C"**  
**To : [alfresco.planning@lacity.org](mailto:alfresco.planning@lacity.org)**  
**Subject : Fwd: Please preserve outdoor dining!**

City leaders —

My husband and I are currently packing our home in San Francisco to move to Los Angeles. We made this decision after spending time in LA during the past 3 years, and loving the outdoor dining and drinking options available to us. We've lived in San Francisco since the 1990s, and we love it here, but the lack of outdoor dining options has driven us out. As people at high risk for complications from COVID, we aren't dining indoors, and we're very concerned that potential changes to your city rules would doom us to the same shut-in life that we're trying to escape in SF.

I beg you to reconsider. Los Angeles' small, family-owned restaurants do not need another kick while they're already down, and your COVID-cautious constituents need these options.

I am happy to discuss my concerns with you further, if that's helpful.

Thank you.  
~Anita Crotty  
highland park

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Anita Epler Crotty  
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[crotty.net/anitacv](http://crotty.net/anitacv)

**Date : 2/17/2023 12:50:02 PM**  
**From : "LA Al Fresco"**  
**To : [alfresco.planning@lacity.org](mailto:alfresco.planning@lacity.org)**  
**Subject : Fwd: Pls Rethink This**

Please see below public comment.

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From: **Steffanie Gee** <[steffaniegee@sbcglobal.net](mailto:steffaniegee@sbcglobal.net)>  
Date: Mon, Feb 13, 2023 at 10:01 AM  
Subject: Pls Rethink This  
To: <[alfresco@lacity.org](mailto:alfresco@lacity.org)>  
Cc: [judy@food-la.com](mailto:judy@food-la.com) <[judy@food-la.com](mailto:judy@food-la.com)>, Geoffrey Gee  
<[geoffreygee@sbcglobal.net](mailto:geoffreygee@sbcglobal.net)>

I live in LA90064. We enjoy a wonderful cafe FOOD-LA on Pico Blvd. just blocks from our home. Since the pandemic they have been allowed to set up outdoor dining for lunch and once a week for dinner on a lovely sidewalk set up that keeps chairs filled consistently. Otherwise, they are a tiny inside restaurant with limited seating. Being able to set up outside has been a game changer for them to keep their small but mighty restaurant afloat.

Please rethink your plan to abolish outdoor dining. Let's remember that we live in a place where the weather is designed for enjoying dining outside. And as a senior with a husband with health issues, it is the only way that we feel safe leaving our home. Sitting outside to eat a meal that someone else made and to see others at a safe distance has been a lifesaver for us.

I don't understand your reasoning. We need to keep our economy moving and help these restaurants keep going in the easiest way possible. Let's not drag them down because you've decided that you can put a check next to things to abolish "after" Covid. It's not over and move onto another issue that is helpful. This one feels maliciously intended. Remember those times when you push "support local small businesses"? Well this is it perfectly. Stop ruining everything!

Why not worry about more important issues like the crime that is running a full time business where we live? Al Fresco dining? Really??

Pls feel free to respond.

With regards, Steffanie Gee

**Date : 2/27/2023 1:06:41 PM**  
**From : "LA Al Fresco"**  
**To : [alfresco.planning@lacity.org](mailto:alfresco.planning@lacity.org)**  
**Subject : Fwd: Public Comment Regarding Permanent Al Fresco**

Please see below public comment on the ordinance.

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From: **Holly Fox** <[holly@lw-h.com](mailto:holly@lw-h.com)>  
Date: Thu, Feb 23, 2023 at 1:43 PM  
Subject: Public Comment Regarding Permanent Al Fresco  
To: LA Al Fresco <[alfresco@lacity.org](mailto:alfresco@lacity.org)>

Hello,

I'd like to formally submit a comment for consideration in the permanent approval of al fresco dining applications in Los Angeles. This is perhaps most relevant to the proposed CUP process and the R-Permit Process but in the spirit of efficiency and communication, I wanted to make sure this hits all departments.

The Al Fresco program that came online during Covid was a stunning example of the city empathetically helping small restaurants. It was efficient, effective, and made sense given the circumstances. It also pushed forward codifying outdoor dining which has been so lacking in Los Angeles for so long and made our streets safer and more vibrant. We've also seen negligible parking impacts and massive upsides for independent and small restaurateurs.

Across city departments, it seems that there is a lack of empathy and possibly understanding for what any small business owner really has to go through to open and operate a restaurant in Los Angeles.

As Al Fresco becomes codified, I would hope that the various city departments that oversee these areas can come together to simplify the process. As a multi-step, multi-department application it is confusing and inefficient. Layering in another expensive, time-consuming, burdensome process only hurts the smallest among us. And collectively, we should be looking at how to simplify the development process across city departments, especially for small businesses.

We live in one of the most vibrant cities in the world and we should be doing all we can as a city to support diversity and independent development.

I am in the midst of trying to help open three very small restaurants across Los Angeles, all of which are approaching two year project timelines from the time of lease signing - exclusively due to the sluggish delays with approvals, plan submissions, hearings and permits from nearly a dozen departments. The city has created an environment where the only tool to fight through the tape is extraordinary access to money.

We need to be fostering small business development and supporting ease of use for common sense applications like outdoor dining.

Thank you kindly for your attention and support of this matter.

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**Date : 2/17/2023 12:36:14 PM**  
**From : "LA Al Fresco"**  
**To : [alfresco.planning@lacity.org](mailto:alfresco.planning@lacity.org)**  
**Subject : Fwd: Restaurant -Food on Pico**

Please see below public comment on ordinance.

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From: **Cher Reif** <[drcher.r@gmail.com](mailto:drcher.r@gmail.com)>  
Date: Tue, Feb 14, 2023 at 12:40 PM  
Subject: Re: Restaurant -Food on Pico  
To: LA Al Fresco <[alfresco@lacity.org](mailto:alfresco@lacity.org)>

Yes thanks please forward ! Thank you so much for your help

On Tue, Feb 14, 2023, 9:15 AM LA Al Fresco <[alfresco@lacity.org](mailto:alfresco@lacity.org)> wrote:

Hi Cher,

Thank you for communicating your support of the L.A. Al Fresco program. The City has no intention of closing this program down, and we are currently developing a permanent permitting pathway for these businesses. If this email is to submit public comment on the proposed Al Fresco Ordinance regarding outdoor dining on private property, let me know I can forward your email into the record.

Thank you,

On Mon, Feb 13, 2023 at 12:43 PM Cher Reif <[drcher.r@gmail.com](mailto:drcher.r@gmail.com)> wrote:

Hi there I am immunocompromised and only eat outdoors please keep putdoor dining at Food Restuarnt on Pico  
Thank you  
Cher Reif

**Date : 2/16/2023 8:10:04 AM**  
**From : "Monique Acosta"**  
**To : [alfresco.planning@lacity.org](mailto:alfresco.planning@lacity.org)**  
**Subject : Fwd: Terminating the Al Fresco Program**

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From: **Danielle** <[ddl8@yahoo.com](mailto:ddl8@yahoo.com)>  
Date: Thu, Feb 16, 2023 at 12:46 AM  
To: [Monique.Acosta@lacity.org](mailto:Monique.Acosta@lacity.org) <[monique.acosta@lacity.org](mailto:monique.acosta@lacity.org)>

Dear Ms. Acosta,

While I'm not sure if you're the right person to reach out to, I'm hoping my note will make its way to the correct inbox.

I'm writing to question why a better solution isn't available for restaurants who were able to create outdoor dining spaces during the pandemic thanks to the Al Fresco program. While I understand needing to end the Al Fresco program, it seems extreme that maintaining permits for these outdoor dining spaces should be so costly and time-consuming for restaurant owners.

How unfortunate so many restaurants might lose out on the outdoor dining that helped them stay afloat during the height of the pandemic and continues to keep them profitable. And it's unfortunate for the diners who have come to appreciate these spaces, especially if they're still hesitant to eat indoors among large crowds.

If the goal is to "balance business interests along with community impacts," according to the Los Angeles Times reporting, shouldn't the fact that these spaces remain in demand three years after the onset of the pandemic count for something? Seems to me the balance between business and community has been found; keeping it shouldn't be so hard and expensive.

Thanks in advance for your time.

Sincerely,  
Danielle Lescure

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From: **Monique Acosta** <[monique.acosta@lacity.org](mailto:monique.acosta@lacity.org)>  
Date: Thu, Feb 16, 2023 at 8:08 AM  
To: Danielle <[ddl8@yahoo.com](mailto:ddl8@yahoo.com)>, <[alfresco.planning@lacity.org](mailto:alfresco.planning@lacity.org)>

Hello Ms. Lescure,

Unfortunately, I am not the contact person for the al fresco program. However, I have copied the dedicated email for the al fresco program. I will also forward your email to Mary Richardson who is overseeing the program.



**Monique Acosta**

City Planner

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E-NEWS

Date : 3/1/2023 9:07:58 AM

From : "Bonnie Kim"

To : "DOT Alfresco"

Cc : "Alfresco Planning"

Subject : Fwd: Post Hearing Update - Al Fresco Dining on Private Property |  
Actualización Posterior de la Audiencia - Comedores al Aire Libre en Propiedad Privada

Good morning, forwarding another public comment regarding PROW outdoor dining...



Bonnie Kim

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From: **Judy Esposito** <[judy.esposito@msn.com](mailto:judy.esposito@msn.com)>

Date: Wed, Mar 1, 2023 at 8:52 AM

Subject: Re: Post Hearing Update - Al Fresco Dining on Private Property | Actualización  
Posterior de la Audiencia - Comedores al Aire Libre en Propiedad Privada

To: Alfresco Planning <[alfresco.planning@lacity.org](mailto:alfresco.planning@lacity.org)>

**PUBLIC property is PUBLIC property. PLEASE do not allow sidewalks and street parking to be used by restaurants !!! We want restaurants to succeed but OUR RIGHTS MUST BE OBSERVED. PLEASE remember: the public has PAID for public property via our mass quantities of TAXES !!!**

Judy Esposito Venice

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From: Alfresco Planning <[alfresco.planning@lacity.org](mailto:alfresco.planning@lacity.org)>

Sent: Tuesday, February 28, 2023 1:02 PM

To: Alfresco Planning <[alfresco.planning@lacity.org](mailto:alfresco.planning@lacity.org)>

Cc: Judy Esposito <[judy.esposito@msn.com](mailto:judy.esposito@msn.com)>

Subject: Re: Post Hearing Update - Al Fresco Dining on Private Property | Actualización Posterior de la Audiencia - Comedores al Aire Libre en Propiedad Privada

Hello,

Thank

you for your email. It was received and your response will be recorded as Public Comment. For additional information regarding the proposed ordinance, please visit

<https://planning.lacity.org/plans-policies/outdoor-dining>

or the [Council](#)

[File Management System, Council File Number 20-1074](#). Please



note that the Permanent AI Fresco Ordinance addresses outdoor dining on private property. The Department of Transportation (LADOT) and the Bureau of Engineering (BOE) are preparing regulations to address outdoor dining in the public right-of-way.

For

any questions or comments about outdoor dining on sidewalks, please submit an inquiry online (under the Customer Service Request) to BOE directly at:

<https://engpermits.lacity.org>.

Questions or comments about outdoor dining that is curbside or in the street, please submit an inquiry to DOT by emailing:

[alfresco@lacity.org](mailto:alfresco@lacity.org).

All questions and comments concerning the Temporary AI Fresco Permit or outdoor dining in the public right-of-way will be forwarded to BOE and DOT.

You

may also subscribe to receive electronic notification on City Council meetings and/or submit public comment directly to the Council File Number 20-1074, by visiting the Council File Management System

[20-1074](#)  
(CFMS).

Thank

you for your interest in the Permanent AI Fresco Ordinance and your continued engagement with Los Angeles City Planning.

On Saturday, February 25, 2023 at 9:41:55 AM UTC-8 Judy Esposito wrote:

**PLEASE do not allow public sidewalks or public street parking to be used  
PLEASE**

Judy Esposito Venice

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**From:** Los Angeles City Planning <[alfresco.planning@lacity.org](mailto:alfresco.planning@lacity.org)>

**Sent:** Friday, February 24, 2023 1:30 PM

**To:** [judy.esposito@msn.com](mailto:judy.esposito@msn.com) <[judy.esposito@msn.com](mailto:judy.esposito@msn.com)>

**Subject:** Post Hearing Update - AI Fresco Dining on Private Property | Actualización Posterior de la Audiencia - Comedores al Aire Libre en Propiedad Privada

*Para español siga hacia abajo.*

## Resounding Feedback at the Public Hearing

Thank you to everyone who attended the Virtual AI Fresco Public Hearing! Over 250 people participated in the AI Fresco Public Hearing on Wednesday, February 8th. If you missed it, you can access a recording of the Informational Presentation and the Public Hearing on the proposed draft of the AI Fresco Ordinance on the [project website](#). The

public comment period is open until **Friday, March 3, 2023 at 5 p.m.**

Mayor Karen Bass has shared her strong support for LA's AI Fresco program and has directed City Departments to work together to create a permanent program that incorporates everything that made the temporary program successful, including a simple application process and straightforward approval pathway.

The input from the public hearing was resounding: support small businesses by keeping the AI Fresco program alive and making it permanent. From the overwhelming feedback received to date, City Planning has heard loud and clear that this process should be as easy and simple as possible, and we are working on a number of changes to that end. Revisions are underway that will focus on creating a simple and streamlined process for current AI Fresco participants. In response to comments received, staff is also evaluating modifications to the draft ordinance that will address parking lot requirements, operations, permitting compliance, alcohol authorization, and more.

The Department anticipates releasing a revised Ordinance at the end of March. We invite you to continue to provide your comments on the program as revisions are released and as recommendations are presented to the City Planning Commission, City Council's Planning and Land Use Management Committee, and the full City Council at a future date.

Send comments via email to: [alfresco.planning@lacity.org](mailto:alfresco.planning@lacity.org)

Send comments via mail to:  
Mary Richardson  
Department of City Planning  
200 North Spring Street, Room 701 Los Angeles, CA, 90012

Please include Planning Case No. CPC-2022-8179-CA.

## Comentarios Rotundos en la Audiencia Pública

¡Gracias a todos los que asistieron a la Audiencia Pública Virtual de AI Fresco! Más de 250 personas participaron en la Audiencia Pública de AI Fresco el miércoles 8 de febrero. Si se la perdió, puede acceder a una grabación de la Presentación Informativa y la Audiencia Pública sobre el borrador propuesto de la Ordenanza de AI Fresco en [el sitio web del proyecto](#). El período de comentarios públicos está abierto hasta **el viernes 3 de marzo de 2023 a las 5 p.m.**

La alcaldesa Karen Bass ha compartido su firme apoyo al programa de L.A. AI Fresco y ha dirigido a los departamentos de la Ciudad que trabajen juntos para crear un programa permanente que incorpore todo lo que hizo que el programa temporal fuera exitoso, incluido un proceso de solicitud simple y una vía de aprobación directa.

El aporte de la audiencia pública fue rotundo: apoyar a las pequeñas empresas manteniendo vivo el programa AI Fresco y haciéndolo permanente. A partir de los abrumadores comentarios recibidos hasta la fecha, el Departamento de Planeación de la Ciudad de Los Ángeles ha escuchado alto y claro que este proceso debe ser lo más fácil y simple posible, y estamos trabajando en una serie de cambios con ese fin. Se están realizando revisiones que se centrarán en crear un proceso simple y optimizado para los participantes actuales de AI Fresco. En respuesta a los comentarios recibidos, el personal también está evaluando modificaciones al proyecto de ordenanza que abordarán los

requisitos de los estacionamientos, las operaciones, el cumplimiento de permisos, la autorización de alcohol y más.

El Departamento prevé publicar una ordenanza revisada a finales de marzo. Lo invitamos a continuar brindando sus comentarios sobre el programa mientras se publican las revisiones y se presenten recomendaciones a la Comisión de Planeación, al Comité de Planeación y Gestión de Uso de Suelo del Concejo de la Ciudad y al Concejo de la Ciudad en pleno en una fecha futura.

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Date : 2/20/2023 10:23:28 AM  
From : "Cindy Mintz"  
To : alfresco.planning@lacity.org  
Subject : Help out local restaurants, please

To Whom it May Concern,

I am writing to oppose the Al Fresco Ordinance, which would make patio dining permanent in Los Angeles.

In theory, it sounds like a good idea, but the new rules and regulations would ultimately put some of my favorite restaurants out of business.

In order to achieve a better community experience, I believe it is vitally important for outdoor dining to thrive in Los Angeles.

Thus, it is in our best interest to make patio dining easy for businesses to implement and maintain, especially in a post-COVID environment.

The Al Fresco Ordinance would place more cumbersome restrictions on local businesses during a time when they are already struggling to recover from the affects of the pandemic.

For this reason, I vehemently oppose this legislation and urge you to reconsider implementing it.

Sincerely,

Cindy Mintz

Sherman Oaks

**Date : 1/26/2023 4:48:49 PM**  
**From : murez@venice.net**  
**To : alfresco.planning@lacity.org**  
**Subject : Help understanding**

I have a retail store and want to have the same rights as the restaurant next door, I want to use the street and my parking lot for sales floor area. Additionally, my business is located in the Venice Coastal Area which normally requires a Coastal Development permit. What is the process for me to get the same rights as the other commercial business on my street?

**Date : 11/30/2022 2:55:04 PM**  
**From : "kristin ciccolella"**  
**To : AlFresco.Planning@lacity.org**  
**Subject : Hey from the anchor**

This free program has been a life line to my small restaurant. I am a women owned and operated restaurant a a member of the LGBTQ. I am able also to employ 16 ppl and I'm there life line. I've been in business for 10 years and I appreciate you all so much

Kristin Ciccolella  
The Anchor  
235 main st  
Venice 90291

**Date : 1/25/2023 2:43:46 PM**  
**From : "Avery Wold"**  
**To : alfresco.planning@lacity.org**  
**Subject : I am against rolling back this measure**

Hello,

Please don't roll back any provisions set out in this temporary measure. If anything, I, like many residents of the county, have found that the provisions made for expanded outdoor dining in place of parking/storage for vehicles has made the city markedly better!

Reversing the policies set forth in this measure obviously would harm small local businesses, and as such harms Los Angeles' status as one of the nation's foremost hubs for food culture.

Regards,  
Avery Wold



**Date : 2/15/2023 2:30:12 PM**

**From : "Tanner Rittenhouse"**

**To : alfresco.planning@lacity.org**

**Subject : IMPORTANT EMAIL ON OUTDOOR DINING**

Do you hate LA?!! This is the absolute worst idea I've ever heard! I've worked in the restaurant industry here in LA for 10 + years and let me tell you, outdoor dining has saved LA dining culture for the better. Stop being such a square and ruin this good thing!!! I will be so freaking loud about this I can promise all of you will be YOINK'D outta your job and we will find someone else to take care of this city.

Please be cool and stop doing rude asshole stuff,

-T

--

Tanner Rittenhouse

Writer | Filmmaker

LOS ANGELES, CA

317.979.0589

**Date : 1/25/2023 3:43:43 PM**  
**From : "Linden Gray-Reneberg"**  
**To : alfresco.planning@lacity.org**  
**Subject : In response to the new outdoor dining restrictions**

To Whom it May Concern:

I'm writing in response to the new rules which would limit outdoor dining.

Outdoor dining additions were the BEST thing to come out of COVID. I always choose outdoor dining first to enjoy the beautiful weather we're fortunate enough to have all year long. Not only is there a plethora of non-single-car transit options that we utilize in exchange for the loss of street parking to outdoor dining, but there's the added benefit of fewer carbon emissions and cleaner streets.

To put it quite frankly, reducing outdoor dining allowances for restaurants is a poor choice that significantly decreases our quality of living as a major metropolitan city. Los Angeles already prioritizes cars in far too many situations over public transit, pedestrians, and housing. Please reconsider at your earliest opportunity and make the choice to allow LA the kind of outdoor dining that nearly every other international city enjoys.

Best wishes,  
Linden Gray-Reneberg

**Date : 1/18/2023 12:22:53 PM**  
**From : "Olivia Arena"**  
**To : "Alfresco Planning"**  
**Subject : Interested parties email list**

Hi Al Fresco Planning folks,

I would like to be added to the interested party email list for the Al Fresco Program.  
Let me know if there are other steps to take.

Olivia

**Olivia Arena**

Student Professional Worker  
Project Coordination & Evaluation

Los Angeles Department of Transportation

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**Date : 1/18/2023 12:21:23 PM**  
**From : "Eric Reuveni"**  
**To : alfresco.planning@lacity.org**  
**Subject : Interested parties email list**

Please add me to your interested parties email list.

Thank you

Warm regards,

Eric U. Reuveni

Sent from my iPhone

**Date : 2/28/2023 10:34:43 PM**  
**From : "Ryan Fowler"**  
**To : alfresco.planning@lacity.org**  
**Subject : Is this a joke? Proposed Ordinance**

When I first heard the new proposed ordinance regarding alfresco dining I could not believe it. It seemed like a bad joke. How could the planning department propose such a misguided ordinance? Was a single restaurant owner consulted? A business owner? Is whoever drafted this asinine ordinance aware of what has happened to restaurants over the last few years?! The vast majority have barely survived, and only through a complicated, messy, burdensome combination of loans, take-out survive, outdoor dining and sweat. This ordinance is being proposed at a time when these restaurants are just starting to pay back the loans they had to take out. In addition to the back rent. It is crazy! Is the goal to close any restaurants that were able to make it through the pandemic? Isn't the goal of government to serve their constituents? Nobody wants alfresco dining to change. Use some common sense on this one - support small businesses, your communities and your constituents by not putting these onerous, nonsensical regulations on a system that is already working.

Regards,

Ryan Fowler

**Date : 1/10/2023 4:53:28 PM**  
**From : "Chris Parker"**  
**To : "AlFresco.Planning@lacity.org"**  
**Subject : Jan 18 hearing re Permanent Al Fresco Ordinance**  
**Attachment : image001.png;**

Hi,

I saw on the department's social media accounts that there is a public hearing on Jan. 18 for the Permanent Al Fresco Ordinance but I can't find a notice on the department's website. I can find one for the Feb. 8 hearing, but not Jan. 18.

Can you forward me the information for the Jan. 18 hearing?

Thank you.

**CHRIS J. PARKER**  
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**Date : 2/8/2023 12:56:37 PM**  
**From : "BoB w"**  
**To : alfresco.planning@lacity.org**  
**Subject : Keep Al Fresco Dining**

I've been an LA resident for more than 20 years, and with covid being absolutely horrible, the best thing to come out of it, was Al Fresco Dining.  
Our neighborhood feels more like a community and my family think this kind of experience should continue. And not on the backs of restaurants, forced to pay massive permitting and fees to keep it going.  
Thank you,  
Bob Warner, Mar Vista

**Date : 2/7/2023 7:20:55 AM**  
**From : "Kay Lu"**  
**To : alfresco.planning@lacity.org**  
**Subject : KEEP ALFRESCO DINING**

Dear City of LA

As you know, so many restaurants opened up alfresco dining during the pandemic and it was one of the only good things that came out of it. It was good for everyone: our city, the restaurants, and their customers! There is no reason to shut it down. If the city is claiming sanitation, please start with the more obvious ways of cleaning up.

Shutting down alfresco, or making adjustments to limit it, or making permits more difficult to obtain only hurts the small business already struggling. It reverses all their hard work and will be reflected with staff cuts and more increased costs. All for what? These are your neighbors, your family, your community. Support them.

Please keep alfresco dining. LA has so many real problems and dining in the beautiful weather simply isn't one of them.



**Date : 11/30/2022 5:03:27 PM**  
**From : "JOHN WALKER"**  
**To : AlFresco.Planning@lacity.org**  
**Subject : Keep me updated**

We have become an AlFresco family and rarely eat a meal inside without totally open ventilation.

Thank you.

Dr. John Walker, Ph.D.  
Vice President Innovation & Performance Commission  
Chair, Innovation Fund Committee  
Ofc: 818.980.9497  
Cell: 818.402.5551

**Date : 2/8/2023 5:49:49 PM**

**From : "Mary Kirmo"**

**To : alfresco.planning@lacity.org**

**Cc : councildistrict6@lacity.org, contactCD4@lacity.org, mayor@lacity.org, mayor.helpdesk@lacity.org**

**Subject : Keep Outdoor Dining - No Permit Fees**

To whom it may concern,

Probably the ONLY good thing to come out of the pandemic that decimated lives, careers, businesses, cultures, friendships, and millions of human beings is that LA FINALLY had an acceptable number of options for outdoor dining. So many businesses have invested resources into making beautiful spaces for people to gather safely outdoors, at a time when people were isolated and needed community. It was heroic.

Los Angeles faces many challenges, coming out of the economic struggle that was the last many years for many people. Creating more barriers to community building in one of the most temperate cities in the nation is absolutely ludicrous. Every day I drive around the LA metro area and wish that there were some programs in place - or community messaging - around cleaning up the public outdoor spaces, housing people who need housing, eradicating racism among city council members, and better regulation around the ever increasing pricing of homes [while the ordinance to limit air bnb rentals is good, it is not at all enforced and costs our fair city hundreds of units that would otherwise be available]. I DO NOT support any changes to the existing allowances that made it possible for restaurants to survive and create community spaces during the pandemic.

Mary Kirmo  
7056 Burnet Ave  
Van Nuys, CA 91405

Registered voter and active community member. (Formerly of CD4)

"You have to keep banging away at something until you get it to work. I think women are maybe better at that."

~ Thelma Schoonmaker

**Date : 2/6/2023 4:45:46 PM**  
**From : "Donna Finn"**  
**To : Alfresco.planning@lacity.org**  
**Subject : Keep Outdoor Dining**

The only thing good to come out of the pandemic is increased outdoor dining. It was one thing LA was lacking. We visit many large cities in the US and Europe. Los Angeles was finally getting it together and competing with other cities. Please keep it. Don't hurt these small business owner even more then the pandemic hurt them. Give them speedy permits. No unnecessary rules that cost them too much.

LA needs outdoor dining!

Donna Finn

**Date : 2/7/2023 10:07:33 PM**

**From : "Nicole Kolb"**

**To : alfresco.planning@lacity.org**

**Subject : Keep outdoor dining for disabled patrons**

In light of news that the city may be scaling back allowances for outdoor dining I wanted to write in as a disabled member of the community. I have rarely been able to eat out safely since March of 2020 thanks to the ongoing pandemic, which is not ending anytime soon no matter what elected officials may like the population to believe. On the rare occasion I could eat out, when transmission levels were low, the only way I could do so safely was with outdoor dining. By potentially scaling back this option you are taking away yet another venue for disabled Angeleno's, who are currently at highest risk of death and further disability. We deserve to have some places to feel some sense of normalcy, and outdoor dining has offered that to us on occasion, and even for that reason alone it should be allowed to stay.

Sincerely,  
Nicole Kolb

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Nicole Kolb  
(818) 404-5825

**Date : 2/7/2023 12:35:02 AM**  
**From : "Linda Casey"**  
**To : alfresco.planning@lacity.org**  
**Subject : Keep Outdoor Dining in LA**

Hello,

I was recently made aware of the proposed limitations to outdoor dining in LA.

Since the pandemic, it has been wonderful to be able to return to restaurants safely by the number of outside seating options we have. These restaurants struggled to survive and came up with creative ways to welcome customers back safely. Please do not impose restrictions forcing them to alter the spaces they worked so hard to create by reducing the amount of outdoor seating.

Thanks so much for your consideration!

Sent from my iPhone. Please excuse the typos.

**Date : 1/25/2023 2:54:16 PM**  
**From : "dan choi"**  
**To : alfresco.planning@lacity.org**  
**Subject : keep outdoor dining**

I love outdoor dining. I like the fresh air and connection to the life of the city. I don't want to be stuck indoors like a caged animal. Keep outdoor dining alive!

**Date : 1/25/2023 4:02:24 PM**  
**From : "RILEY MCNAIR"**  
**To : alfresco.planning@lacity.org**  
**Subject : Keep Outdoor Dining**

To Whom it May Concern:

I'm writing on behalf of myself and my family in response to the new rules which would limit outdoor dining.

Outdoor dining additions were the BEST thing to come out of COVID. All six of us, and anyone we variously eat out with, choose outdoor dining first to enjoy the beautiful weather we're fortunate enough to have all year long. Not only is there a plethora of non-single-car transit options that we utilize in exchange for the loss of street parking to outdoor dining, but there's the added benefit of fewer carbon emissions and cleaner streets.

To put it quite frankly, reducing outdoor dining allowances for restaurants is a poor choice that decreases our quality of living as a city. Please reconsider at your earliest opportunity and make the choice to allow LA the kind of outdoor dining that nearly every other international city enjoys.

Best wishes, Riley McNair

**Date : 1/25/2023 3:28:06 PM**  
**From : "Morgan Hall"**  
**To : [alfresco.planning@lacity.org](mailto:alfresco.planning@lacity.org)**  
**Subject : Keep Outdoor Dining**

To Whom it May Concern:

I'm writing in response to the new rules which would limit outdoor dining.

Outdoor dining additions were the BEST thing to come out of COVID. Myself, my family, and my friends all prefer outdoor dining over indoor to enjoy the beautiful weather we're fortunate enough to have all year long. Not only is there a plethora of non-single-car transit options that we utilize in exchange for the loss of street parking to outdoor dining, but there's the added benefit of fewer carbon emissions and cleaner streets.

I understand that in some places accessibility is a concern, but that should not hinder restaurants that can comply or work with the city to comply (if needing to relocate city signage, post boxes, bike racks, etc. to create more room relating to ADA).

To put it quite frankly, reducing outdoor dining allowances for restaurants is a poor choice that decreases our quality of living as a city. Please reconsider at your earliest opportunity and make the choice to allow LA the kind of outdoor dining that nearly every other international city enjoys.

Thank you for your time.

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Morgan Hall

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**Date : 1/25/2023 3:35:13 PM**  
**From : "Michael Chomieniec"**  
**To : alfresco.planning@lacity.org**  
**Subject : Keep outdoor dining**

Good afternoon,

I'm writing in response to the proposed changes in limiting outdoor dining for more car space.

I and a lot of others believe that it would be a huge mistake to curb outdoor dining in a city that benefits from the weather and climate to have said dining. Not only does it bring our city in line with the how many modern cities embrace this type of environment of dining, but it creates and encourages many angelenos in engaging in the dining experience, especially when the weather is nice.

We need to discourage the idea that car is king and let the people live in an amazing city with the dining we've come to finally know and understand since the pandemic started.

Please reconsider these changes.

Thanks,  
Michael Chomieniec

**Date : 1/25/2023 2:52:31 PM**  
**From : "Brian Sadecki"**  
**To : alfresco.planning@lacity.org**  
**Subject : Keep outdoor dining**

End the cycle of prioritizing cars over people. Outdoor dining and road diets make this a better, cleaner city.

**Date : 2/21/2023 3:21:08 PM**  
**From : "Valerie Giovanini"**  
**To : alfresco.planning@lacity.org**  
**Subject : Keep outdoor patios in The Valley**

Hello,

I am writing to save Pineapple Hill Saloon's patio in Van Nuys, CA. Their outdoor seating was a saving grace during the pandemic. Few places are as welcoming as their floral patio decorated with cafe lights, TV's, and festive holiday decorations. When few places had such great accommodations at a great affordable and local bar, Pineapple Hill Saloon acted fast to keep us all safe. They should be able to keep everything they invested in that patio.

I would hate to see the patio go especially since we are not done with the pandemic. Furthermore, the pandemic helped us realize how much better it is to sit outside in lovely California weather, than inside 4 air conditioned walls.

Please make it affordable to keep outdoor patios in the SF Valley.  
Happy to provide more information if necessary,

Valerie Oved Giovanini, Ph.D.  
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**Date : 2/7/2023 7:20:47 PM**  
**From : "Mary E. Seward"**  
**To : alfresco.planning@lacity.org**  
**Subject : Keep the Al Fresco program gojng**

Dear Councilmembers and city planning team,

With immunocompromised family members, I am alarmed at the sudden about face on the Al Fresco program <https://www.latimes.com/food/story/2023-02-07/outdoor-dining-la-city-al-fresco-patio-ordinance?fbclid=IwAR0sASL9EXvZX9LYreSMmIrCIUft4cUfv0r3lscLD3Iol7shZzAF5XwYIIY>

The plethora of outdoor dining options has been one of the few silver linings for our family, and we continue to only dine outdoors for our family's safety. Please consider long term public health and economic impacts before curtailing this program.

Best,  
Liz Seward

**Date : 2/6/2023 5:07:09 PM**  
**From : "Peter Hulne"**  
**To : Alfresco.planning@lacity.org**  
**Subject : Keep the outdoor dining in LA!!!!!!**

We live in LA,  
If you can't have outdoor dining here, where in the hell can you have it???  
Yes to alfresco eating and drinking out doors with no changes!  
Come on! .

Sent from me and my best friend I like to call.....iPhone

**Date : 1/25/2023 2:37:35 PM**  
**From : "Trevor Guyton"**  
**To : alfresco.planning@lacity.org**  
**Subject : Keep the outdoor dining!**

PLEASE do NOT force restaurants to prioritize parking! The outdoor seating is a blessing!!

Trevor Guyton  
+1 (415) 497-6551

**Date : 1/25/2023 2:14:25 PM**  
**From : "Alan Snider"**  
**To : alfresco.planning@lacity.org**  
**Subject : Keep the outdoor dining**

Don't pull outdoor dining for more parking you fucking monsters.

Thanks, loves!

But seriously if you do this I hope three winnebagos park in front of your house for the next nine months.

**Date : 11/30/2022 1:28:04 PM**  
**From : "Filippo Cortivo"**  
**To : [AlFresco.Planning@lacity.org](mailto:AlFresco.Planning@lacity.org)**  
**Subject : Keep us posted!**

i'd like to stay informed!

Thank you!

Filippo Cortivo  
Osteria Mamma  
323-304-1933



**Date : 12/12/2022 10:30:34 AM**  
**From : "Allison Morse"**  
**To : AlFresco.Planning@lacity.org**  
**Subject : LA Al Fresco Dining**

When I moved to LA from the upper midwest I could not fathom why people didn't eat outside more in this absolutely beautiful weather we have.  
The silver lining of the pandemic was having that transition happen across the city, and I (and most folks I know) would love to see that continue.  
It helped businesses and individuals more comfortable with outdoor eating alike.  
Please allow the al fresco dining to continue!! <3

Thanks,

Allison Morse  
[almariemorse@gmail.com](mailto:almariemorse@gmail.com)

**Date : 2/8/2023 3:25:35 PM**  
**From : "Courtney Kaplan"**  
**To : alfresco.planning@lacity.org**  
**Cc : " info@ihcla.org"**  
**Subject : LA Alfresco**

To whom it may concern:

As the owner and operator of Tsubaki (1356 Allison Avenue, LA CA 90026) I am writing to comment on the City of LA Planning Draft Ordinance for a permanent Al Fresco Program. I'm very much in support of a permanent program and are happy to see the city work towards codifying the program, but I'm very concerned that the ordinance will impose excessive financial burden on my business, which is just getting back on its feet after three years of struggle. The proposed ordinance requires a new CUP application, which I've personally experienced, and that process took almost two years to complete and cost us tens of thousands of dollars. We just don't have the time or resources at this point in time to begin this process for our outdoor space, and to lose that seating would mean a huge loss of revenue that we are relying on now to stay in business and make up the losses of the past few years (as well as to help pay back our loans, which have just come due).

My number one request is to create an ordinance free from inequalities; to make this process accessible to all businesses - like mine, which is small and without huge cash or personnel resources - in lieu of a fortunate few. We can take this opportunity to create a small business food operator friendly application that does not require expensive consultants or architects to gain permits. This can be a program for the people, by the people with built in equity and purpose; to incentivize and activate our streets creating a safer more local economically driven city.

I'd ask that this process to be similar to how the current Temporary Al Fresco permit software works taking no more than 20 minutes to apply.

I truly hope the city will listen to the voices of small business owners, and not burden us with excessive paperwork or financial investments to be able to use the seating that was our only lifeline for so long and that we now rely on to stay afloat. We are beginning to see a huge wave of restaurant closures in this city due to inflation and rising costs, and I fear that if this ordinance passes we will lose many, many more small businesses that contribute to the culture, energy, and vibrancy of our city.

Thank you for your consideration.  
Courtney Kaplan  
Tsubaki/OTOTO  
1356/1360 Allison Avenue

LA CA 90026

**Date : 2/8/2023 11:40:12 AM**

**From : "Adam Lane"**

**To : "AlFresco.Planning@lacity.org"**

**Subject : LA Business Council - Permanent Al Fresco Ordinance Comments**

**Attachment :**

**LABC\_AlFrescoCommentLetter.pdf;image001.jpg;image002.png;image003.png;image004.png;**

Dear Mary,

On behalf of the Los Angeles Business Council, please find attached a comment letter regarding the draft Permanent Al Fresco Ordinance.

Thank you,  
Adam

**Adam Lane**

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Mary Richardson  
Department of City Planning  
200 N. Spring St., Room 701,  
Los Angeles, CA 90012

**Re: Permanent Al Fresco Dining Ordinance**

Dear Mary,

On behalf of the Los Angeles Business Council (LABC), we appreciate the opportunity to provide comment on the proposed Permanent Al Fresco Ordinance. The LABC is an advocacy and research organization representing over 500 members across greater Los Angeles. The Al Fresco dining program has been a crucial lifeline for restaurants across Los Angeles, allowing them to survive through historically poor conditions during the Covid-19 pandemic and the subsequent recovery, which is still in progress. Not to mention that as a city known for its consistent sunshine and lack of rain, incentivizing outdoor dining is a key driver of economic development and beautification for the LA community. We are concerned that the proposed ordinance, in its current form, would hinder the amazing progress the City of Los Angeles has made on turning the underutilized assets of sidewalks and parking lots into tools to support our restaurant industry.

The City of Los Angeles is now proposing an expensive policy that will only hurt restaurants that are just starting to crawl out of the disastrous last three years. This fee proposal is being introduced during a time when the economy is sluggish and still recovering. Los Angeles restaurants, a lot who have already spent thousands on their outdoor spaces, will be required to pay excessive permit fees just to keep outdoor dining. These fees will be in addition to all the other fees required to run a viable business.

Although this will impact the entire restaurant community, the most-impacted will be the smallest, hardworking, mom-and-pop businesses which help keep Los Angeles neighborhoods authentic and thriving. Charging a fee to help restaurants recover financially seems to be one step forward and two steps back. The benefit of allowing restaurants to create and maintain aesthetically appealing outdoor spaces that drive business and increase the walkability of our city far outweigh the benefit of any fees that may be raised by this new structure. The City should consider a drastic decrease in the fee and grandfathering in existing participants. This is an opportunity for our elected officials to make a smart decision that would not only benefit restaurants owners but the entire city.

We most certainly want to continue attracting businesses to our city, which has done an incredible job thus far, thanks to a handful of forward-thinkers. Thank you for allowing us to provide our input. We hope our comments are considered.

Thank you,  
Mary Leslie  
President  
Los Angeles Business Council

**Date : 2/24/2023 1:52:29 PM**  
**From : "Esthela Pacheco"**  
**To : "alfresco.planning@lacity.org"**  
**Cc : "Jackie Romero"**  
**Subject : LA Chamber Al Fresco Public Comment**  
**Attachment : LA Chamber Al Fresco Public Comment.pdf;**

Hello,

On behalf of the Los Angeles Area Chamber of Commerce, we urge the city to create a streamlined process to allow for permanent outdoor dining for restaurants that already have Al Fresco dining through the existing program. The Chamber supports the adoption and implementation of planning policies that incorporate smart growth tools that drive economic growth. We have been a strong supporter of Al Fresco dining both at the state and locally.

Please see our attached letter for your reference.

Regards,

**Esthela Pacheco** | Senior Public Policy Manager  
**LOS ANGELES AREA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE**  
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**LOS ANGELES AREA**  
CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

February 23, 2023

Mary Richardson  
Department of City Planning  
200 N Spring St, Room 701  
Los Angeles, CA 90012

**Re: Permanent Al Fresco Public Comment - CPC-2022-8179-CA**

Dear Ms. Richardson,

The Los Angeles Area Chamber of Commerce is the oldest and largest business association in the region. The Chamber's mission is to design and advance opportunities and solutions for a thriving regional economy. On behalf of the Los Angeles Area Chamber of Commerce, we urge the city to create a streamlined process to allow for permanent outdoor dining for restaurants that already have Al Fresco dining through the existing program. The Chamber supports the adoption and implementation of planning policies that incorporate smart growth tools that drive economic growth. We have been a strong supporter of Al Fresco dining both at the state and locally.

Al fresco dining was essential in keeping restaurant doors open during the pandemic and allowed restaurants to continue to operate safely while on the brink of closer.

The proposed ordinance will place heavy cost burdens on small businesses who have incorporated Al Fresco dining to their restaurants.

If the city is looking to support small businesses who are the heart of our economy they should be looking to create a streamlined approval process and not new and costly restrictions that require restaurants to apply for expensive new permits for existing patios created using the program and preserve the original intent of Al Fresco. Should you have any questions please contact Senior Public Policy Manager Esthela Pacheco at [epacheco@lachamber.com](mailto:epacheco@lachamber.com). Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Maria S. Salinas".

Maria S. Salinas  
President & CEO  
Los Angeles Area Chamber of Commerce

**Date : 12/27/2022 10:54:44 AM**  
**From : "Fatima Marques"**  
**To : alfresco.planning@lacity.org**  
**Subject : LA LA FRESCO program question/request**

Hello,

I own a restaurant in Sherman Oaks since 2005, we used to be open everyday but since covid we are just open on the weekends. I have been part of the LA AL FRESCO program since it started which allowed us to continue staying in business.

I was notified by my landlord this week that I need to remove my outdoor seating. The location of my restaurant is in a small strip mall and the parking that sits right in front of my restaurant is the handicap parking. He is now disallowing me to use it because it does not reference permission on the permit that I have from the LA AL FRESCO program permit.

I see several of the restaurants using the handicap parkings for the LA AL FRESCO program but I don't see any reference of that on my permit, is this usage allowed? If so can I have that in writing to continue using it to satisfy my landlords request of it and if not what are my options?

I appreciate your response as soon as possible, thank you

Fatima Marques



**Date : 1/25/2023 3:24:37 PM**  
**From : "Bonni Funk"**  
**To : alfresco.planning@lacity.org**  
**Subject : LA Outdoor Dining**

Please find a way to keep outdoor dining in LA, as long as it's ADA-compliant.  
Thanks.

**Date : 2/8/2023 2:36:50 PM**

**From : "Denise O'Hara"**

**To : alfresco.planning@lacity.org**

**Cc : info@ichla**

**Subject : Let the sidewalk dining continue! CPC-2022-8179-CA permanent Alfresco Program**

Please don't stop the outdoor sidewalk dining in Los Angeles. Please don't make it a bureaucratic nightmare for restaurants to continue outdoor dining.

I personally will not dine inside a restaurant as I'm 72 years old and feel safe from covid or flu when I dine outside.

Also my son has a small restaurant that is barely surviving now. Most of his customers dine outside on the fresco style sidewalk tables. If you stop allowing sidewalk dining they will surely go under. They have created a beautiful environment for dining. It is friendly and open and people tend to speak and connect with each other. Further, if you make it too difficult with paperwork and ordinances etc. many places will not be able to survive.

All the restaurants are so much more inviting and alive now with the outdoor spaces. It reminds me of Europe. Please allow it to continue! It has been wonderful.

Thank you for your consideration  
Denise OHara Inouye  
Sent from my iPhone

**Date : 2/8/2023 4:47:43 PM**  
**From : "Christy Vega"**  
**To : alfresco.planning@lacity.org**  
**Subject : Letter for hearing 2/8 at 6pm**  
**Attachment : CVLetterOutdoorDiningOrdinance.pdf;**

Please read my attached letter regarding the proposed Outdoor Dining Ordinance

**Christina Vega**

President  
Casa Vega Restaurant  
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**CASA VEGA**  
MEXICAN CUISINE

February 8, 2023

RE: Proposed Outdoor Dining Ordinance

Dear Alfresco Planning Dept.,

The proposed Outdoor Dining Ordinance needs to be STRUCK DOWN. What I hear out of the planning department is you are claiming to be “helping restaurants”. What a joke! You can help restaurants by indeed making it permanent without ANY permit fees or impossible red tape. You should keep things as they are now and make it permanent. This will force many restaurants, including my own, to permanently close. Is that the goal????? Or it is a massive money grab in fees for the fun of it?

The first issue is mandating Conditional Use Permits. They run \$20K for City fees, \$8K for City Expediting, \$20 for consultant to navigate complicated CUP process and \$10K in fees to hire a professional to draft plans. \$50,000 for ONE CUP. Then you want to require an additional fee for alcohol service for an additional \$50,000 to serve alcohol like we have been for past few years. This is a complete MONEY GRAB and will create economic barriers for mom & pop and independent restaurants. You are proposing a “pay to play” for the rich.

Second, is it outrageous to limit the size of patios to 5 parking spots. That will only fit 15 people and not worth the cost to build or pay the permit fees. It is government overreach to tell us we can only use limited space on our private property. I have 20 spots after using 10 parking spots for dining. Why on earth is that not okay with the City? If landlord and tenant are okay, why are you putting road blocks to struggling businesses trying to make rent???

Third, why on earth would you propose to prohibit private events on outdoor patios?? LA County is still recommending people mask indoors, especially at restaurants, and you want to prohibit events/parties from outdoors. LA City pushed last 3 years outdoor events are safest. So now you want to push all large gatherings indoors? This is government to strangle my revenue. I have tons of corporations such as National Geographic, NBC, CBS, and many many more that only will hold events in outdoor spaces due to liability. It is politically correct to hold outdoor events due to elderly and auto-immune disorder of guests. Why are you proposing to jeopardize public health???? Why are you proposing to force all events indoors???



# CASA VEGA

MEXICAN CUISINE

Fourth, a 42" pony wall proposal is ridiculous. The City has proven completely ineffective in curbing homeless, homeless human waste & filth and crime. I remodeled my temp patio in October 9<sup>th</sup> with 96" barriers to keep my staff and customers safe. Two years I had an open tent. My staff was assaulted daily. One bus boy was stabbed and another is out with fractured facial bone from a salsa cups thrown at him and myself by a transient. He was protecting me and wound up with a broken face. Homeless come on patio and grab customers plates, scream and tyrant on patio, urinate and defecate on patio. The 96" walls keep everyone safe. It also allows me not to have private security guarding the patio nightly from encampments. Casa Vega was recently cased by a group in which our security thinks they were casing to hold us up. We are switching to cashless because of this threat.

This ordinance is a disgrace. Santa Barbara just made all their outdoor dining permanent without any costly permits or restrictions. They simply mandated parklets be painted same color. Glendale did the same.

Restaurants are all barely surviving. Huge debts from COVID and Economic Disaster loans just came due in January. Combined with inflation and rising minimum wage – the City will put all restaurants out of business. This ordinance is unacceptable, a death to small businesses and written by someone who obviously was on government payroll last few years of the pandemic. Meanwhile, restaurant owners are struggling to stay alive, dealing with massive PTSD from pandemic and feel attacked by our city. WE WERE FORCED INTO OUTDOOR DINING AT NO FAULT OF OUR OWN. Now the City was to penalize restaurants with a major cash gran and endless red tape for doing so.

Make Outdoor Dining permanent. Landlord and tenant should decide if dining or parking is best for the survival of their business. No fees!!! City is 5<sup>th</sup> richest in the world. No over regulation. This is all further evidence that Los Angeles continues to be the most unfriendly city in the nation to small businesses. I put every cent of my relief money into my patio and now the city wants to bankrupt me.

Extremely Disappointed,

Christina "Christy" Vega  
President/ Owner  
Casa Vega

**Date : 2/23/2023 12:48:21 PM**

**From : "Damian Robledo"**

**To : AlFresco.Planning@lacity.org**

**Subject : Mailing list for alFresco**

Please put me on email mailing list for alFresco program updates

Thank you

***Damian G. Robledo***

(323) 363-1663 m.

Damian.g.robledo@gmail.com

Sent from my iPhone

**Date : 1/17/2023 1:15:55 PM**  
**From : "Tess Halavy"**  
**To : alfresco.planning@lacity.org**  
**Subject : Mailing list**

Please add me to your mailing list



**Tess Halavy**

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**Date : 12/3/2022 9:32:51 AM**  
**From : "son tuscansonla.com"**  
**To : "AlFresco.Planning@lacity.org"**  
**Subject : Need to continue outdoor dinning**

Please continue to send us info on permanent outdoor dinning. It has and will continue to be a lifeline for us!

Thank you,  
Daniela Judah- Ormani  
Owner Tuscan Son Caffè

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Tuscansonla.com



**Date : 11/30/2022 1:42:12 PM**  
**From : "SOLIS, LETICIA E."**  
**To : "AlFresco.Planning@lacity.org"**  
**Subject : NEED UPDATES**  
**Attachment : image001.png;**

Thanks for this info. Please let me know the updates.

Thanks again!

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**Date : 12/6/2022 1:54:32 PM**  
**From : "kevin franklin"**  
**To : "alfresco.planning@lacity.org"**  
**Subject : Needed info**

Please let me know the fee and application process. My clients are interested . I am a retired ABC Agent, so some of my clients want to apply for it

**Date : 7/1/2022 8:34:36 PM**

**From : "Secretary, Hollywood United NC"**

**To : alfresco.planning@lacity.org**

**Cc : jim@myhunc.org, "Lorenzo Briceno"**

**Subject : Neighborhood Council PLUM participation in Permanent Al Fresco**

Hello. How do NC's weigh in on the Planning decision to make temporary al fresco permanent?

It is possible that PLUM committees may have thoughts on this and that allowing al fresco without the previous requirements has merit for their discussion. There has not been efforts made to reach out to the NCs to make them aware of this or to take input. In some areas the current temporary permissions in reality are creating ADA obstructions and encroachment into areas by diners into areas that adjacent to dining areas.

When is the deadline for Planning determination?

Brandi Alexis D'Amore

Secretary

At-Large Unclassified Representative, Area 3

Board of Directors

Hollywood United Neighborhood Council (HUNC)

Certified Neighborhood Council, #52

Date : 2/21/2023 3:33:42 PM  
From : "Chris Senger"  
To : alfresco.planning@lacity.org  
Subject : No on Al Fresco Ordinance

To Whom it May Concern,

I am writing to oppose the Al Fresco Ordinance, which would make patio dining permanent in Los Angeles.

In theory, it sounds like a good idea, but the new rules and regulations would ultimately put some of my favorite restaurants out of business.

In order to achieve a better community experience, I believe it is vitally important for outdoor dining to thrive in Los Angeles.

Thus, it is in our best interest to make patio dining easy for businesses to implement and maintain, especially in a post-COVID environment.

The Al Fresco Ordinance would place more cumbersome restrictions on local businesses during a time when they are already struggling to recover from the affects of the pandemic.

Let the market determine the types of dining experiences people prefer, not top-down diktats from bureaucrats.

For this reason, I vehemently oppose this legislation and urge you to reconsider implementing it.

Sincerely,  
Chris Senger  
Sherman Oaks

-sent from my tiny phone

**Date : 1/25/2023 3:30:38 PM**

**From : "Shawn Dedeluk"**

**To : alfresco.planning@lacity.org**

**Subject : No to the Al Fresco Ordinance change**

Outdoor dining in Los Angeles has dramatically improved the city's dining experience. We have year-round beautiful weather and before COVID, outdoor dining was far too limited.

Why are we limiting outdoor dining options? This is absurd. Parking has been doing just fine over the past 3 years, meanwhile business have been able to seat more customers thanks to outdoor dining. Why punish businesses just to allow 2 cars to park?

This is ridiculous and should not be changed.

**Date : 12/4/2022 10:17:44 AM**  
**From : l.shaffer@tarzananc.org**  
**To : alfresco.planning@lacity.org**  
**Subject : notifications**

Please sign me up for notifications regarding this new ordinance

'Thx

Leonard Shaffer  
President, Tarzana Neighborhood Council  
l.shaffer@tarzananc.org

Date : 2/20/2023 1:45:30 PM  
From : "Barbara Valensky"  
To : alfresco.planning@lacity.org  
Subject : null

Concern,

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Sincerely,

(Your Name)  
Barbara Valensky

Sent from my iPad

Date : 2/20/2023 9:42:46 AM  
From : "Aleksandra Zorich Hunt"  
To : alfresco.planning@lacity.org  
Subject : null

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Sincerely,

Aleksandra

Aleksandra Zorich Hunt-  
Sent from iPhone



**Date : 9/1/2022 11:33:15 AM**  
**From : "Sienna Kuo"**  
**To : alfresco.planning@lacity.org**  
**Subject : Office of Zoning Administrator Hearing- Al Fresco Question**  
**Attachment : IMG\_0938.jpg;**

Hello,

I hope you are doing well.

I work with the Department of City Planning and was looking to get more information on the allowable parameters of the al fresco program.

I have a case located at 600 East Venice Boulevard and a member of the public sent me a photo of a newly constructed patio. A few questions I have are: is a permanent patio allowed under the al fresco program? and has the permanent al fresco program begun?

This property is located within the Coastal Zone and we have not yet seen a permanent patio constructed for use with the al fresco program.

Any additional information would be greatly appreciated as the hearing for this case is next Tuesday. I also attached the photo to this email.

Thank you!



Sienna Kuo

Planning Assistant  
**Los Angeles City Planning**

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**Date : 2/13/2023 12:39:52 AM**  
**From : "Valerie Tung"**  
**To : alfresco.planning@lacity.org**  
**Subject : opinion on al fresco dining**

Hi!

My family is literally planning on coming to LA this next month precisely because the weather is nicer and we thought we could guarantee a fair amount of al fresco dining. We are doing in the PNW - the main issue just being heat (when it gets into the 30's and 40's at night... it's a lot harder to stay warm. But we still do it!) The main battle everywhere is that no places are investing in having heaters and such for winter because they don't know if these allowances will be pulled - please make it permanent. Those of us who take covid seriously (or just enjoy the outdoors or both) would REALLY appreciate it. I have managed to stay Covid-free for over 3 years for our entire family while working in crowds - just by masking, then eating outdoors.

I sincerely hope that LA will take this seriously - and realize how much tourism to their area is because of people trying to find ways to remain safe and sane in this challenging and impossible situation we are all in, as we wait for places to improve indoor air quality - and nothing mandating it means it won't be anytime soon. Build a reputation for awesome outdoor dining (that is truly outdoor- no more than 2 walls) - and we will be back time and time again over the years because we can stay healthy!

Thanks so much!

-Valerie Tung  
Seattle area, WA state :)

Date : 2/21/2023 9:37:41 AM  
From : "pshe"  
To : alfresco.planning@lacity.org  
Subject : Opposing the Al Fresco Ordinance

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Sincerely,

Roya Pasqualone

**Date : 2/8/2023 6:25:23 PM**  
**From : "t kennedy"**  
**To : "alfresco.planning@lacity.org"**  
**Subject : opposition to permanent alfresco dining**

Dear Ms. Richardson,

We are writing to voice our opposition to permanent al fresco dining, case number CPC-2022-8179-CA.

Outdoor drinking and dining creates parking and noise problems for the surrounding community.

As stakeholders in our community we have experienced the following negative effects of outdoor dining:

- \* noisy drunk patrons
- \* loud music from restaurants and cars parked on residential streets
- \* unsafe traffic due to the fact that the restaurants cannot accommodate their patrons, staff, and deliveries in their parking lot
- \* urination in public and on private property

Please consider our concerns before allowing permanent al fresco dining.

Sincerely,

Cecelia and Patricia Kennedy

**Date : 10/19/2022 1:10:12 PM**  
**From : "Steve Rawlings"**  
**To : "AlFresco.Planning@lacity.org"**  
**Subject : Ordinance Update**

Good afternoon Andrew,

Where is the process is the proposed ordinance? Can I be added to the email list for this Ordinance?

*Best regards,*

Steve Rawlings  
Rawlings Consulting  
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951.551.5433 (M)

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**Date : 9/16/2022 9:05:34 PM**  
**From : "Arielle Mari"**  
**To : alfresco.planning@lacity.org**  
**Subject : Outdoor dining - music permitting question**

Hello there,

There is a restaurant in my neighborhood (Koreatown) that has an outdoor dining space via the LA Al Fresco program. However, they play loud music outside during their operating hours, until 2 a.m. I've had many conversations with them for over a year about how it can be heard in the surrounding residential area. I can hear it inside my apartment several hundred yards away. But they've refused to turn it down.

LAPD has not been helpful even though I've called the non-emergency line multiple times. The information of the restaurant is below. Can you please let me know if you can help? No one in my apartment complex can afford to move over this but like I said the restaurant has refused to see reason. We're not asking anything unreasonable of them.

Honey Night(꿀밤) Korean Pub  
3526 W 8th St, Los Angeles, CA 90005

Thank you,  
Arielle  
704-231-2299

**Date : 1/25/2023 3:46:10 PM**  
**From : "leah tieger"**  
**To : "alfresco.planning@lacity.org"**  
**Subject : Outdoor dining > Parking**

To Whom it May Concern:

I'm writing on behalf of myself and my family in response to the new rules which would limit outdoor dining.

Outdoor dining additions were the BEST thing to come out of COVID. All six of us, and anyone we variously eat out with, choose outdoor dining first to enjoy the beautiful weather we're fortunate enough to have all year long. Not only is there a plethora of non-single-car transit options that we utilize in exchange for the loss of street parking to outdoor dining, but there's the added benefit of fewer carbon emissions and cleaner streets.

To put it quite frankly, reducing outdoor dining allowances for restaurants is a poor choice that decreases our quality of living as a city. Please reconsider at your earliest opportunity and make the choice to allow LA the kind of outdoor dining that nearly every other international city enjoys.

Best wishes,

Leah Tieger



**Date : 1/25/2023 2:46:10 PM**  
**From : "Charlotte MacGregor"**  
**To : alfresco.planning@lacity.org**  
**Subject : Outdoor Dining**

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Best wishes,  
Charlotte MacGregor  
LA Citizen

**Date : 1/25/2023 4:03:40 PM**  
**From : "Paco Panfilo"**  
**To : alfresco.planning@lacity.org**  
**Subject : Outdoor dining**

Keep the out door dinning , the leads cars the better , everyone like out door dishing  
Sent from my iPhone

**Date : 1/25/2023 2:56:13 PM**  
**From : "Daniel Rincon"**  
**To : alfresco.planning@lacity.org**  
**Subject : Outdoor dining**

Removing outdoor dining makes our city much less lively, please reconsider revoking it, it's been a blessing to be able to dine outside in a city with such wonderful weather. As a driver, I don't mind parking further away if it means I can dine outside

-Daniel Rincon

Sent from my iPhone

**Date : 2/28/2023 1:30:34 PM**  
**From : "Rene Echavarria"**  
**To : alfresco.planning@lacity.org**  
**Subject : Outdoor dining**

Please do not ruin the wonderful lemonade that SO many small, locally owned restaurants have made out of the batch of lemons thrown their way at the onset of the pandemic.

These establishments have redefined their business models and have struggled to make it work—with much success. To change the guidelines that allowed this would be an insult to their ingenuity, creativity and ability to turn on a dime and figure out how to sustain a business while meeting various county codes and policies.

Embrace the change that came of these circumstances! Celebrate small business! Let them stay al fresco!

Rene Echavarria

Sent from my iPhone

**Date : 2/6/2023 4:29:59 PM**  
**From : "Allyson Arons"**  
**To : alfresco.planning@lacity.org**  
**Subject : Outdoor Dining A Must for LA!**

Dear City Planning,

I'm writing regarding my concern about LA County's vote to put an end to Outdoor Dining permits. Any limit in fact, would be a disaster on our community and businesses.

Please keep outdoor dining permits and ordinance in effect indefinitely. It has only been a positive to the local economy. It is essential to our communities safety, health and economic stability during Covid and inflation for LA restaurants.

There are only been benefits to outdoor dinner for the customer and business owner. I have been navigating Covid for my family for 3 years of this pandemic... and I have never had it. I was able to celebrate my elder parents 80 year birthdays safely... I owe a majority of this to the option of outdoor dining.

Please keep this in effect as!!!!

Best,  
Ally Arons  
Studio City

Sent from my iPhone

**Date : 1/25/2023 4:18:22 PM**  
**From : "Matthew Burgnon"**  
**To : [alfresco.planning@lacity.org](mailto:alfresco.planning@lacity.org)**  
**Subject : Outdoor Dining Changes**

Case Number: **CPC-2022-8179-CA** .

To Whom it May Concern:

Outdoor dining additions were the BEST thing to come out of COVID. I've enjoyed it with friends and family alike and we all love eating in the weather that we live in Los Angeles for! The removal of outdoor dining would allow for more street parking for say three more cars at the cost of removing seating for approximately ten tables! This means at peak times restaurants will likely have to turn away customers just so a few cars can park and likely not even visit the restaurants impacted.

Please reconsider the removal of outdoor dining at your earliest opportunity and make the choice to allow LA the kind of outdoor dining that nearly every other international city enjoys.

Best wishes,

Matthew Burgnon  
Cell: 760-267-2250  
[mburgnon10@gmail.com](mailto:mburgnon10@gmail.com)

**Date : 8/17/2022 2:45:57 PM**  
**From : "Blaine Gregson"**  
**To : alfresco.planning@lacity.org**  
**Subject : Outdoor Dining in C4 Zones**  
**Attachment : ZAI 1808.pdf;Zoning Code Manual - Outdoor Dining.pdf;**

Andrew,

I'm unsure if this would be within the purview of the proposed Permanent Alfresco Ordinance but if possible, could the new ordinance address Rooftop Outdoor Dining in C4 zones?

The Zoning Manual (attached) clearly states that Outdoor Dining is only allowed on the Ground Floor in the C4 zone. It states Outdoor Dining is allowed on rooftops in the C2, C5, & CM zones and that it is not permitted in C4 zones. However, **I haven't been able to find any code justification for why Rooftop Outdoor Dining is not permitted in the C4 zone.** The Zoning Manual might be incorrect.

The Zoning Manual references ZAI 1808 (attached). However, ZAI 1808 does not mention the C4 zone at all.

The C1 zone has the following limitation:

- (2) All activities are conducted wholly within an enclosed building, except that ground floor restaurants may have outdoor eating areas. An outdoor eating area for a ground floor restaurants may be located anywhere between the building and its required front yard, or between the building and any required side or rear yard which side or rear yard abuts a public street. (Amended by Ord. No. 165,403, Eff. 2/17/90.)

The CR zone has the following limitation:

- 13. Restaurant, when conducted within a permitted office building, provided: that entrances to the restaurant are located inside of the building; that no sign or other form of advertising is visible from outside the office building; that no sign or other form of advertising is utilized in any manner whatsoever outside of the building as a means of advertising the restaurant; that the restaurant remains open for business only between the hours of 7 a.m. to 8 p.m., Monday through Saturday; and that no entertainment or dancing is conducted or permitted. An outdoor eating area for a ground floor restaurants may be located anywhere between the building and its required front yard, or between the building and any required side or rear yard which side or rear yard abuts a public street. (Amended by Ord. No. 165,403, Eff. 2/17/90.)

The C1.5 zone has the following limitation:

- (3) All activities, including storage, shall be conducted wholly within an enclosed building;

The C2 zone allows outdoor dining per ZAI 1808.

The [C4 zone](#) does **not** include any restrictions or limitations that would prohibit outdoor dining.

So I agree with the Zoning Manual that it isn't allowed in CR, C1, & C1.5 zones but cannot find any code justification for why it is not allowed in the C4 zone. The Zoning Manual and **not an actual code section** is preventing us from including a rooftop outdoor dining area at our adaptive reuse project located at 3807 Wilshire Blvd, Los Angeles, CA 90010.

Regards,

**Blaine Gregson**

Director of Development, Jamison

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August 18, 1961

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Room 195, City Hall

Re: Z. A. I. CASE NO. 1808  
Dining Terraces or Outdoor  
Patios for Serving and  
Consuming Food and Refresh-  
ments in connection with  
Restaurants, Cafes, etc.  
C2 and Less Restrictive  
Zones

Greetings:

In the matter of the verbal request made by officials of the Department of Building and Safety and by several interested restaurant operators for an interpretation of the zoning regulations as they apply to the provision of dining terraces or outdoor eating patios in connection with restaurants, cafes, and other eating and refreshment establishments located in the C2 Zone, please be advised that the Chief Zoning Administrator has made the following interpretation and ruling that in the C2 or less restrictive zones it would be permissible to have dining terraces or outdoor eating patios for the serving and consuming of food and refreshment in connection with various eating and refreshment establishments, provided all other activities including any entertainment and dancing, other than incidental storage, are conducted wholly within a completely enclosed building.

INTERPRETATION AND RULING

There is some ambiguity, contradiction, and conflict between some of the provisions of the Comprehensive Zoning Ordinance as they concern activities of a restaurant, cafe, or other eating establishment when located in the C2 Zone, particularly as to the extent which food and refreshment may be served outside of buildings. No such conflict exists with respect to such establishments when located in the more restrictive C1 Zone since the limitations which apply to all commercial uses in said zone very clearly provide that "all activities are conducted wholly within an enclosed building." The C2 Zone, however, is somewhat ambiguous and open to interpretation on this particular point. Said C2 Zone in addition to permitting all C1 Zone uses subject to the limitation

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that "all activities other than incidental storage shall be conducted wholly within a completely enclosed building" also provides in paragraph 14 of Section 12.14-A that there may be drive-in businesses which among other things includes refreshment stands, restaurants, and the like. In any such drive-in restaurant or refreshment stand persons are served food and refreshment while sitting in their automobiles. It is common practice in connection with many restaurants, eating establishments, and refreshment stands, particularly during the summer months in our salubrious climate, to provide tables either on dining terraces, outdoors, or under shade-covered patios where persons may be served their food and drink. Such activity would be little different than the serving of food and refreshment to persons seated in their cars in a drive-in restaurant facility and would be no more objectionable to the public welfare than some of the other open type of uses permitted in the C2 Zone, provided any entertainment and dancing is conducted wholly within a completely enclosed portion of the building. Other provisions of the C2 Zone clearly indicate the intent that all dancing and entertainment type of facilities other than the modern drive-in motion picture theater, be conducted within completely enclosed buildings. It is apparent that in most instances the conduct of open-air entertainment or dancing in connection with restaurant and cafe facilities would be a source of annoyance to occupants of adjacent premises, particularly residential and hotel developments.

Therefore, by virtue of authority contained in Section 12.21-A, 2 of the Municipal Code, it is hereby determined that restaurants, cafes, eating establishments, or refreshment stands with incidental dining terraces or outdoor eating patios for serving and consuming of food and refreshments would be similar to and no more objectionable than other uses permitted in the C2 Zone, provided all other activities including any entertainment and dancing, other than incidental storage, are conducted wholly within a completely enclosed building. Furthermore, the List of Uses Permitted in Various Zones adopted under Z. A. I. Case No. 1350 is amended by inserting in its proper alphabetical order among the uses permitted in the C2 Zone, the following:

"Restaurant, Cafe, Eating Establishment or Refreshment Facility with incidental dining terrace or outdoor eating patio with tables for serving and consuming food or refreshments, provided all other activities including any entertainment and dancing, other than incidental storage, are conducted wholly within a completely enclosed building."

Very truly yours,

  
HUBERT E. SHULTZ

Chief Zoning Administrator

HES:at

cc: Associate Zoning Administrators  
Branch Offices, Planning  
William Dove - c/o Tahitian Restaurant  
12010 Ventura Boulevard, Studio City

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## Section 12.03

### Outdoor Dining and Eating Areas – Definition.

In order to promote an attractive pedestrian environment by encouraging the design of building which accommodate modest commercial activity fronting a major street, the City has twice introduced incentives that could benefit and encourage outdoor eating. They are “Outdoor Dining” adopted in 1961 with ZAI 1808 (Zoning Administrator Interpretation) or “Outdoor Eating Area” adopted in 1990 in the Zoning Code under Ordinance 165,403. Either one of the incentives can be used if their conditions are complied with.

**Under ZAI 1808, “OUTDOOR DINING”** is permitted in the C2 zone or less restrictive zones such as C2, C5, CM, MR1, M1, MR2, M2, M3 and PF (Not permitted by rights in CR, C1, C1.5 or C4 zone)..... *“Therefore, it is hereby determined that restaurants, cafes, eating establishments, or refreshment stands with incidental dinning terraces or outdoor eating patios for serving and consuming of food and refreshments would be similar to and no more objectionable than other uses permitted in the C2 zone, provided all other activities including any entertainment and dancing, incidental storage are conducted wholly within a completely enclosed building”.*

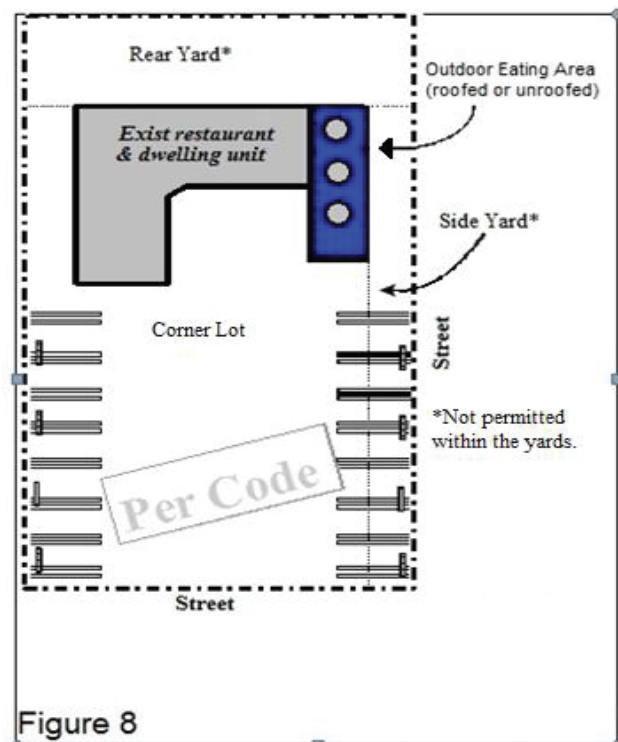
**Under the Zoning Code, OUTDOOR EATING AREA** is permitted in the CR zone and defines as *“When used in Sections 12.12.2, 12.13, 12.14, 12.21.1 and 12.24, this term shall refer to a covered or uncovered portion of a ground floor restaurant which is not completely enclosed within the building; is used primarily for the consumption of food and/or drinks by the patrons of the restaurant; and is not larger than 50 percent of the dining area of the ground floor restaurant. A “ground floor” restaurant refers to any restaurant with an average finished floor elevation either below or not more than three feet above natural grade as measured from any point along the exterior building wall closest to the restaurant.” (Amended by Ord. No. 165,403, Eff. 2/17/90.)* When one side of the outdoor eating area facing the front street can be opened, it could be defined as “not completely enclosed”.

**OUTDOOR EATING AREAS** are also permitted in the RAS3 and RAS4 zones under LAMC Section 12.10.5.B.2 and LAMC Section 12.11.5.B.2 respectively. The sections state the following limitations, *“all activities are conducted wholly within an enclosed building, except that restaurants may have outdoor eating areas”.* Ordinance 174,999 added the RAS3 and RAS4 zones on January 15, 2003 after the last amendment to the *Outdoor Eating Area* definition on February 17, 1990.

**Q<sub>1</sub>** - Under what conditions and in what zones are Outdoor Dining areas / Outdoor Eating Areas permitted in conjunction with restaurants?

**A<sub>1</sub>** -

1. By authority of ZAI 1808, Outdoor Dining is permitted in the C2, CM and all the M\* zones. The Outdoor Dining shall be located outside of any required yards. It can be either roofed or unroofed at any levels above the ground floor incidental to



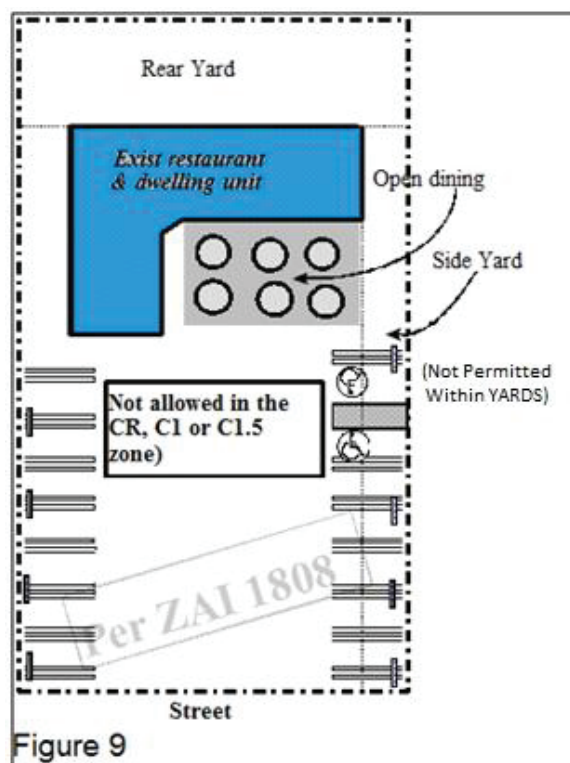
an eating establishment. However, for a roofed outdoor dining, it shall be considered as new additional floor area; therefore, all Zoning code requirements shall be verified including the FAR and additional parking. Likewise, for an unroofed Outdoor Dining, it has no limitation regarding the area of the open use and has no parking requirements because it is not considered as “floor area” per Zoning code’s definition.

\*In the MR Zones, restaurants are permitted only when incidental to the industrial use on the lot.

2. “Outdoor Eating Areas” as defined in Sec. 12.03 and in conformity with the limitations specified therein and summarized above are first permitted in the CR zone. As first specified in Section 12.12.2A4.13, “Outdoor Eating Areas” may be located 1) “*between the building and its required front yard*”; 2) “*between the building and its required side or rear yard which side or rear yard abuts a public street*”. They can be either roofed or unroofed without providing additional parking. Also, read restriction on Operational Hours for Outdoor Eating Areas in the CR, C1 or C1.5 zone.

**Q<sub>2</sub>** - Which provision takes precedence; that contained in the Code or that in the ZAI?

**A<sub>2</sub>**- These provisions overlap in some cases but do not supersede one another. For CR, C1, C1.5 or C4 zones, only “Outdoor Eating Areas” are permitted and not “Outdoor Dining”. For C2 and less restrictive zones, either Outdoor Dining or Outdoor Eating is permitted and it can be either roofed or unroofed. However, for Outdoor Dining, the roofed areas shall be considered as new floor areas for the site; unlike an Outdoor Eating Areas, their floor areas are exempted from Zoning’s FAR and Parking.



A summary matrix:

Permitted	O.K. in zones	Permitted in Yards	Roofed/ Unroofed	Max. area	Floor Area <sup>1</sup>	Other limitations
Per Code	RAS3, RAS4, CR, C1, C1.5, C2, C4, CM & M	Not permitted.	Roofed/ Unroofed	50% of interior dining area	Exempted	At Ground level only
Per ZAI 1808 (incidental to an Eating Establishments)	C2, C5, CM, MR1, M1, MR2, M2, M3	Not permitted.	Unroofed	No floor area	Exempted	At all levels
	C2, C5, CM, MR1, M1, MR2, M2, M3	Not permitted.	With Roof	Verify code's requirement for max area such as FAR.	New Floor Area ( additional parking )	At all levels

<sup>1</sup> If exempt from floor area, then no parking is required. (Z. E. memo 12-13-95 and 10-17-01)



**Date : 2/28/2023 1:41:17 PM**  
**From : "Linda Hulne"**  
**To : alfresco.planning@lacity.org**  
**Subject : outdoor dining in LA**

Hello,

I'm an LA resident (for 25+ years) and I'm concerned about the fees, restrictions, and waiting periods regarding outdoor dining permits for small restaurant owners. As the daughter of the owner of a small Chicago restaurant, I know without a doubt that people living in colder climates would love to be dining outdoors in February. The City of Los Angeles is making it just as difficult to dine outside as snow and cold weather do in the Windy City. Help small businesses succeed instead of freezing their number one asset post pandemic -- the ability to allow their customers to eat outdoors. It's much safer for everyone's health.

Thank you,  
Linda Hulne  
Valley Glen

**Date : 2/6/2023 4:51:08 PM**  
**From : "Jennifer McGroarty"**  
**To : Alfresco.planning@lacity.org**  
**Subject : Outdoor Dining in Los Angeles**

The trend of added outdoor dining in Los Angeles is one of the few positive things to come out of the Covid pandemic. The restaurant industry was one of the hardest hit. I applaud the many restaurants that found a way to stay open and feel great sympathy for those that couldn't. The City of Los Angeles needs to be supporting restaurants , especially ones that are small businesses. Adding new permitting requirements and costs is going to result in more closed restaurants. This city has declined greatly over the past three years with many people choosing to leave. Your focus should be on rebuilding and cleaning it up, not destroying it further. Please vote No on the proposed permit and fee requirements for outdoor dining. Sent from my iPhone

**Date : 2/6/2023 5:03:43 PM**  
**From : "Cassidy Finn"**  
**To : Alfresco.planning@lacity.org**  
**Subject : Outdoor dining LA**

please keep outdoor dining in LA. Don't make it too hard for small restaurant owners to continue with outdoor dining.

Sent from my iPhone

**Date : 1/25/2023 3:35:11 PM**  
**From : "Anthony Massung"**  
**To : alfresco.planning@lacity.org**  
**Subject : Outdoor Dining Opinion**

Hello,

I'm writing on behalf of myself and my family in response to the new rules which would limit outdoor dining.

Outdoor dining additions were the best thing to come out of COVID. My wife and I, and anyone we variously eat out with, choose outdoor dining first to enjoy the beautiful weather we're fortunate enough to have all year long. Not only is there a plethora of non-single-car transit options that we utilize in exchange for the loss of street parking to outdoor dining, but there's the added benefit of fewer carbon emissions and cleaner streets.

To put it quite frankly, reducing outdoor dining allowances for restaurants is a poor choice that decreases our quality of living as a city. Please reconsider at your earliest opportunity and make the choice to allow LA the kind of outdoor dining that nearly every other international city enjoys.

Best wishes, Anthony Massung, resident of LA county



Date : 2/21/2023 9:08:59 AM  
From : "Robbie Wedeen"  
To : alfresco.planning@lacity.org, "Nithya Raman"  
Subject : Outdoor Dining Ordinance

To Whom it May Concern,

I am writing to oppose the Al Fresco Ordinance, which would make patio dining permanent in Los Angeles. I would like to make patio dining permanent without harming existing businesses. I feel much more comfortable dining outdoors. Outdoor dining areas should be large and spacious!

In order to achieve a better community experience, I believe it is vitally important for outdoor dining to thrive in Los Angeles.

Thus, it is in our best interest to make patio dining easy for businesses to implement and maintain, especially in a post-COVID environment.

The Al Fresco Ordinance, as is, would place more cumbersome restrictions on local businesses during a time when they are already struggling to recover from the affects of the pandemic.

For this reason, I vehemently oppose this legislation and urge you to reconsider the way it is written. Please protect outdoor dining. Don't make us go back indoors!

Sincerely,

Robbie Wedeen

**Date : 10/19/2022 9:56:09 AM**  
**From : "Addison Peterson"**  
**To : alfresco.planning@lacity.org**  
**Cc : "Heidi Pickman"**  
**Subject : Outdoor Dining Permitting**

Good Morning,

My name is Addison Peterson, Policy Specialist, for the California Association of Micro Enterprise Opportunity (CAMEO).

I am doing research on outdoor dining permitting and I wanted to know how much does it cost a restaurant for an outdoor dining permit and is the cost of the permit expected to rise after the temporary rules expire?

Thank You,

Addison Peterson

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**Register for our [MicroLenders Forum](#) on September 15, 2022 in San Francisco (in person!)**

Stay healthy and buy something from a small business,  
[#shopsmall](#)

**[Visit CAMEO's COVID-19 Resource Page](#)**

**Addison Peterson**  
**Policy Specialist**  
**CAMEO - California Association for Micro Enterprise Opportunity**  
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**Date : 1/25/2023 3:40:23 PM**  
**From : "Kattie Lam"**  
**To : alfresco.planning@lacity.org**  
**Subject : Outdoor Dining Policy Change**

Hello,

I understand that there are conversations around new rules that would limit outdoor dining. I am writing on behalf of myself and my community that has had invaluable memories and safety from outdoor dining.

To do this day, I believe that outdoor dining has been instrumental in our city's ability to recover from the pandemic. Further, it has become a part of the business landscape, by increasing capacity and providing options for a culinary experience that only LA can provide.

I find this decision incredibly short sighted because high density areas do not need more car parking - it needs better transport options. Folks can use the many different options such as rideshare, to continue to enjoy these restaurants. We'd have more people on the streets than cars, which is a win for our environment.

This city's standard of living is already incredibly high - we want to create a community that is non transient or temporary. Outdoor dining has created the vibrance in a city that I've only see in other large metropolitan areas. outdoor dining is a step forward in in ensuring that we're creating sustainable transport and living options - no one wants to walk on streets and communities that are empty.

Thank you,  
Kattie Lam

**Date : 3/1/2023 8:30:36 PM**  
**From : "Yolanda Eliz"**  
**To : "alfresco.planning@lacity.org"**  
**Subject : Outdoor dining**

Dear Al Fresco,

Please do NOT pass the ordinance re: Outdoor Dining.

My dear husband had to have a liver transplant because of a botched surgery. You have no idea what we have gone through... This happened in early 2020. My husband was in the hospital for three months because of a doctors negligent procedure. My husbandMy dear husband had to have a liver transplant because of a botched surgery. You have no idea what we have gone through... This happened in early 2020. My husband was in the hospital for three months because of a doctors negligent procedure. My husband went in for a gallbladder surgery and came out fighting for his life... Having to get a liver transplant

My husband is immune compromised. One of the things that we love to do is go to various restaurants and eat outdoors. My husband's doctor said, recommends that we eat outdoors. Please have a heart. Think of others. I hope you will never be in a situation where you have to eat outdoors also.

This would include~

No private parties on the patio

Limited to ONLY 5 parking places for patio

Building and Safety would be involved

\$80,000 approximately for fees

We LOVE outdoor dining in Los Angeles and San Fernando Valley during the Summer, Spring, Fall and Winter.

We are all trying to get back on our feet financially and emotionally after Covid and outdoor dining helps us appreciate the simple things in life - like nature. Plus some people are more comfortable outdoors because of the fear of getting covid.

Please do not pass this! And **allow us our outdoor dining experience the way it is.**

Thank you for reading this and considering the needs of others. Also, my sister owns a restaurant in the Midwest. She and her husband and staff worked their butt off and have had to spend much money so they could open up outdoors also. Because of the economy, they have suffered much financially. I think about my parents who have gone to be with the Lord, but they were also in the restaurant business, they worked very hard for a little reward.

Please have a heart.

Yolanda

**Date : 3/1/2023 7:57:07 PM**  
**From : "Sunday Rottler"**  
**To : alfresco.planning@lacity.org**  
**Subject : Outdoor dining**

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Thank you,

Sunday

**Date : 3/2/2023 6:40:08 AM**  
**From : "Lady Elijah"**  
**To : alfresco.planning@lacity.org**  
**Subject : Outdoor Dining**

Dear Al Fresco,

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outdoors because of the fear of getting covid.

Please do not pass this! And **allow us our outdoor dining  
experience the way it is.**

Thank you,

Meredith Martin

**Date : 2/6/2023 4:54:15 PM**  
**From : "Sporty Cutie"**  
**To : "alfresco.planning@lacity.org"**  
**Subject : Outdoor Dining**

Hi.

It has come to my attention that changes are being proposed to change the outdoor dining that has built up in LA (since the pandemic) that would limit what restaurants can do regarding space & alcohol service.

This is nuts! So many restaurants & their employees (that survived the pandemic) are still trying to recover financially from such a hardship.

The alfresco experience is now so terrific at so many restaurants in LA & most invested a lot of money & time to make it so good.

Why is a proposition to punish these businesses even being considered?

Please don't roll-back these improvements in outdoor dining.

Beth Goldstein  
Sherman Oaks, CA

Sent via the Samsung Galaxy S9, an AT&T 5G Evolution capable smartphone

**Date : 2/6/2023 5:48:05 PM**  
**From : piperwelch@aol.com**  
**To : "alfresco.planning@lacity.org"**  
**Subject : outdoor dining**

I read that LA City is proposing an ordinance to kill alfresco dining. That is ridiculous. Not only has this helped restaurants rebound from the covid shutdowns but it is a way safer way to dine. We live in a city that has beautiful weather why would the city make it difficult to enjoy outdoor dining in a safe way?

Please do not take that away from restaurants and the people of Los Angeles.



**Date : 2/8/2023 6:57:13 PM**  
**From : "Mark Haskell Smith"**  
**To : alfresco.planning@lacity.org**  
**Subject : Outdoor dining**

I want to register my support for outdoor dining in Los Angeles. We're blessed with amazing weather and eating outside in a restaurant is one of life's great pleasures. I wish more restaurants had sidewalk and patio dining.

Thank you!

best, Mark Haskell Smith

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"Le roi du polar déjanté." - TÉLÉRAMA

[www.markhaskellsmith.com](http://www.markhaskellsmith.com)

Date : 2/21/2023 12:48:47 PM  
From : "lorre springsteen"  
To : "alfresco.planning@lacity.org"  
Subject : Outdoor dining

To Whom it May Concern,

I am writing to oppose the Al Fresco Ordinance, which would make patio dining permanent in Los Angeles.

In theory, it sounds like a good idea, but the new rules and regulations would ultimately put some of my favorite restaurants out of business.

In order to achieve a better community experience, I believe it is vitally important for outdoor dining to thrive in Los Angeles.

Thus, it is in our best interest to make patio dining easy for businesses to implement and maintain, especially in a post-COVID environment.

The Al Fresco Ordinance would place more cumbersome restrictions on local businesses during a time when they are already struggling to recover from the affects of the pandemic.

For this reason, I vehemently oppose this legislation and urge you to reconsider implementing it.

Sincerely,

Lorre' Springsteen

**Date : 2/22/2023 9:41:01 AM**  
**From : "SRacheman"**  
**To : "alfresco.planning@lacity.org"**  
**Subject : Outdoor Dining**

Hello City of Los Angeles,

I hope all are well.

I'm writing to you to protest the changes you're proposing to outdoor dining. I'm not sure why California, and particularly Los Angeles, seems so opposed to small businesses, but it's very un-American. Small businesses are the root of people working to support themselves and make a living serving the public. This is exactly what they did when people were starving for some semblance of normalcy and human interaction during the pandemic... and in some cases, just starving!

To penalize them now seems vindictive and extortionist. I know the government here seems to look at us as though we're ATM machines, and whenever they need money, they fine, and raise taxes, and extract money any way they can get away with it in the name of governance. But it's not the best way to govern.

Would it not behoove small businesses, patrons/taxpayers, and even America at the basis of its foundation if you encouraged and assisted these small businesses, rather than punish and take from and harm them? People may be slow to react to the changes you bring, but eventually, voters will notice, and they will take action. I believe it's better to be a champion of these places now, so that people will remember that you helped the people who helped them when they needed it. That's what these restaurants and small businesses did. I support them wholly, and would greatly appreciate it if you would do the same.

Very Sincerely,  
Sarah R.

Sent with [Proton Mail](#) secure email.

**Date : 1/25/2023 3:25:54 PM**  
**From : "Matt Schwartz"**  
**To : alfresco.planning@lacity.org**  
**Subject : outdoor dining**

To whom it may concern,

I am a Los Angeles resident, who happens to be a car enthusiast. Limiting outdoor dining would be a TRAVESTY. It helps small businesses expand their capacity, and improves the overall street scene, and we need streets to be more walkable and pedestrian friendly. Please reconsider limiting outdoor dining.

Thank you,  
Matt Schwartz

**Date : 1/25/2023 3:51:02 PM**  
**From : "Alyssa Rock"**  
**To : alfresco.planning@lacity.org**  
**Subject : Outdoor Dining**

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Outdoor dining additions were the BEST thing to come out of COVID. All of my family, and anyone we variously eat out with, choose outdoor dining first to enjoy the beautiful weather we're fortunate enough to have all year long. Not only is there a plethora of non-single-car transit options that we utilize in exchange for the loss of street parking to outdoor dining, but there's the added benefit of fewer carbon emissions and cleaner streets.

To put it quite frankly, reducing outdoor dining allowances for restaurants is a poor choice that decreases our quality of living as a city. Please reconsider at your earliest opportunity and make the choice to allow LA the kind of outdoor dining that nearly every other international city enjoys.

Best wishes,

Alyssa

**Date : 1/25/2023 3:46:51 PM**  
**From : "Jonathan Larr"**  
**To : alfresco.planning@lacity.org**  
**Subject : Outdoor Dining**

To Whom it May Concern:

I'm writing on behalf of my family in response to the new rules which would limit outdoor dining.

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If the issue is ADA compliance, then funds should be earmarked to help small businesses comply with those requirements.

To put it quite frankly, reducing outdoor dining allowances for restaurants is a poor choice that decreases our quality of living as a city. Please reconsider at your earliest opportunity and make the choice to allow LA the kind of outdoor dining that nearly every other international city enjoys.

Thanks,

Jonathan Larr

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**Date : 1/25/2023 2:35:51 PM**  
**From : "Erick Orozco"**  
**To : alfresco.planning@lacity.org**  
**Subject : Outdoor Dining**

Hello,

I am a resident of Los Angeles and would very much like the outdoor dining rules set in place during covid to stay. It allows for restaurants to have more capacity and this city already has plenty of street parking. If one has to walk a little bit to get to their restaurant that does not seem to be a huge issue. With the current conditions of the economy, I think keeping outdoor dining will help local restaurants stay afloat. This city has great weather year-round and immensely benefits from outdoor dining by creating a more lively city. Thank you for hearing me.

Best,  
Erick Orozco

**Date : 1/25/2023 4:13:11 PM**  
**From : "Andy"**  
**To : alfresco.planning@lacity.org**  
**Subject : Outdoor dining**

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Best wishes,

Andrew Levin



**Date : 1/25/2023 3:49:52 PM**  
**From : "Kayli Naim"**  
**To : alfresco.planning@lacity.org**  
**Subject : Outdoor dining**

To whom it may concern,

I'm writing on behalf of the new proposed law regarding limiting outdoor dining.

Covid is still very much present and the only way I've been able to enjoy dining out with my family is by sitting outside. To limit outdoor dining in order to have a few closer parking spots is ridiculous. It makes it so anyone with concern over covid, high risk, elderly, etc. can't enjoy dining out.

We have beautiful weather year round and eating outdoors is paramount. Being born and raised in Los Angeles, I would feel shame if this law passed.

Please don't inhibit those of us still concerned with covid.

Thank you,  
Kayli

**Date : 1/25/2023 2:56:56 PM**  
**From : "Vincent"**  
**To : alfresco.planning@lacity.org**  
**Subject : Outdoor dining**

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Best wishes,  
Vincent Balalian, Los Angeles Native

**Date : 2/28/2023 10:53:25 PM**  
**From : "Cheryl"**  
**To : "alfresco.planning@lacity.org"**  
**Subject : Outdoor Dining**

Dear LA Planning Commission

Prior to the pandemic, I dined out probably 10 times a week and mostly in LA as that is where I work. I went down to zero dining out during the pandemic, I've slowly gotten back to dining out again, but mainly to places that have outdoor dining. So far I've managed to avoid COVID, but I really did miss dining out. The wonderful outdoor spaces that were erected were a main reason I ventured out again. Now I hear you might be making restaurants dismantle them and apply for a whole new set of (expensive permits) and jump through a whole new set of regulations? That really doesn't make sense since these spaces have been safely in place for a couple of years now, are being enjoyed immensely and those restaurants are just getting on their feet again, why would you pull the rug out from under them? I'm sure the gigantic chains can afford the cost and time to navigate the maze you'd set up, but those chain restaurants are not what makes LA, LA. It's the smaller family run restaurants with that one location or make a couple of locations that are woven into the fabric and DNA of their corner of LA. Don't kill independent restaurants, don't kill outdoor dining. Please! And Thank You!

Cheers,

Cheryl Englehart

**Date : 2/28/2023 12:04:07 PM**  
**From : "Tommasetti, Sandra"**  
**To : "alfresco.planning@lacity.org"**  
**Subject : Outdoor Dining**

Hi there,

I'm writing in support of restaurants that will suffer with the new ordinances of outdoor dining. These beautiful restaurants risked their health to keep us fed during a pandemic. They spent money they didn't have to create lovely outdoor spaces and are now asked to put out more money in permits and jump through ridiculous hoops and red tape for nothing. It's silly and will be the death of small restaurants. Please reconsider. LA has been through enough for the past 3 years, don't have our favorite restaurants be forced to close their doors.

Thanks for your time

*Sandra Tommasetti*

**Date : 11/30/2022 6:31:04 PM**

**From : "Raymond Klein"**

**To : Mary.Richardson@lacity.org, alfresco.planning@lacity.org**

**Subject : outdoor dining**

1. Is there a provision that assures ADA compliant passable space on a PROW such as a sidewalk (after taking into account the barrier required by ABC if alcohol is served)?
2. Should outdoor dining not allow alcohol if close to a "sensitive use"?
3. In mixed-use buildings with residential over retail (and the retail includes a restaurant), the residents on the floors above the restaurant did not buy or rent their units in contemplation of outdoor dining on the sidewalk below them. The residents should be able to open their windows or go out on their balcony without noise and smells from outdoor dining below.

Raymond Klein

**Date : 2/6/2023 5:29:24 PM**  
**From : "Adrianna Porcaro"**  
**To : alfresco.planning@lacity.org**  
**Subject : Outdoor Dinning**

As a concerned citizen, who will only eat outdoors at restaurants, I am appalled that you would think to remove the outdoor dinning that was created during the pandemic. Covid hasn't gone away!! AND if you take away this outdoor seating option, it will hurt local businesses. Haven't they suffered enough already!!!!

Please reconsider your position on outdoor seating.

Sincerely,

Adrianna Porcaro

Date : 2/20/2023 11:41:29 AM  
From : "Andy Steiker"  
To : alfresco.planning@lacity.org  
Subject : Outdoor Seating at Restaurants

To Whom it May Concern,

I am writing to oppose the Al Fresco Ordinance, which would make patio dining permanent in Los Angeles.

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Thus, it is in our best interest to make patio dining easy for businesses to implement and maintain, especially in a post-COVID environment.

The Al Fresco Ordinance would place more cumbersome restrictions on local businesses during a time when they are already struggling to recover from the affects of the pandemic.

For this reason, I vehemently oppose this legislation and urge you to reconsider implementing it.

Sincerely,  
Andy Steiker

**Date : 2/21/2023 10:59:49 PM**  
**From : "Cinthia Dahl"**  
**To : [alfresco.planning@lacity.org](mailto:alfresco.planning@lacity.org)**  
**Subject : Outdoor**

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For this reason, I vehemently oppose this legislation and urge you to reconsider implementing it.

Sincerely, Cinthia Dahl [mydahlhouse@gmail.com](mailto:mydahlhouse@gmail.com)



**Date : 2/24/2023 2:58:29 PM**  
**From : "mark galasso"**  
**To : "alfresco.planning@lacity.org"**  
**Subject : PARKLETS**

I see you have found a name for the ridiculous structures IN THE STREET. "Parklets". I sincerely hope they are no longer on streets with speed limits over 25 as those limits are rarely observed to begin with. They are a danger and an eyesore. thrown up in a haphazard way and now they are going to be permanent? that's laughable.

sidewalk dining is one thing these structures on busy streets are another. hope these things are taken into account with whatever permanent means. and it seems to me the only business you are concerned about are the restaurants and not the neighboring businesses and community. parking is a joke in this city and now it's worse. so is the noise and garbage that accompany these "parklets"

none of these restaurants bought a patio and the ones that did I am sure wished they didn't as they could have saved a lot of money. they lost the advantage they had as now it seems "everyone gets outside dining". your overwhelming response i am sure came from mostly owners and guests that think the pandemic is still raging.

**Date : 9/2/2022 10:54:02 AM**  
**From : "Steve Rawlings"**  
**To : "alfresco.planning@lacity.org"**  
**Subject : Patios in Coastal Zone**

Happy Friday!

My client has built a patio in the parking lot at 600 E. Venice Blvd. under Al Fresco Permit #4576. The property is in the Coastal Zone and a Coastal Development Permit was issued 10+ years ago. Since this is a temporary patio under the Al Fresco Permit, can you please confirm that no filings need to be made to the Coastal Commission?

*Best regards,*

Steve Rawlings  
Rawlings Consulting  
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951.551.5433 (M)

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**Date : 1/25/2023 4:53:23 PM**  
**From : "Ariel Quist"**  
**To : alfresco.planning@lacity.org**  
**Subject : People over cars**

Hi!

I'm Ariel Quist Sprawls, I live in Los Angeles. I would like to prioritize outdoor seating. I do not want more parking spots. I want more outdoor dining!

The best cities in the world are known for their bistro set ups, outdoor seats, and prioritization of people over cars.

Please! Reconsider and allow more and better outdoor dining options instead of reducing them!

Love,

Me, my husband and my 8 month old baby who all much prefer to dine outdoors!

Sent from my iPhone

**Date : 2/8/2023 6:58:55 PM**  
**From : "Nicole Gilbert"**  
**To : [alfresco.planning@lacity.org](mailto:alfresco.planning@lacity.org)**  
**Cc : [info@IHCLA.org](mailto:info@IHCLA.org)**  
**Subject : Perm alfresconprogram CPC-2022-8179-CA**

**To: [alfresco.planning@lacity.org](mailto:alfresco.planning@lacity.org)**

**CC: [info@IHCLA.org](mailto:info@IHCLA.org)**

**Subject: CPC-2022-8179-CA Permanent AI Fresco Program**

On behalf of Civil Coffee in Highland Park. I am writing to comment on the City of LA Planning Draft Ordinance for a permanent AI Fresco Program. We are in support of a permanent program but the Ordinance requires in most cases a discretionary application filed with the Department of City Planning by means of Conditional Use Permit or Plan Approval. Additionally this ordinance requires a traditional permit through the channels of the Department of Building and Safety. These processes are very expensive and time burdening for the small business community.

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We want this process to be similar to how the current Temporary AI Fresco permit software works taking no more than 20 minutes to apply.

Sincerely  
Niki Gilbert  
Sent from my iPhone

**Date : 12/5/2022 2:21:07 PM**  
**From : "Luci Ibarra"**  
**To : "AlFresco.Planning@lacity.org"**  
**Subject : Permanent Al Fresco - Clarification for Parking Relief**  
**Attachment : image001.gif;**

Good afternoon,

The proposed Ordinance for Permanent Al Fresco has language relative to 'Parking Relief' that permits a max replacement of 5 (five) parking spaces in conjunction with an Outdoor Dining Area (proposed LAMC 12.21-A,8(A)(24)(e)(i). Would this apply per tenant?

As subsection ii seems to acknowledge a shopping center scenario and the need for a tenant to require the permission of the property owner when located in a mini mall or shopping center, it does not seem to specify if multiple tenants are each permitted a reduction of up to 5 spaces or if 5 spaces is the max reduction for all tenants within a mini mall or shopping center. Would appreciate a clarification on how this would be interpreted.

Thank you,  
Luci

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**Luciralia Ibarra**  
VP, Planning, Land Use, Government Affairs

**Caruso**  
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Los Angeles, CA 90036  
O 323.900.8058

**Date : 1/3/2023 10:12:25 AM**  
**From : "Don Antonio"**  
**To : AlFresco.Planning@lacity.org**  
**Subject : Permanent Al Fresco Dining Permits**

Good Morning,

We are interested in learning all about the next step towards obtaining a permanent outdoor dining permit. Please  
Keep us updated and inform.

Cordially,

Don Antonio's Restaurant  
Esther Castellanos

**Date : 3/2/2023 7:51:16 AM**  
**From : "luis cafevida.net"**  
**To : "alfresco.planning@lacity.org"**  
**Subject : Permanent Al Fresco Dinning**

We are a local Palisades restaurant (Cafe Vida) and have been serving the community since 2002. Al Fresco dinning has been tremendously helpful during very challenging times

We look forward to working with the City to make this program permanent. We appreciate all of the work involved with this effort to support local businesses.

Thank you.

Luis Castañeda  
310-869-9192

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**Date : 1/9/2023 7:26:06 PM**

**From : "Lisa Lee"**

**To : alfresco.planning@lacity.org**

**Subject : Permanent Al Fresco Ordinance - Virtual Info Webinar vs Public Hearing**

Hello,

I recently signed up for the virtual info webinar on Jan 18th and the public hearing on Feb 8th. Can you please explain the difference between the two events?

Thank You,

Lisa



**Date : 1/19/2023 9:39:12 AM**  
**From : "Elisa Yastic"**  
**To : [alfresco.planning@lacity.org](mailto:alfresco.planning@lacity.org)**  
**Subject : PERMANENT AL FRESCO PERMITS**

Good Morning,

How do I go about applying for the permanent Al Fresco dining permit - we currently have the temporary one approved through 5/31/23?

I look forward to hearing your reply.

Best,  
Elisa

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Elisa Yastic  
Office Manager/Private Events  
Office open Tu-Fri



[www.vitellorestaurant.com](http://www.vitellorestaurant.com)  
Office: [818-769-0905](tel:818-769-0905)

**Date : 12/1/2022 8:29:48 AM**  
**From : "NELI CACERES" <0922nc@gmail.com>**  
**To : AlFresco.Planning@lacity.org**  
**Subject : Permanent Al Fresco Program**

La Chuperia the Michelada Spot wants to receive updates.  
Sergio Leal

**Date : 2/8/2023 3:47:59 PM**  
**From : "Michelle Leibel"**  
**To : alfresco.planning@lacity.org**  
**Cc : "info@ihcla.org"**  
**Subject : Permanent AI Fresco Program**

Hello,

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We want this process to be similar to how the current Temporary AI Fresco permit software works, taking no more than 20 minutes to apply.

As someone who is immunocompromised and still only comfortable dining outside, I believe this measure will also help people like me continue to be able to support our local restaurants and enjoy our city.

Thanks,  
Michelle Leibel

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Michelle Leibel  
(c) 678-520-8566

**Date : 2/13/2023 10:41:02 AM**  
**From : "Eric Alperin"**  
**To : alfresco.planning@lacity.org**  
**Cc : info@ihcla.org**  
**Subject : Permanent Al Fresco Program**

On behalf of Last Word Hospitality and Alperin Enterprises/ELHA Entity LLC, I am writing to comment on the City of LA Planning Draft Ordinance for a permanent Al Fresco Program. We are in support of a permanent program but the Ordinance requires in most cases a discretionary application filed with the Department of City Planning by means of Conditional Use Permit or Plan Approval. Additionally this ordinance requires a traditional permit through the channels of the Department of Building and Safety. These processes are very expensive and time burdening for the small business community.

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Sincerely,

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**Date : 2/15/2023 8:37:50 AM**  
**From : "Julia Levin"**  
**To : alfresco.planning@lacity.org**  
**Cc : info@IHCLA.org**  
**Subject : Permanent AI Fresco Program**

On behalf of All Time, I am writing to comment on the City of LA Planning Draft Ordinance for a permanent AI Fresco Program. We are in support of a permanent program but the Ordinance requires in most cases a discretionary application filed with the Department of City Planning by means of Conditional Use Permit or Plan Approval. Additionally this ordinance requires a traditional permit through the channels of the Department of Building and Safety. These processes are very expensive and time burdening for the small business community.

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Julia Levin

**Date : 12/7/2022 9:55:09 AM**  
**From : "Erika Pinto"**  
**To : [alfresco.planning@lacity.org](mailto:alfresco.planning@lacity.org)**  
**Subject : Permanent Al Fresco**

Good morning,

My name is Erika Pinto, working with SPUR, a non-profit urban planning and policy organization in the Bay Area.

I was hoping to schedule a meeting with a member of the LA City Planning team working on Al Fresco to get your thoughts and insights into the program as it goes from temporary to permanent.

I'm working on a project that will offer recommendations to the City of San Jose as they take their popular temporary Al Fresco initiative to a fully permanent program that supports small businesses and public life, and your work has been very beneficial in laying a potential path forward.

Please let me know if I can connect with one or two members of your team, many thanks!

Best,  
Erika

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**Erika Pinto** (she • her)  
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**Date : 1/24/2023 6:59:06 AM**  
**From : "Matthew Stevens"**  
**To : [alfresco.planning@lacity.org](mailto:alfresco.planning@lacity.org)**  
**Subject : Permanent Al Fresco**

Hello,

I'm having trouble understanding what the new permanent al fresco rules will mean for businesses that have converted their entire parking lots. The example I'm thinking of here is American Beauty in Venice. They converted their entire parking lot into dining space and the community loves it. A far better use of space than storage for cars. Will the new rules allow this use to be maintained, or will City of LA shut it down?

Thank you,

Matt Stevens

Date : 2/20/2023 6:35:26 PM  
From : "mani manisuri.com"  
To : "alfresco.planning@lacity.org"  
Subject : Permanent Patio Dining regulations

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For this reason, I vehemently oppose this legislation and urge you to reconsider implementing it.

Sincerely,

Manindar Suri

818.335.2634



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**Date : 12/1/2022 1:55:16 PM**  
**From : ap@yumesushibar.com**  
**To : AlFresco.Planning@lacity.org**  
**Subject : Permanent Permit**  
**Attachment : image001.png;**

Hello good day,

I'm writing because we received information regarding the Al Fresco program going permanent.

Our Restaurant is:

Yume Sushi Bar  
12254 Ventura Blvd  
Studio City, CA 91604  
(818) 747-2051

Our permit number is 2705 and is to be expired on 12/31/2022, so my question is:  
What is my procedure in order to obtain the permanent permit or if I should process renewal?

I can be reached at this email address and/or the phone number below:

Thank you in advance for your attention to this matter,

**Yessika M. Nunez**  
**Accounts Payable**  
**818-764-8453 ext 223**



Yume Sushi Bar

**South Cloud Restaurant Group Inc.**

**Date : 11/30/2022 1:41:16 PM**  
**From : "Stewart Oscars"**  
**To : Alfresco.Planning@lacity.org**  
**Subject : Person of Interest**

Please include me in distribution of information and ideas regarding alfresco dining in Los Angeles.

Thank you,  
Stewart Oscars  
stewart.oscars@gmail.com

Sent from my iPad

**Date : 2/24/2023 2:04:50 PM**  
**From : paura61@yahoo.com**  
**To : alfresco.planning@lacity.org**  
**Subject : Planning Case No. CPC-2022-8179-CA.**

I want to express my concern at the proposition to charge small businesses thousands of dollars to maintain the al fresco dining that for many are the only reason they have been able to keep their businesses afloat and doors open during the past few years. Many of these businesses are still not recovered from the physical loss of money but also psychological trauma trying to stay in business cost. Not only is it integral to the quality of our neighborhoods to have independent businesses, who cannot afford these additional costs on top of all the other taxes and permit fees they pay, but al fresco dining improves the quality of life of LA residents. It provides vitality and community. We cannot keep squeezing the middle class as we are watching it disappear in front of our eyes, all the while as America becomes owned by five companies who control everything and limit our choices. Small businesses are essential for maintaining the diversity that makes LA what it is. We cannot move forward with plans to disincentivize al fresco dining through exorbitant permit costs and other cynical cash-grabs.

Thank you for your time,  
Ayelet Ifrah

**Date : 3/1/2023 8:25:23 PM**  
**From : "Yolanda Eliz"**  
**To : "alfresco.planning@lacity.org"**  
**Subject : Please**

Dear Al Fresco,

Please do NOT pass the ordinance re: Outdoor Dining. My husband is immune compromised. One of the things that we love to do is go to various restaurants and eat outdoors. My husband's doctor said, recommends that we eat outdoors. Please have a heart. Think of others. I hope you will never be in a situation where you have to eat outdoors also.

This would include~  
No private parties on the patio  
Limited to ONLY 5 parking places for patio  
Building and Safety would be involved  
\$80,000 approximately for fees

We LOVE outdoor dining in Los Angeles and San Fernando Valley during the Summer, Spring, Fall and Winter.

We are all trying to get back on our feet financially and emotionally after Covid and outdoor dining helps us appreciate the simple things in life - like nature. Plus some people are more comfortable outdoors because of the fear of getting covid.

Please do not pass this! And **allow us our outdoor dining experience the way it is.**

Thank you,

In Jesus,  
Yolanda

“Never stop praying.” 1 Thessalonians ☐ ☐ 5:17 ☐

**Date : 11/30/2022 1:24:52 PM**  
**From : "Jake Mathews"**  
**To : AlFresco.Planning@lacity.org**  
**Subject : Please add me to the list for updates to Al Fresco**

Thanks a lot, Jake Mathews

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**Jake Mathews**  
**9 Mile Investments, LLC**  
664 Broadway Street  
Venice, CA 90291  
(m): 415 218-0800  
email: [jake@9mileinvestments.com](mailto:jake@9mileinvestments.com)

**Date : 12/2/2022 10:50:57 AM**

**From : "Johnson, Stanley M"**

**To : "AlFresco.Planning@lacity.org"**

**Subject : Please add me**

**Attachment :**

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Let's keep outdoor dining

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**Date : 1/14/2023 2:15:48 PM**  
**From : "Deirdre Hennings"**  
**To : Alfresco.Planning@lacity.org**  
**Subject : Please approve!**

I very much support making the Al Fresco program permanent. I've reviewed your draft, and as long as it allows establishments to use the parking in front of their buildings (or behind), even when it was part of the street as on Larchmont Ave., it is fine. We should have had this option years ago in LA. I look forward to having more street life as a result! The only places I feel safe to eat is outdoors now, because Covid is not going away. Thanks for making this a reality.



**Date : 2/13/2023 2:50:06 PM**  
**From : "Melissa Castro"**  
**To : alfresco.planning@lacity.org**  
**Subject : Please DO NOT kill outdoor dining!!!**

To whom it may concern,  
The new proposal of fees and new permits by the City of LA is going to kill outdoor dining.

The expensive permitting fees is a money grab and will hurt restaurants that barely made it during the pandemic. This is a money grab and ridiculous proposal!

The city needs to focus on keeping our communities safe, clean and housing people.  
Let restaurants keep their patios & outdoor dining, especially after how expensive it's been to set it all in place in the first place.

It is truly the safer way to eat and prevent disease.  
Do not hurt restaurants any longer.

Please do not let this happen!!!!  
**Protect our restaurants and hospitality industry.**

Melissa

**Date : 1/25/2023 4:15:25 PM**  
**From : "Victoria Gropp"**  
**To : alfresco.planning@lacity.org**  
**Subject : Please do not limit outdoor dining**

To whom it may concern:

As an L.A. voter, I'm writing on behalf of myself in response to the new rules which would limit outdoor dining.

Please do not limit outdoor dining. This was a refreshing and unexpected benefit during the pandemic. Please allow restaurants and bars to continue outdoor dining as it will not benefit the city in any way to give the space to cars again people are more important than cars connection is more important than cars. Outdoor dining made Los Angeles feel special again

Outdoor alfresco dining, improved the quality of life of Los Angeles. Please do not take this away from us. Please keep Los Angeles special.

Please prioritize outdoor dining over cars.

Sincerely Los Angeles voter,  
Victoria Gropp

**Date : 1/25/2023 2:54:46 PM**  
**From : "Alina Pritchett"**  
**To : alfresco.planning@lacity.org**  
**Subject : Please do not limit outdoor dining.**

To Whom it May Concern:

I'm writing on behalf of myself and my spouse in response to the new rules which would limit outdoor dining.

Outdoor dining additions were the BEST thing to come out of COVID. It renewed our love for the city and helped bring peace of mind during the the last few stressful years. It made Los Angeles feel communal and friendlier suppressing the overwhelming dread from constant traffic, car horns, dust, and isolation. We and anyone we eat with choose outdoor dining first to enjoy the beautiful weather we're fortunate enough to have all year long. Not only is there a plethora of non-single-car transit options that we utilize in exchange for the loss of street parking to outdoor dining, but there's the added benefit of fewer carbon emissions and cleaner streets.

To put it quite frankly, reducing outdoor dining allowances for restaurants is a poor choice that decreases our quality of living as a city. Please reconsider at your earliest opportunity and make the choice to allow LA the kind of outdoor dining that nearly every other international city enjoys.

Best wishes,  
Alina Pritchett

**Date : 1/25/2023 2:28:51 PM**  
**From : "Derek Stillman"**  
**To : alfresco.planning@lacity.org**  
**Subject : Please don't limit outdoor dining**

Hello -

I recently read that there is a plan to severely limit outdoor dining in LA. This is a grave mistake, as outdoor dining is such an asset for small business, diners, and tourists alike. The last thing we need is more parking spots and longer wait times for already struggling businesses.

PLEASE DO NOT LIMIT OUTDOOR DINING OPPORTUNITIES. WE HAVE THE BEST WEATHER IN THE WORLD.

thanks,  
Derek

Date : 2/20/2023 3:05:50 PM  
From : "Sporty Cutie"  
To : "alfresco.planning@lacity.org"  
Subject : PLEASE DON'T PUNISH RESTAURANT OWNERS ANYMORE!

To Whom it May Concern,

I am writing to oppose the Al Fresco Ordinance, which would make patio dining permanent in Los Angeles.

In theory, it sounds like a good idea, but the new rules and regulations would ultimately put some of my favorite restaurants out of business.

In order to achieve a better community experience, I believe it is vitally important for outdoor dining to thrive in Los Angeles.

Thus, it is in our best interest to make patio dining easy for businesses to implement and maintain, especially in a post-COVID environment.

The Al Fresco Ordinance would place more cumbersome restrictions on local businesses during a time when they are already struggling to recover from the affects of the pandemic.

For this reason, I vehemently oppose this legislation and urge you to reconsider

**implementing it.**

**Sincerely,**

Beth Goldstein

Sherman Oaks

Sent via the Samsung Galaxy S9, an AT&T 5G Evolution capable smartphone

**Date : 2/7/2023 3:22:00 PM**  
**From : "jennifer sun"**  
**To : alfresco.planning@lacity.org**  
**Subject : Please don't take this away**

We need safer options for a healthier city. High- risk and immune compromised people still need a way to engage with each other and boost businesses. Please don't make this harder than it already is to have slightly safer spaces for all.

**Date : 1/9/2023 2:42:32 PM**  
**From : "Erin Ward and Eric Stogsdill"**  
**To : alfresco.planning@lacity.org**  
**Subject : Please include us in future emails**  
**Attachment : Alanna's Al Fresco permit 12.31.21.pdf;**

Hello,  
Here's a copy of our permit. For some reason, we are not receiving emails on webinars etc.

Thank you,  
Erin

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# Temporary Use Authority for Outdoor Dining on:

☒ Sidewalks ☐ Private Property

Alana Coffee Roasters

(Restaurant Name)

12511 Venice Blvd, Los Angeles CA 90066-3701

(Address)

Anna

Apostolos

+17149284922

(Contact Name and Phone Number)

*Anna Apostolos*

3979

(Signature)

(Application Number)

## Key Conditions of Authorization:

- A continuous 5-foot pedestrian access route is provided, generally utilizing the most passable portion of the sidewalk.
- The outdoor dining area shall comply with requirements and guidelines from the City of Los Angeles, Los Angeles County Public Health, and all others as applicable.
- Alcoholic beverages may only be served with the approval from the Department of City Planning and the California Department of Alcohol and Beverage Control.

03/16/2021

**DATE ISSUED:**

A copy of this certificate must be displayed on site, adjacent to the temporary outdoor dining area, and visible from the public right-of-way.

**Valid Through: December 31, 2021**

## Sidewalk

The applicant self-certified and agree to the following:

- Restaurant / Business Owner has a minimum \$300,000 liability insurance policy and a valid City of Los Angeles business license.
- A 5-foot wide pedestrian access route shall be maintained for pedestrian access, generally utilizing the most passable portion of the sidewalk.
- I understand that alcoholic beverages may only be served in the public right-of-way with the approval from the Department of City Planning and the California Department of Alcohol and Beverage Control.
- The sidewalk within or adjacent to the dining area shall be maintained in a clean and orderly manner at all times. All food or drink spills, and trash of any kind, must be immediately removed from the sidewalk area.
- The sidewalk dining area shall comply with requirements and guidelines from the City of Los Angeles, Los Angeles County Public Health, and all others as applicable.
- I understand this is an application for temporary authorization. This authorization may be revoked by the City at any time in its sole discretion for any reason including noncompliance, unsafe conditions, or discontinuation of the program.
- Restaurant / Business Owner / Vendor agrees to defend, indemnify and hold the City of Los Angeles harmless for any loss or liability, including but not limited to, damage or injury related to this temporary authorization.
- I have read and agree with the Sidewalk Dining Temporary Use Authority Program Rules and Guidelines available online at <https://engpermitmanual.lacity.org/other-boe-permitsprocesses/technical-procedures/00-la-al-fresco-sidewalk-dining-program-rules-and>

## Private Property

The applicant self-certified and agree to the following:

- Operation must match the character and mode of the existing establishment in regards to alcohol service
- All shade structures or canopies shall only be overhead, without any vertical sides, and shall not exceed 400 square feet in size. Shade structures or canopies larger than 400 square feet shall require permits from the Los Angeles Fire and Building and Safety Departments. Full enclosures are prohibited. Exception: The aggregate area of multiple canopies placed side by side with a fire break clearance of 12 feet between each canopy may exceed 400 square feet total without requiring permits
- All alcohol that is served shall be delivered to tables by employees
- All patrons shall be seated
- All alcohol service shall continue to require Department of City Planning approval. No fixed or portable bar service areas shall be placed in the temporary outdoor dining areas
- All temporary outdoor dining areas shall operate no later than 10:30pm if adjacent to residentially zoned properties or residential uses
- Prohibit music, television monitors, screens and speakers in temporary outdoor dining areas
- Prohibit private events and cover charges in temporary outdoor dining areas
- Prohibit live entertainment, dancing, pool tables, billiard tables, and adult entertainment uses pursuant to LAMC 12.70 in all temporary outdoor dining areas
- Require nightly cleaning of premise, outdoor seating areas, and adjoining sidewalk areas free of debris and litter
- A City-issued identification shall be posted in the temporary outdoor dining area and made clearly visible to the public, indicating that the area is subject to the requirements and restrictions of the LA AI Fresco Program. This shall include a telephone number and an email address shall be provided for complaints or concerns regarding the operation of the temporary outdoor dining area
- Exits from proposed outdoor dining areas must be provided with direct, unobstructed access to the public right of way
- Fire apparatus access roads must remain unobstructed
- Immediate access to Fire Department connections shall be maintained without obstructions

- Tables shall be arranged so that the seating edges of adjacent tables are not less than 54 inches apart. Rectangular tables arranged to accommodate seating on one side only shall have not less than 36 inches between adjacent table edges
- A minimum of 5% of outdoor seating spaces must be accessible
- Aisles between tables and chairs must be 44-inch minimum width
- A clear space of 36-inch minimum must be provided behind accessible seating spaces
- This approval constitutes a temporary use authorization for outdoor dining areas for the duration of the Mayoral order, subject to additional extensions by Mayoral order
- At the expiration of this order, all temporary uses granted under this emergency order shall be subject to standard building and zoning codes and procedures
- LADBS and LAFD (Public Assemblage Unit) shall have the authority to inspect and enforce conditions and may revoke any temporary use authorization for non-compliance with subject operating conditions

**Date : 2/23/2023 2:06:40 AM**

**From : "Cindy Sanders"**

**To : alfresco.planning@lacity.org**

**Cc : "Cindy Sanders"**

**Subject : PLEASE KEEP AL FRESCO DINING WITHOUT penalties and fees\$\$**

Please allow restaurants to retain their outdoor dining features WITHOUT any fees, penalties, taxes, etc. We don't know when/if COVID will ever end, but this hasty move/presumption that things will be "normal" now is a frightening move by government. I will only eat outdoors. So many restaurants did what they could do to accommodate us eating Al fresco, without going out of business, and now you want to pull the rug from under their feet and penalize them for accommodating their customers; and with this move you're trying to make, it might finally prove to be their demise. Wait at least another year or two if you do proceed, and we have a clearer picture as to where this pandemic will lead us next.

Shame on you! Keep Al Fresco dining without penalties!!

Cindy Sanders

newse825@aol.com

Studio City, CA 91604

**Date : 2/20/2023 8:54:42 PM**  
**From : "Adham Taman"**  
**To : alfresco.planning@lacity.org**  
**Subject : Please Keep Al Fresco The Way It Is**

Dear LA City Planning,

I am writing to express my concern regarding the proposed ordinance amending Sections 12.03, 12.10.5, 12.11.5, 12.12.2, 12.13, 12.14, 12.21, 12.21.1, and 12.24 of the Los Angeles Municipal Code (LAMC) in order to streamline outdoor dining provisions throughout the Zoning Code.

While I appreciate the city's efforts to streamline the outdoor dining provisions, I believe that this proposal will have a negative impact on local businesses. The proposal requires restaurants to obtain new permits and comply with a set of new, arbitrary regulations that would be a costly and time-consuming process for small business owners. There is already so much red-tape that discourages small businesses in Los Angeles. We should be making it easier for small businesses to operate instead of making it harder.

LA has everything from nonsense parking requirements to complicated liquor licensing laws and lengthy inspections. It's become increasingly impossible for smaller, independently owned establishments to operate in this city. There's a lot of underutilized space I see in my community and all of this red tape and random zoning requirements are part of the problem.

Outdoor dining has become a crucial part of the restaurant industry, especially during the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic. Many businesses have invested significant time and resources to set up their outdoor dining areas to serve their customers safely. Forcing them to acquire new permits and comply with new regulations would harm their operations and the local economy.

I urge you to reconsider the proposed ordinance and work with local businesses to find a solution that doesn't harm their operations. I believe that we can streamline the outdoor dining provisions while ensuring that businesses are not burdened with additional costs and time.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,  
Adham Taman  
CD 13 Resident

**Date : 11/30/2022 3:24:23 PM**  
**From : "John H. Welborne"**  
**To : Alfresco.Planning@lacity.org**  
**Subject : Please keep me on the mailing list . . .**  
... for updates, etc.

Thank you.

John H. Welborne  
[john@welborne.net](mailto:john@welborne.net)

**Date : 1/25/2023 4:15:02 PM**  
**From : "Brandon Sopinsky"**  
**To : alfresco.planning@lacity.org**  
**Subject : Please Keep Outdoor Dining**

Please do not prioritize parking over outdoor sidewalk dining.

Small businesses have suffered enough and all the outdoor dining spaces have been amazing improvements for Los Angeles.

The weather is perfect and we should be increasing outdoor dining space not reducing it.

Please do not make another parking space.

Brandon Sopinsky  
@bsopinsky



**Date : 2/7/2023 3:43:50 PM**

**From : "Emily Skehan"**

**To : alfresco.planning@lacity.org, nithya.raman@lacity.org**

**Subject : Please preserve low barrier outdoor dining**

Dear Councilmember Raman and city planning team,

As a CD 4 resident with immunocompromised family members, I am alarmed at the sudden about face on the Al Fresco program <https://www.latimes.com/food/story/2023-02-07/outdoor-dining-la-city-al-fresco-patio-ordinance?fbclid=IwAR0sASL9EXvZX9LYreSMmIrCIUFt4cUfv0r31scLD3Iol7shZzAF5XwYIIY>

The plethora of outdoor dining options has been one of the few silver linings for our family, and as a family with small business owners we know how critical these low barrier programs have been for small businesses. Please consider long term public health and economic impacts before curtailing this program.

Sincerely,

Emily Skehan  
91411

**Date : 2/7/2023 8:44:14 PM**  
**From : "Wesly Moore"**  
**To : alfresco.planning@lacity.org**  
**Subject : Please preserve outdoor dining in L.A.**

Los Angeles city leaders -

I was deeply disappointed today to read Jenn Harris' piece in the LA Times regarding proposed/pending changes to accommodations for outdoor dining.

<https://www.latimes.com/food/story/2023-02-07/outdoor-dining-la-city-al-fresco-patio-ordinance>

I realize that official COVID emergency levels may and will change, but not everyone may be comfortable and ready to resume indoor dining right away. It also seems both unfair and foolish in the extreme to force restaurant owners (especially small, independent ones, the best our city has to offer) to jump through expensive hoops, on short notice, in order to continue offering the option of outdoor dining as they have been doing for the last three years. And all with no guarantee of success!

Please don't impose burdensome requirements that limit or eliminate outdoor dining. Please don't make it even harder for restaurants to stay in business and succeed. We have all looked forward to when things might at least begin a slow return to "normal." Surely someone has a better plan! After all, we've had three years to plan and prepare. Surely this was someone's job all along.

Thanks for your consideration.

- Wesly Moore  
Eagle Rock

**Date : 3/1/2023 9:21:16 AM**  
**From : "Melissa Castro"**  
**To : "Alfresco Planning"**  
**Subject : Please protect Al Fresco Dining!!!!**

To whom it may concern,  
Please hear our restaurant owners and public on this matter!!!

Al Fresco Dining must be protected at all costs.

Unnecessary delays, excessive re-permitting costs and all these prohibitions) will do so much harm to our already hurting businesses.

Los Angeles is the best city in the US for Al Fresco dining, it was about time we would allow for more outdoor experiences in our city.

It took a pandemic for the government to force this on restaurants without much help, everyone had to bend over to make this happen and now the city MUST PROTECT our restaurants and help them keep their doors open!!!

Work with them, and listen to their needs!  
Do not allow these money grabbing new rules to hurt our businesses.

Thank you,  
Melissa

Sent from the bottom of the bluest of seas while diving with sharks.

**Date : 2/8/2023 1:44:40 PM**  
**From : "ADAM PERRY LANG"**  
**To : alfresco.planning@lacity.org**  
**Subject : Please read**

Please City of Los Angeles help us and be in touch with the small restaurant business sector, your proposal will further hurt restaurants that have barely made it out of this disaster. Many of which, like myself, have completely lost their businesses and struggling just to survive with little hope. Removal of Al fresco dining at this moment is premature. Furthermore, the fee proposal is further evidence of the severe chasm between our reality and the City. We are not in a position to absorb these fees. This fee is being introduced during a time when we still have not recovered. Let's not take a step backwards in debating the notion of charging a fee to restaurants, now is not the time. While a good majority of the other business sectors have bounced back, we have not. This moment is an opportunity for our elected officials to make a connected and caring decision that would not only benefit restaurants owners but the entire city.

Sincerely,  
Adam Perry Lang  
Former restaurant owner  
APL Restaurant  
Hollywood

**Date : 2/8/2023 11:19:26 AM**

**From : "Brian Bartelt"**

**To : alfresco.planning@lacity.org, heather.hutt@lacity.org**

**Cc : "Marta Costello"**

**Subject : Please save outdoor dining!**

Hi,

My family of 5 have high risk factors and have to still be covid safe. We can only dine outdoors. If restaurants are forced to scale back their outdoor dining options we simply won't eat out, which will hurt restaurants, hurt my business (no more lunch meetings), and hurt the economy.

Please please don't scale this back! Please! The added outdoor dining is wonderful. Please don't do anything to wind it back.

Brian Bartelt

5821 Ernest Ave, Los Angeles, CA 90034

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m. 213.840.6440



**Date : 11/30/2022 1:18:42 PM**  
**From : "Elizabeth Peterson-Gower"**  
**To : "AlFresco.Planning@lacity.org"**  
**Subject : Please send me all updates of the draft ordinance**

Dear LOs Angeles City Planning:  
This is wonderful news and so smart for the city of Los Angeles.  
Please keep me on all e-mails.

Thank you,  
Elizabeth

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**Elizabeth Peterson-Gower**  
Founder/CEO  
400 S. Main Street #808, Los Angeles, CA 90013  
[213.620.1904](tel:213.620.1904) | [elizabeth@epgla.com](mailto:elizabeth@epgla.com) | [epgla.com](http://epgla.com)

**Date : 12/5/2022 10:40:30 AM**  
**From : "Jeffrey Lee"**  
**To : [AlFresco.Planning@lacity.org](mailto:AlFresco.Planning@lacity.org)**  
**Subject : Please Send me updates on Al Fresco Program**

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**Jeffrey Lee**  
**CGI Group**  
3580 Wilshire Blvd. #1133  
Los Angeles CA 90010  
Tel [213-387-5678](tel:213-387-5678)  
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**Date : 1/25/2023 2:55:29 PM**  
**From : "Alan Martinez"**  
**To : alfresco.planning@lacity.org**  
**Subject : Prioritize outdoor dining.**

To Whom it May Concern:

I'm writing on behalf of myself and my family in response to the new rules which would limit outdoor dining.

Outdoor dining additions were the BEST thing to come out of COVID. All six of us, and anyone we variously eat out with, choose outdoor dining first to enjoy the beautiful weather we're fortunate enough to have all year long. Not only is there a plethora of non-single-car transit options that we utilize in exchange for the loss of street parking to outdoor dining, but there's the added benefit of fewer carbon emissions and cleaner streets.

To put it quite frankly, reducing outdoor dining allowances for restaurants is a poor choice that decreases our quality of living as a city. Please reconsider at your earliest opportunity and make the choice to allow LA the kind of outdoor dining that nearly every other international city enjoys.

Best wishes,  
Alan Martínez



**Date : 1/25/2023 3:37:19 PM**  
**From : "Philip Taylor"**  
**To : alfresco.planning@lacity.org**  
**Subject : Prioritize outdoor dining**

Hello,

I would like to ask you to prioritize outdoor dining. Restaurants should continue to have the option of transforming street parking into restaurant seating.

Thank you,  
Philip Taylor  
2375 E Woodlyn Rd, Pasadena, CA 91104 7193305465

**Date : 9/12/2022 10:36:20 AM**  
**From : "MCIS"**  
**To : Alfresco.Planning@lacity.org**  
**Subject : Problem restaurant**

Who do I contact if we have a problem restaurant in our neighborhood?  
Thank you

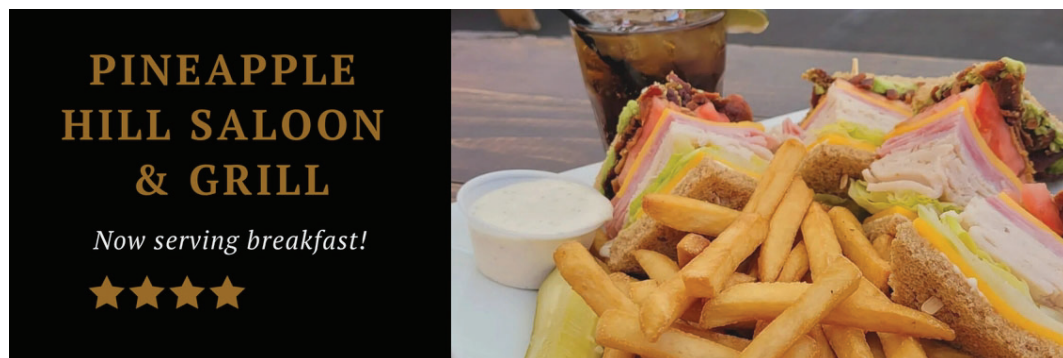
**Date :** 2/20/2023 12:00:35 PM  
**From :** "David Brown"  
**To :** [alfresco.planning@lacity.org](mailto:alfresco.planning@lacity.org)  
**Subject :** Proposed Al Fresco Ordinance

If the email below is accurate (limiting al fresco dining to just 5 parking spaces) then it is short-sighted and poorly crafted. Below is just one example of al fresco dining that has excelled during the pandemic, and is long overdue in Southern California. Our city and state should be encouraging outdoor dining, not limiting it. Pineapple Hill has al fresco dining in a large parking lot that is not impacted by their dining area. It is not a high traffic parking lot. There are other similar setups throughout the city. A five-parking space should be eliminated from the proposal, and a more comprehensive approach taken, one which includes many factors in assessment, not just how many parking spaces are impacted.

Thank you,  
David E Brown

Begin forwarded message:

**From:** Pineapple Hill Saloon & Grill



Dear Patrons,

I write today to inform you regarding a new ordinance the city of Los Angeles is drawing up. It's called the [Al Fresco Ordinance](#), and it would make patio dining permanent.

In theory, it sounds like a great idea...

However, as is usually the case, there are elements of the "fine print" which could ultimately put restaurants like Pineapple Hill out of business.

For starters, the new rules and regulations would cut patios on private property to only 5 parking spaces.

That would take our patio down to less than half of its current size. Plus, the cost for consultants and permits to make it happen could run up to \$80,000.

Because of how hard it's been just trying to keep going and catch up after the pandemic, many restaurant owners will not be able to do this and will lose their outdoor patio altogether...

**I am one of them. I would have to remove my entire patio.**



COVID-19 is still present, and this ordinance would take away my ability to give you, the customer, the choice to dine where you feel the most comfortable, whether that be outside or inside.

It would hurt our revenue tremendously during a time when we are already dealing with inflation, rising gas bills, and wage increases; a time we need the revenue the most.

Please take a few minutes of your time to help save outdoor dining by emailing [alibisco.planning](mailto:info@alibisco.planning.com) with your input. You can even copy and paste the following message:

**To Whom it May Concern,**

I am writing to oppose the Al Fresco Ordinance, which would make patio dining permanent in Los Angeles.

In theory, it sounds like a good idea, but the new rules and regulations would ultimately put some of my favorite restaurants out of business.

In order to achieve a better community experience, I believe it is vitally important for outdoor dining to thrive in Los Angeles.

Thus, it is in our best interest to make patio dining easy for businesses to implement and maintain, especially in a post-COVID environment.

The Al Fresco Ordinance would place more cumbersome restrictions on local businesses during a time when they are already struggling to recover from the affects of the pandemic.

For this reason, I vehemently oppose this legislation and urge you to reconsider implementing it.

Sincerely,

(Your Name)

[Send Email](#)

You can also mail your feedback to:

Mary Richardson, Department of City Planning  
200 N. Spring Street, Room 701  
Los Angeles, CA 90012

The deadline for responses is March 3rd. Please take a moment before then to submit an email. I would be eternally thankful!

With gratitude,

Angela Marsden

Owner

Pineapple Hill Saloon & Grill



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**Date : 2/22/2023 12:44:43 PM**

**From : "Claire Gerard."**

**To : alfresco.planning@lacity.org**

**Subject : Proposed changes to alfresco dining in LA**

One of the joys of Los Angeles is being able to eat outside for most of the year.

Please do not make this more difficult for restaurateurs to offer.

Claire Gerard

2314 Manning Avenue

Los Angeles 90064

*USA since 1980: income growth for top 1% = 300%; bottom half=1%*



**Date : 2/7/2023 5:02:43 PM**  
**From : "Stacy Desilets"**  
**To : "alfresco.planning@lacity.org"**  
**Subject : Proposed Ordinance**

I am writing in response to the proposed ordinance under consideration for places that instituted outdoor dining due to Covid. These restaurants had NO CHOICE and they complied to stay alive what they did was create an amazing experience for dinner to enjoy our beautiful city. As a resident, I am appalled that we would make this more difficult and costly for restaurants, putting them in jeopardy once again. It is also a terrible reflection on where our elected officials and tax dollars are being spent when the city has significantly worse issues to tackle like the unhoused population. This is an opportunity to do what is right and what consumers have already shown that they want - please ensure that this does not happen.

Thank you,  
Stacy Desilets  
13221 McCormick St 91401

**Date : 1/25/2023 4:16:55 PM**  
**From : "Victoria Weiss"**  
**To : alfresco.planning@lacity.org**  
**Subject : Proposed rules**

Good morning,

I am a resident of El Sereno and would like to comment on the proposed rules. I do not think the city should impose more limits on outdoor dining. I am a big fan of outdoor dining, especially considering the great weather we have. It is shameful they cities with much worse weather have much better outdoor dining options. Please let businesses decide if they want to provide the option. There is no need for unnecessary government regulations.

Best,  
Victoria Weiss

**Date : 1/18/2023 12:04:25 PM**  
**From : "Ivonne Guzman"**  
**To : alfresco.planning@lacity.org**  
**Subject : Proximity to homes**

What is being done to mitigate the negative impacts such as noise, loud music, television screens and parking and public urination.

I have all these problems due to alfresco dining in Venice.

Sent from my iPhone

**Date : 1/25/2023 2:44:02 PM**  
**From : "Nathen McVittie"**  
**To : [alfresco.planning@lacity.org](mailto:alfresco.planning@lacity.org)**  
**Subject : Public Comment - Al Fresco dining**

To Whom it May Concern,

I'm extremely disappointed by the recent statement of intent (linked here: <https://planning.lacity.org/plans-policies/outdoor-dining>) to change and scale back the current Al Fresco program in order to prioritize cars over pedestrians and public outdoor dining. Los Angeles has one of the best climates in the world and is a world-class city for entertainment, food and more. We are decades behind many US cities in "street dining" culture, and perhaps more than that to other global cities.

We must not simply roll over and cater to cars that are polluting to the environment, destructive to geography and dangerous to human life. Let's prioritize community and culture by expanding the Al Fresco program and make the city a more pleasant place to live, work and dine.

Waiting for LADOT to issue their own guidance and regulations will simply prioritize cars— their agency will not protect al fresco dining in any form.

Please protect and expand outdoor dining in LA for the good of the city and communities as a whole— not to mention small business. Outdoor dining was one of the best things LA has implemented in the last five years and one of the best to come out of COVID.. please protect it.

Thank you.

Nathen McVittie  
Co-Founder, Creative Director

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**Date : 2/8/2023 9:50:53 AM**  
**From : "Ian Rosenberg-Russell"**  
**To : alfresco.planning@lacity.org**  
**Cc : contactCD4@lacity.org**  
**Subject : Public Comment - Supporting Al Fresco Dining**

Hello,

In lieu of attending the public hearing that Los Angeles City Planning is hosting today on Al Fresco dining, I would like to please submit the below as a public comment in support of the continuation of the program:

I fully support the continuation of the City's Al Fresco dining program in its current state as set up during the COVID-19 emergency. Small businesses and restaurants are the lifeblood of our city. We need to ensure that we maintain the ease of permitting for this program and not reintroduce the expensive and time-consuming bureaucracy; such a reintroduction could quite literally bankrupt many of our fabulous restaurants as they simply could not afford the money and time associated, nor afford to lose the revenue-generating outdoor dining space. Los Angeles is a diverse city that needs to ensure we are making it attractive in bringing in and maintaining businesses. There is no need in this economic climate to make barriers to business owners' livelihoods; over the last three years of the pandemic, small businesses, especially restaurants, have suffered enough. As a City, we need to lift each other up and not create an undue burden on our fellow Angelenos.

I fully support the current Al Fresco program and implore this department to not over-bureaucratize the process for permitting.

Thank you,

Ian Rosenberg-Russell  
Sherman Oaks/Council District 4 Resident

**Date : 1/25/2023 3:52:06 PM**  
**From : "Michael Stennis"**  
**To : alfresco.planning@lacity.org**  
**Subject : Public Comment on Al Fresco Dining**

To Whom it May Concern:

I'm writing in response to the new rules which would limit outdoor dining.

Outdoor dining additions were the BEST thing to come out of COVID. My friends, family, and anyone we variously eat out with, choose outdoor dining first to enjoy the beautiful weather we're fortunate enough to have all year long. Not only is there a plethora of non-single-car transit options that we utilize in exchange for the loss of street parking to outdoor dining, but there's the added benefit of fewer carbon emissions and cleaner streets.

To put it quite frankly, reducing outdoor dining allowances for restaurants is a poor choice that decreases our quality of living as a city. Please reconsider at your earliest opportunity and make the choice to allow LA the kind of outdoor dining that nearly EVERY OTHER international city enjoys.

Best wishes,

Michael Stennis  
90027

Sent from my iPhone

**Date : 2/14/2023 12:14:09 AM**  
**From : "Johnathan Cahill"**  
**To : alfresco.planning@lacity.org**  
**Subject : Public Comment Submission - Permanent Al Fresco Dining**

I was not able to make a public comment during the meeting so below is my submission:

My name is Johnathan Cahill, I'm a resident of south LA, I work in Midcity and routinely enjoy restaurants and al fresco dining around the city and region. I'd like to largely echo the excellent comments that have already been made this evening. The draft ordinance, as such, is disappointing, a step in the wrong direction, and exacerbate problems small businesses still face. As was already mentioned, permitting for al fresco dining going forward should look similar to as it does now – a painless, clear, and easy to navigate permitting process. Implementing an onerous, confusing, and expensive permitting process not only hurts local businesses, (which are overwhelming mom & pop type operations) but are an enormous waste of city and planning resources when the city is facing a housing crisis. Further, the outrageous permitting costs will likely result in only large, corporate, or national chains being able to take advantage of the ordinance. It should be clear — this draft ordinance needs a complete rewrite.

Best,  
**Johnathan Cahill**

**Date : 2/24/2023 3:17:17 PM**  
**From : "JEFF MINDES"**  
**To : alfresco.planning@lacity.org**  
**Subject : Public Comment to Proposed Alfresco Dining Ordinance**

Hello,

I am a long time city of Los Angeles resident and native. I unfortunately missed prior opportunities to opine on the proposed ordinance and would like to express my thoughts now.

Generally, I am a proponent of allowing private business to use the outdoor public right-of-way to increase their footprints if done in a safe and attractive manner. Outdoor dining and enjoyment of the outdoors is something Los Angeles has to offer and businesses should be able to take advantage of this and promote it.

However, I do not support the private use of public land without compensation or consideration and mitigation of intended or unintended negative consequences. For instance, the loss of public parking at areas that are constrained with pop-up outdoor dining is unjust enrichment. Public parking spaces that are now being used for income generating private enterprise should not be allowed if reasonable alternative parking is not available or replaced. It would not be reasonable for me to put a storage shed in the street in front of my house simply for my personal use. This is public right-of-way that is available for temporary use and subject to permits and fees. The same scrutiny and process should be applied to businesses taking of public property.



**Date : 11/30/2022 2:35:24 PM**  
**From : "Rogelio Huerta"**  
**To : "AlFresco.Planning@lacity.org"**  
**Subject : Public ROW Ordinance?**

Thank you for the information on the Permanent Al Fresco Ordinance on private dining,  
but what is the status on the ordinance for the public ROW?

Thank you,  
Rogelio Huerta

**Date : 1/9/2023 12:28:22 PM**  
**From : "Valerie Darbouze"**  
**To : "AlFresco.Planning@lacity.org"**  
**Subject : Question about the Survey Results**  
**Attachment : image001.jpg;**

Hello,

I am inquiring about the survey results, specifically on Page 10 of the report.

Would you have a minute to explain what "capacity" refers to, please when you have a minute?

Thank you.

Sincerely,



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**Date : 1/30/2023 10:34:16 AM**  
**From : "Janet Jin"**  
**To : alfresco.planning@lacity.org**  
**Subject : Question re Al Fresco program**

Hi,

I hope this email finds you well.

I want to ask if the Al Fresco program currently authorizes outdoor dining numbers to exceed the maximum allowed outdoor dining number in a CUP. For example, if a CUP has a condition limiting the total number of outdoor seating to 30. When I apply for the Al Fresco program and offer more outdoor seats than before, am I allowed to go over 30?

Thank you in advance for your help.

Best regards,  
**Janet Jin**  
**Land Use Professional**

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**Date : 1/18/2023 1:57:55 PM**  
**From : "Veronika Lattin"**  
**To : alfresco.planning@lacity.org**  
**Subject : Question regarding Al fresco dining**

Thank you for conducting today's webinar.  
I have a question that did not make it into the live Q&A.

We have a property that has been sitting vacant during the pandemic (for the last 3 years). It's private property in a commercial zone. We would like to begin the process of applying for entitlements for food and beverage. While we are going through the entitlement process, can we make our application for the al fresco program and be grandfathered in so we can take advantage of the program when the entitlements are completed?

Thank you very much.  
Best regards,

Veronika L.

**Date : 1/18/2023 1:08:22 PM**  
**From : "Manny Diaz"**  
**To : alfresco.planning@lacity.org**  
**Subject : Question**

The DBS and DCP permit processes can take 6 - 12 months. If a restaurant operator applies now, they may not receive their approvals until December. If the temporary permit expires in August, can they still use their Al Fresco-approved areas until December or whenever they are issued?

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**Date : 1/18/2023 12:47:07 PM**  
**From : "Danny Kronfli"**  
**To : "alfresco.planning@lacity.org"**  
**Subject : Questions about permanent permits**

Hi I was on the zoom call today, but had to sign off before they got to my questions. If you can answer the below it would be very much appreciated!

are the temporary permits going to be extended until the permanent permits can be applied for and approved?

They mention that most likely we would need to get a New cups, this is an expensive process and can take over a year for approval, will temporary permits be extended until that process is complete?

Thanks for the info, have a great weekend!

Danny

**Date : 1/16/2023 12:13:51 PM**  
**From : "Albaryan, Anna"**  
**To : "AlFresco.Planning@lacity.org"**  
**Subject : Questions from Spectrum News 1**  
**Attachment : image001.jpg;**

Hi Mary,

So nice to e-meet you. I'm reaching out with a few questions about the push to make outdoor dining permanent in LA. I noticed a public hearing is schedule for Feb 8. Do you know approximately when the ordinance will go for a vote?

Best,

**Anna Albaryan** | Multimedia Journalist  
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**Date :** 9/14/2022 10:46:21 AM  
**From :** "Lipman, Hanna"  
**To :** "Bonnie Kim"  
**Cc :** "alfresco.planning@lacity.org"  
**Subject :** RE: [EXTERNAL] Re: Al Fresco Permit Renewal  
**Attachment :** image001.jpg;

Thank you, Bonnie. This was very helpful. I was able to access the updated version with the December expiration date.

Best,  
Hanna

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**From:** Bonnie Kim <bonnie.kim@lacity.org>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, September 14, 2022 1:00 PM  
**To:** Lipman, Hanna <Hanna.Lipman@bostonbeer.com>  
**Cc:** alfresco.planning@lacity.org  
**Subject:** Re: [EXTERNAL] Re: Al Fresco Permit Renewal

Good morning Hanna,

Here's what I was able to find on the LA Al Fresco website. It looks like the expiration date in this section hasn't yet been updated to reflect the program authorization through December 31, 2022 but you should be able to re-apply.

### **How do I acquire a permit with the new program expiration date?**

If you already have an L.A. Al Fresco Permit, you do not need to re-apply for a permit. You can access your new extended permit by logging into the [L.A. Al Fresco Portal](#), opening your existing application, and clicking "Download Your Document." You must print and post the permit with the new expiration date. If you are unable to access your existing permit, you can re-apply for a new permit, which will automatically include the expiration date of June 30, 2022.

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On Wed, Sep 14, 2022 at 7:29 AM Lipman, Hanna <[Hanna.Lipman@bostonbeer.com](mailto:Hanna.Lipman@bostonbeer.com)> wrote:



Hi Bonnie – Thank you for confirming. I have gone to the LADOT portal and only see the option to apply, not renew. Do I just go through the apply steps or is that a different options. I have spoken to the CA ABC and am working on the form needed to send them, so that we may also serve alcohol, but confirming that I understand that until that is issued only food may be outside in the al fresco space.

Best,  
Hanna

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**From:** Bonnie Kim <[bonnie.kim@lacity.org](mailto:bonnie.kim@lacity.org)>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, September 13, 2022 8:09 PM  
**To:** Lipman, Hanna <[Hanna.Lipman@bostonbeer.com](mailto:Hanna.Lipman@bostonbeer.com)>  
**Cc:** [alfresco.planning@lacity.org](mailto:alfresco.planning@lacity.org)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Re: Al Fresco Permit Renewal

Good afternoon,

Thank you for your email. In regard to the LA Al Fresco permit, the City's Temporary Al Fresco program is active through December 31, 2022 so you should be able to renew or apply for a new permit through the [LADOT portal](#).

However, please note that the LA Al Fresco permit is a temporary use authorization for outdoor dining and does not authorize alcohol service. A valid ABC license and CUB from the Planning Department is required for alcohol service. Since you mentioned that you changed your ABC license type, your existing CUB will need to be modified once the Temporary Al Fresco program ends.

We are currently working on a Permanent Al Fresco ordinance to help streamline outdoor dining regulations in the Zoning Code, but we are still very early in the legislative adoption process.

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On Thu, Sep 8, 2022 at 12:52 PM Lipman, Hanna <[Hanna.Lipman@bostonbeer.com](mailto:Hanna.Lipman@bostonbeer.com)> wrote:

To whom it may concern:

I have a few questions regarding the renewal of an expired al fresco permit. I have attached the permit, which expired in June. At that time, we did not renew. Between the application for this al fresco permit and the present, we transitioned from a Type

23 License to a Type 01. We continue to have a full restaurant on site. I am trying to figure out if we are eligible to renew the existing permit, and if so, how to do so, or if we need to reapply. Additionally, while speaking to the CA ABC regarding permission to have alcohol, they said no additional Al Fresco permits were being issued, but on review it seems that the application is still live and extended through to December.

If you could assist with these questions, it would be greatly appreciated.

Best,  
Hanna Lipman  
Staff Attorney  
Boston Beer Company

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**Date : 2/23/2023 9:41:06 PM**  
**From : "Lisa Lee"**  
**To : "Alfresco Planning"**  
**Cc : "Bonnie Kim"**  
**Subject : Re: 2/8/23 Al Fresco Dining Webinar Audio**

Thank you for this information. Is this list of businesses available somewhere?

On Thu, Feb 23, 2023 at 2:21 PM Alfresco Planning  
<[alfresco.planning@lacity.org](mailto:alfresco.planning@lacity.org)> wrote:

Hi Lisa,

We have about 2,500 businesses that have a temporary authorization to operate an outdoor dining area with the Al Fresco Program.

Please let us know if you have any other questions.

Thanks,  
Al Fresco Team

On Wednesday, February 22, 2023 at 2:24:45 PM UTC-8 Lisa Lee wrote:

Hi Bonnie,

Do you know how many al fresco permits there are currently in the city of Los Angeles or where I can find this information?

Thank You,  
Lisa

On Fri, Feb 10, 2023 at 4:33 PM Lisa Lee <[lisa@ihcla.org](mailto:lisa@ihcla.org)> wrote:

Thank you for the update Bonnie! I will check back next week.

Best,  
Lisa

On Fri, Feb 10, 2023 at 4:21 PM Bonnie Kim <[bonnie.kim@lacity.org](mailto:bonnie.kim@lacity.org)> wrote:

Hi Lisa,

Thank you for reaching out. We're working to get the public hearing recording uploaded and available on our [project webpage](#) by next week.



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On Fri, Feb 10, 2023 at 9:19 AM Lisa Lee <[lisa@ihcla.org](mailto:lisa@ihcla.org)> wrote:

Hi Bonnie,

Thank you for taking the time to hold a meeting this past Wednesday on the proposed Al Fresco Ordinance. I followed the link provided during the presentation to the gdrive where the presentation slides are located. However, an audio of the public comment section is not provided. Is this available for us to access somewhere? We have many people that missed the meeting or would like to re-listen.

Thank You,  
Lisa

**Date : 1/12/2023 3:49:58 PM**  
**From : "Florence Blecher"**  
**To : "alfresco.planning"**  
**Subject : Re: Al Fresco Ordinance**

That's a NON-answer if I've ever seen one.  
SHAME on Planning!

On Jan 12, 2023, at 3:48 PM, alfresco.planning <[alfresco.planning@lacity.org](mailto:alfresco.planning@lacity.org)> wrote:

Hello,

Thank you for your email. It was received and your response will be recorded as Public Comment. For additional information regarding the proposed ordinance, please visit <https://planning.lacity.org/plans-policies/proposed-land-use-regulations> or the [Council File Management System, Council File Number 20-1074](#).

Please note that the Permanent Al Fresco Ordinance addresses outdoor dining on private property. The Department of Transportation (LADOT) and the Bureau of Engineering (BOE) are preparing regulations to address outdoor dining in the public right-of-way.

Questions and/or comments regarding the Temporary Al Fresco Permit, as well as questions and/or comments regarding outdoor dining in the public right-of-way, including sidewalks, curbside or in-street dining, should be directed to [alfresco@lacity.org](mailto:alfresco@lacity.org). All questions and/or comments concerning the Temporary Al Fresco Permit or outdoor dining in the public right-of-way will be forwarded to this address.

You may also subscribe to receive electronic notification on City Council meetings and/or submit public comment directly to the Council File Number 20-1074, by visiting the Council File Management System [20-1074 \(CFMS\)](#).

Thank you for your interest in the Permanent Al Fresco Ordinance and your continued engagement with Los Angeles City Planning.

On Thu, Jan 12, 2023 at 2:28 PM Florence Blecher <[fmblecher@gmail.com](mailto:fmblecher@gmail.com)> wrote:

-What happens to how the lost parking impacts neighborhoods?

-What about the lost income for off-site parking to pertinent specific plans now occupied by al fresco dining?

-Why are you only addressing the applicants & not the affected communities & neighborhoods?

You've only addressed HALF of the issue. Please present a BALANCED picture of the effects of possibly making this ordinance permanent!

Thank you!

**Date : 1/23/2023 1:00:20 PM**  
**From : "Ivonne Guzman"**  
**To : "alfresco.planning"**  
**Subject : Re: Alfresco Dining**

I have a restaurant across the street that has a television screen daily, music, private events and had a band yesterday.

Clutch Venice.

This is at the expense of residents right to quiet enjoyment.

Please advise what can be done.

Sent from my iPhone

On Jan 23, 2023, at 12:51 PM, alfresco.planning  
<alfresco.planning@lacity.org> wrote:

Ivonne:

The proposed Permanent Al Fresco Ordinance does include several Good Neighbor Policies:

- Hours of operation are those of the kitchen facilities of the associated restaurant.
- Hours of operation for Outdoor Dining Areas which abut or are across an alley from an A or R zoned lot are limited to hours of operation between 7AM and 11PM.
- Outdoor dining which abuts an A or R zoned lot must be at least 20 ft. from the A or R zone. RAS zones are not included as R zones.
- Music, dancing, live entertainment, TV screens and speakers, private events and cover charges are not allowed in an Outdoor Dining Area.

Regarding notification of alfresco dining, during the period of Temporary Authorization from 2020 until today, there was no requirement for notification. The proposed Permanent Al Fresco Ordinance would make the application and approval of outdoor dining a by-right process which does not involve notification.

As proposed, an Outdoor Dining Area on private property would be allowed to replace 5 required parking spaces with outdoor dining. To learn more about limits on the replacement of parking spaces in the public right-of-way please see the instructions listed below:

For sidewalk dining click on this link: [engpermits.lacity.org](https://engpermits.lacity.org)  
For curbside or in-street dining send an email to [alfresco@lacity.org](mailto:alfresco@lacity.org)

On Wed, Jan 18, 2023 at 12:08 PM Ivonne Guzman  
<[ivonneguzman45@gmail.com](mailto:ivonneguzman45@gmail.com)> wrote:



Is there a limit on private and public property spaces utilized when it negatively affects the local residents.

Sent from my iPhone

**Date : 12/19/2022 11:58:57 AM**  
**From : "Issac Kunthara"**  
**To : AlFresco.Planning@lacity.org**  
**Subject : Re: building a new veterinary clinic**  
**Attachment : West Hollywood Locations v.2.1 12.15.2022.docx;**

Hello,

Could you help me figure out which locations my usage of veterinary medicine would be acceptable in? I have listings on this document attached, if you could tell me what the zones are for the listings that are not red.

Thank you

On Tue, Nov 1, 2022 at 10:59 AM Issac Kunthara <[issac@curopet.com](mailto:issac@curopet.com)> wrote:

We are trying to build a new veterinary clinic (medical services only, no day care/boarding), and we'd like to better understand the zoning laws. Could you please let me know which zones my use is allowed in? And for each zone I am allowed in, do I need a CUP? Also, is there a map for me to see what zone my address is in? I am looking at a few properties at the moment, and before I sign an LOI, this would be important for me to know. Below is a document with a list of properties I am looking at. If you could let me know which zones my usage is allowed in, that would be great.

Thanks in advance for your time and help.

Best,

Issac Kunthara

**Date : 1/27/2023 5:39:12 PM**  
**From : "Liz Amsden"**  
**To : "Alfresco Planning"**  
**Subject : Re: Concerns in addressing the Al Fresco dining ordinance**

Thank you for getting back to me and including an e-mail address to submit comments to LADOT and the BOE.

One other point, who addresses food carts on private property i.e. in the parking lot at Target or mini-malls? There are the same issues of food safety, food disposal, offensive smells, slipping danger, etc.

On 27-Jan-23 15:38, Alfresco Planning wrote:

Hello Liz,

Thank you for your email. It was received and your response will be recorded as Public Comment. For additional information regarding the proposed ordinance, please visit <https://planning.lacity.org/plans-policies/outdoor-dining> or the [Council File Management System, Council File Number 20-1074](#).

**Please note that the Permanent Al Fresco Ordinance addresses outdoor dining on private property.** The Department of Transportation (LADOT) and the Bureau of Engineering (BOE) are preparing regulations to address outdoor dining in the public right-of-way.

For any questions or comments about **outdoor dining on sidewalks**, please submit an inquiry online (under the Customer Service Request) to BOE directly at: <https://engpermits.lacity.org>. Questions or comments about **outdoor dining that is curbside or in the street**, please submit an inquiry to DOT by emailing: [alfresco@lacity.org](mailto:alfresco@lacity.org). All questions and comments concerning the Temporary Al Fresco Permit or outdoor dining in the public right-of-way will be forwarded to BOE and DOT.

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Thank you for your interest in the Permanent Al Fresco Ordinance and your continued engagement with Los Angeles City Planning.

On Thursday, January 26, 2023 at 8:21:15 PM UTC-8 Liz Amsden wrote:

Unfortunately, I was not able to attend your webinar. When will the City understand that most of its residents have jobs and work during the week?

My comments are addressed to the proposed expansion of outdoor dining on private property as well as on sidewalks and other public rights-of-way. Please feel free to pass my concerns along to LADOT and the BOE.

While I am in full support of expanding al fresco dining, especially in the wake of the pandemic where many of us are still at significant risk for serious illness, a risk which increases when people have to dine (or do anything) inside.

My concerns date from well before the pandemic when street food became ubiquitous in many parts of the City. From what I know, the proposed ordinance would also entrench a lot of the sidewalk food stands.

My first concerns are safety related - how is food safety maintained in outdoor environments?

How is the safety and property of passersby ensured?

I was burned by oil flying off a grill on York Blvd - a grill that easily took up half the sidewalk forcing pedestrians to walk within a foot. Furthermore, the oil permanently stained a silk blouse I was wearing. When I protested, I was called racist because I look (and am) very white. But injury from flying oil or bad food or falling glassware or being pushed into hot or dangerous cooking surfaces is NOT a racist issue. These are occurrences that could affect Hispanics, Blacks, Whites, Asians, children, the elderly, pets, whatever and MUST BE ADDRESSED.

Furthermore, food droppings and drippings attract animals, not just the local dogs and cats but also coyotes, raccoons and rats. The latter two are known to transmit various diseases.

Drinking in outdoor areas, needless to say needs to be monitored more closely as it will be harder to contain people from going postal and will expose more innocent pedestrians to potential acts of violence. These should NOT be within a block of private homes or two blocks of schools.

Note that the noise prohibitions (p. 5 iii 1) appear to be preexisting but either there have been a lot of waivers or a lot of lawbreaking because I used to pass restaurant/bars with outside sitting with full on sound systems late at night. These provisions need to be both

enforceable and enforced.

Another time I witnessed a fall from some food a diner on a private patio ditched off his plate onto the sidewalk beyond a low (hmm - 42") divider.

Off-topic side note: I've also seen lit cigarette butts tossed from a patio into a baby carriage, and from one car onto the lap of the driver in another.

My second concern is being forced to smell the odors of these food carts which are a significant different issue than food being brought from an inside kitchen to an outdoor table. Some people have allergies. I have been a vegetarian for over 50 years and the smell of meat nauseates me. Why must I be forced to smell odors that I find offensive.

If people like the smell of bacon, chorizo, menudo or ducks' feet, they can go into a restaurant cooking these delicacies to inhale without forcing the smell on those who find the smell disgusting. Or cook it in their own kitchens.

But why should innocent pedestrians be forced to partake of something that they don't choose?

I would appreciate a reply detailing how this ordinance will protect me and others and our belongings.

Liz Amsden, Highland Park

**Date : 2/9/2023 7:10:55 AM**  
**From : "Jason Tessler"**  
**To : alfresco.planning@lacity.org**  
**Cc : info@ihcla.org**  
**Subject : RE: CPC-2022-8179-CA Permanent AI Fresco Program**

To Whom It May Concern,

As a resident of Los Angeles, I am writing to comment on the City of LA Planning Draft Ordinance for a permanent AI Fresco Program. We are in support of a permanent program but the Ordinance requires in most cases a discretionary application filed with the Department of City Planning by means of Conditional Use Permit or Plan Approval. Additionally this ordinance requires a traditional permit through the channels of the Department of Building and Safety. These processes are very expensive and time burdening for the small business community.

Our number one request is to create an ordinance free from inequalities; to make this process accessible to all businesses in lieu of a fortunate few. We can take this opportunity to create a small business food operator friendly application that does not require expensive consultants or architects to gain permits. This can be a program for the people, by the people with built in equity and purpose; to incentivize and activate our streets creating a safer more local economically driven city.

We want this process to be similar to how the current Temporary AI Fresco permit software works taking no more than 20 minutes to apply.

It would be an absolute shame to lose the outdoors, what most of us love so much about LA.

Thank you,  
Jason Tessler

**Date : 2/24/2023 9:21:37 PM**  
**From : "No0 No1"**  
**To : alfresco.planning@lacity.org**  
**Subject : RE: CPC-2022-8179-CA**

Hello,

Regarding the Al Fresco ordinance. Dining on sidewalks is a good idea but only when there's suitable space for it. Many times I've walked by dining places where pedestrian access has been either been restricted or blocked completely pushing pedestrians onto the road. I only ask for common sense guidelines to be followed by businesses in their use of public spaces that put pedestrian safety and mobility first. Some sidewalks are simply too narrow to accommodate both pedestrians and diners at the same time.

Thank you,  
Piotr P.

**Date : 2/15/2023 3:17:52 PM**  
**From : "Alfresco Planning"**  
**To : "Alfresco Planning"**  
**Cc : "Bonnie Kim"**  
**Subject : Re: Draft Al Fresco Ordinance**

The comment has been included in the tracker and the sender received an email!

MR

On Monday, February 13, 2023 at 9:14:01 AM UTC-8 Bonnie Kim wrote:

Please add this comment to the tracking sheet.



**Bonnie Kim**

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From: **Lisa Sarkin** <[lssarkin@gmail.com](mailto:lssarkin@gmail.com)>

Date: Mon, Feb 13, 2023 at 9:08 AM

Subject: Draft Al Fresco Ordinance

To: Bonnie Kim <[bonnie.kim@lacity.org](mailto:bonnie.kim@lacity.org)>,  
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Cc: Kathy Delle Donne <[kadedo@earthlink.net](mailto:kadedo@earthlink.net)>, Alan Dymond  
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Dear Ms. Kim and Ms. Richardson,

I am currently an appointee to the Ventura/Cahuenga Boulevard Corridor Specific Plan Review Board. I was a member of the Studio City Neighborhood Council Board Member from 2007-2016, and served as Land Use Chair, Vice President and President. I have lived in Studio City almost all my life. I've been around for many, many ordinance discussions. I have used the term many times "ONE SIZE DOES NOT FIT ALL" before, but this really must be included if this Ordinance actually gets to the City Council.

Studio City's section of Ventura Boulevard is unique from the rest of the Corridor. There are several curves, it is very narrow with little opportunity to widen because it is stuck between the hillside and the river channel and our neighborhoods back up or face the Corridor. There are numerous other issues causing quality of life problems and safety problems which I will list below:

1. Most of our sidewalks are substandard;



2. There are tree wells covering the 3 ½ miles within Studio City;
3. There are almost no circulation streets;
4. The alleys are not maintained by the City;
5. Most of the hillside and flat streets have restricted parking;
6. The hillside streets are substandard;
7. The river is a giant megaphone both North and South.

Our stakeholders have put up with the current Al Fresco Dining because, of course, we want the restaurants to thrive. Most restaurants have valet parking, but without our parking lots, there is no place for them to park the cars and actually, their cars too. The valets illegally make U-turns around the medians or the middle of the street and hold up traffic when taking and returning cars for diners. On Tujunga Avenue, with the street parking half removed for street dining and the structures allowed in the parking lots, it is very dangerous for pedestrians and stakeholders crossing the street in the middle.

The sidewalks are so crowded two pedestrians must walk in a single line to get past the tables, planters and diners waiting for a table.

One of my worst issues is that there is no enforcement of the current situation and I highly doubt that the Departments involved with the Al Fresco Ordinance have the staff or budget to enforce it. Currently, all Departments are far behind in enforcement, if it is possible to get staff to inspect and follow through with a hearing at all.

As for the noise level, the police do not enforce the Noise Ordinance. At the North Hollywood Police Department, if you call you are told it is closed or the wait time for anyone to answer can take 2 hours.

My final point (even though I could go on and on) will be the BY-RIGHT legalization of the Al Fresco Ordinance. This will allow a proprietor to skip the Neighborhood Councils and community input. It makes no sense to me that permits, etc. will be required, with no oversight of the affected area.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

**Date :** 1/23/2023 5:43:37 PM  
**From :** "David Paris"  
**To :** "alfresco.planning", "David Paris"  
**Subject :** RE: FW: unanswered question from al fresco webinar

Got it – but you hope to have a final ordinance fairly soon right? If the final ordinance does not happen soon, might we expect another extension of the temporary al fresco?

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**From:** alfresco.planning <alfresco.planning@lacity.org>  
**Sent:** Monday, January 23, 2023 5:40 PM  
**To:** David Paris <pariswst@gte.net>  
**Subject:** Re: FW: unanswered question from al fresco webinar

David:

Another consideration to keep in mind regarding your question about the circumstances under which you would be granted less than a 5 parking space reduction, please remember that if your restaurant is located in a specific plan and if the final ordinance does not succeed in overriding the specific plans, it is possible that the specific plan may limit the number of required parking spaces that can be displaced by outdoor dining. You would have to read through the specific plan and read the language adopted in the final ordinance.

On Fri, Jan 20, 2023 at 5:00 PM alfresco.planning <[alfresco.planning@lacity.org](mailto:alfresco.planning@lacity.org)> wrote:

That is correct, except that the end date for the Temporary Authorization is August. 28th, not the 31st.

On Fri, Jan 20, 2023 at 4:56 PM David Paris <[pariswst@gte.net](mailto:pariswst@gte.net)> wrote:

Thank you so much for getting back to me. To be clear, we never had a CUB. The indoor bar has been around forever and has an 'approval of plans' that is still in place for the indoor alcohol service under a 48 license. When the temporary al fresco program began, we added the food service but there was no requirement to obtain a CUB.

Are you referring to the CUB that we will apply for as part of our application to continue outdoor service under the permanent al fresco dining program? If so, then if I understand the time-line correctly it would look like this:

- First we restore the food service (and health dept food service permit). This allows us to apply for permanent al fresco dining under this new program
- When food service is restored, we file an application with Planning Dept under the al fresco dining program, which includes an application for a CUB.

- If this application is accepted or 'filed' with planning before 8/31/23, then we can remain open under the temporary al fresco plan while our permanent al fresco application and CUB is being reviewed and processed, first by planning, then LADBS permitting, and perhaps also coastal approval as we are in a dual jurisdiction zone.

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**From:** alfresco.planning <[mary.richardson@lacity.org](mailto:mary.richardson@lacity.org)>  
**Sent:** Friday, January 20, 2023 4:23 PM  
**To:** David Paris <[pariswst@gte.net](mailto:pariswst@gte.net)>  
**Subject:** Re: FW: unanswered question from al fresco webinar

David:

In response to question 1 your understanding is correct. The Permanent Al Fresco program, as presented in the current draft, is for restaurants only and does not include bars. You would have to restore your food service and obtain a new CUB to serve alcohol which would reflect these changes. In response to question 2, the Permanent Al Fresco program would not limit your parking relief to less than 5 parking spaces but Building and Safety may have their own requirements.

**Mary Richardson**

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On Fri, Jan 20, 2023 at 11:24 AM David Paris <[pariswst@gte.net](mailto:pariswst@gte.net)> wrote:

Resending this email to your 'direct' email address. If you could help us by looking at the 1<sup>st</sup> question below – and give us your preliminary thoughts, even if you don't have a definitive answer. We can consider the 2<sup>nd</sup> question later....

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**From:** David Paris <[pariswst@gte.net](mailto:pariswst@gte.net)>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, January 18, 2023 4:22 PM  
**To:** 'Mary Richardson' <[alfresco.planning@lacity.org](mailto:alfresco.planning@lacity.org)> <[alfresco.planning@lacity.org](mailto:alfresco.planning@lacity.org)>

**Subject:** unanswered question from al fresco webinar

Thank you for the presentation today. You were not able to get to my question so hoping you can help me by email

1<sup>st</sup> question: Currently our temporary al fresco permit on private property is for a bar with a 48 license and we do not serve food. Today I heard you say that the permanent al fresco program is for restaurants only. This was a surprise as the written materials did not say this explicitly; the materials stated that any alcohol service required a CUP. At the beginning of the temporary al fresco program, in 2020, we did serve food and obtained a health department approved food service permit. We could do so again and restore our food service, but we will still be operating with a 48 license and remain open to ages 21+ only. If we resume food service again, and procure the appropriate health department permits, can we then apply for permanent outdoor dining under this program (with CUP of course)?

2<sup>nd</sup> question: Our outdoor dining area is on our private property that was a parking lot. Our building occupancy has a parking requirement of 11 spaces one of which is an ADA spot. To reconfigure the lot for parking and outdoor dining (with required barriers, etc.) we would need the full reduction of 5 spaces leaving us with 6 total parking spaces including the 1 required ADA spot. The materials state that we might obtain "up to" a 5 space reduction. Under what circumstances, or by what reasoning, would we be granted less than a 5 space reduction (assuming we meet all other stated requirements, including the CUP)?



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**Date : 1/30/2023 10:28:45 AM**  
**From : murez@venice.net**  
**To : "'alfresco.planning'"**  
**Subject : RE: Help understanding**

Why is Planning treating restaurants any different than any other commercial business, say a clothing store who would also like to get a permit to expand into the public space. At present it is a violation but why does one business type get these added rights, seems very unfair and worth looking to a law suit to get the City to treat all properties of the same zoning equal. What is allowed for one must be allowed for all.

If a property is required to go through the Coastal Process, than reducing parking required for this use as described in the proposed plan is not an option and leads applicants down a path of failure. Is this really the best Planning can do, take someone's money for a permit process that is assured to fail.

How does this process plan to permit Alcohol Licenses (CUB)... the sidewalk cuts through permitted space and the proposed service area. In this case delineation fences are required by the State for alcohol service areas. Since none of the existing Al Fresco restaurant areas have these fences, they are all in violation of alcohol service. Because of COVID no one has enforced the laws but going forward is the City working with the State to insure the City is not creating an enforcement nightmare.

Lastly, when the City started allowing these areas to be created there were a lot of installations that block the normal curb and gutter drainage. Besides improper designs being installed that caused some businesses in Venice to flood because of rain water that backed up over the top of the curb, the rodents are nesting under the raised floors. How is the City going to prevent these conditions from causing problems to the rest of our community.

Where can I get a copy of the proposed ordinance that is going to address this proposed permit regulation. I would like to make formal comments.

Best,  
Jim Murez  
Venice Resident (35+years)  
Venice Neighborhood Council, President

**From:** alfresco.planning [mailto:alfresco.planning@lacity.org]  
**Sent:** Monday, January 30, 2023 9:02 AM  
**To:** murez@venice.net  
**Subject:** Re: Help understanding

If the restaurant next door to you offered outdoor dining during the local covid emergency when outdoor dining was allowed under the Temporary Authorization they would have been able to do so without obtaining a Coastal Development permit. However, the local emergency is over and restaurants that are located in the Venice Specific Plan and/or those that are subject to Coastal Development regulations will have to go through the regular

permitting processes pursuant to the Los Angeles Municipal Code. The Temporary Authorizations are valid until August 28, 2023. The Planning Department is in the process of preparing the Permanent Al Fresco Ordinance which will codify the regulations for outdoor dining going forward. Once the Permanent Al Fresco Ordinance is adopted you would start the permit application process with the Restaurant and Small Business Express Program, <https://www.ladbs.org/docs/default-source/publications/misc-publications/ladbs-rsbep-flyer.pdf>.

On Thu, Jan 26, 2023 at 4:48 PM murez via Alfresco Planning <[alfresco.planning@lacity.org](mailto:alfresco.planning@lacity.org)> wrote:

I have a retail store and want to have the same rights as the restaurant next door, I want to use the street and my parking lot for sales floor area. Additionally, my business is located in the Venice Coastal Area which normally requires a Coastal Development permit. What is the process for me to get the same rights as the other commercial business on my street?

**Date : 2/15/2023 8:34:49 AM**  
**From : "Bonnie Kim"**  
**To : "Yeghig Keshishian", [alfresco.planning@lacity.org](mailto:alfresco.planning@lacity.org)**  
**Cc : "Hagu Solomon-Cary"**  
**Subject : Re: LA Alfresco program**

Thanks for forwarding Yeghig. Sharing with the [alfresco.planning](mailto:alfresco.planning@lacity.org) email to add to our records.



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On Tue, Feb 14, 2023 at 10:52 PM Yeghig Keshishian  
<[yeghig.keshishian@lacity.org](mailto:yeghig.keshishian@lacity.org)> wrote:

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From: **Laurie L Young**<[laurielyoung@live.com](mailto:laurielyoung@live.com)>  
Date: Tue, Feb 14, 2023 at 8:49 PM  
Subject: LA Alfresco program  
To: [yeghig.keshishian@lacity.org](mailto:yeghig.keshishian@lacity.org) <[yeghig.keshishian@lacity.org](mailto:yeghig.keshishian@lacity.org)>

Yeghig Keshishian,  
L.A. City Planning chief external affairs officer

Dear Mr. Keshishian,

I have recently read about the proposal to end outdoor dining as it is now, and replace it with an ordinance that would force restaurants to apply for expensive permits. These permits are suggested to cost businesses tens of thousands of dollars, as reported by Eyewitness news.

This sounds like a huge money grab that ignores the fact that so many restaurants are still struggling. And as someone who is immuno-compromised, this will limit my (and many others) options for eating outside.

As much as we all would love to pretend that Covid is over and life can go back to "normal," it is very likely that restaurants will continue to need these outdoor areas indefinitely. Requiring an expensive permit will surely close many businesses, and result in layoffs and job loss. I understand the need to codify the ordinance, but I urge the city planning department

to waive any and all fees for these permits in order to keep these small businesses open. At the very least, create a sliding scale so that the mom & pop diners and cafes will not suffer and be forced to close.

I am not able to attend the city planning meeting on Wednesday, but I wanted to make my voice heard on this matter. I trust you will take my concerns seriously.

Thank you for your time and attention.  
Sincerely,  
Laurie L. Young

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**Date : 1/17/2023 12:06:59 PM**  
**From : "Sandra Kanter"**  
**To : "Los Angeles Al Fresco"**  
**Subject : Re: New Al**

Hi,

I don't have a specific comment- I just support the program in general. I think it's important to support outdoor dining to the maximum extent possible.

Sincerely,  
Sandra Kanter

On Tue, Jan 17, 2023 at 11:03 AM Los Angeles Al Fresco  
<[alfresco.planning@lacity.org](mailto:alfresco.planning@lacity.org)> wrote:

Hi Sandra,

Thank you for your email. We are unable to view your comment regarding the Los Angeles Al Fresco program. Please respond to this email with your comment, if you'd like to add your thoughts on the proposed ordinance for outdoor dining on private property.

For additional information regarding the proposed ordinance, please visit <https://planning.lacity.org/plans-policies/proposed-land-use-regulations> or the [Council File Management System, Council File Number 20-1074](#).

Thanks,  
Los Angeles Al Fresco Team

On Sat, Jan 14, 2023 at 3:32 PM Sandra Kanter <[sandra.kanter@gmail.com](mailto:sandra.kanter@gmail.com)> wrote:

**Date : 1/25/2023 3:09:02 PM**  
**From : "Jordan Mendenhall"**  
**To : alfresco.planning@lacity.org**  
**Cc : "TeamCD4"**  
**Subject : Re: Outdoor dining change**

To Whom it May Concern:

I'm writing in regards to the new rules which would limit outdoor dining.

Outdoor dining additions were one of the few good things to come out of the pandemic. It adds to the quality of life in a city that is already hostile to humans outside of a car and adds character and joy to neighborhoods instead of continued dominance of the car. The city planners and government still seem to be in the mindset of fifty years ago if they believe that taking away something like this, that many cities without the prestige and heritage of LA have.

Please reconsider at your earliest opportunity and make the choice to allow LA the kind of outdoor dining that nearly everywhere else enjoys.

Best regards,

Jordan Mendenhall

cc: Council District 4 office CC'ed here

**Date : 8/19/2022 2:26:46 PM**  
**From : "Blaine Gregson"**  
**To : "Bonnie Kim"**  
**Cc : [alfresco.planning@lacity.org](mailto:alfresco.planning@lacity.org)**  
**Subject : Re: Outdoor Dining in C4 Zones**

Bonnie,

Thank you for responding to my inquiry so quickly. I greatly appreciate it.

I understand that the C4 zone is more restrictive than the C2 zone and that ZAI 1808 states outdoor dining is allowed in C2 zones or less restrictive zones. However, ZAI 1808 does not specifically state that outdoor dining is not allowed in all of the more restrictive C zones. ZAI 1808 only states that there isn't any ambiguity that outdoor dining is not allowed in the C1 zone.

I don't believe there is any ambiguity that outdoor dining is not allowed in the CR, C1, and C1.5 zones. However, the C4 zone doesn't have any restrictions that would directly or indirectly prohibit rooftop outdoor dining. I can't find a single code section or ZAI that would prohibit rooftop outdoor dining in the C4 zone. It shouldn't even be considered ambiguous. It would be allowed if the Zoning Manual didn't specifically say that it isn't allowed.

Once again, thank you for looking into the matter. I look forward to the updates in the fall.

Regards,

**Blaine Gregson**  
Director of Development, Jamison

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On Fri, Aug 19, 2022 at 2:02 PM Bonnie Kim <[bonnie.kim@lacity.org](mailto:bonnie.kim@lacity.org)> wrote:  
Good afternoon,

Thank you for your email. As an update, there have been some staffing changes and the project lead for the Al Fresco Ordinance will be transitioning from Andrew Pennington to Mary Richardson. You are of course welcome to continue communicating through the [alfresco.planning@lacity.org](mailto:alfresco.planning@lacity.org) email address for convenience, as we have multiple team members monitoring this address.

To your question about whether the Ordinance could address rooftop outdoor dining, we are currently reviewing all outdoor dining and outdoor eating area provisions in the Code, which does include consideration of rooftop dining limitations. Please stay tuned for more updates in the fall.

As to the current restrictions, a small but crucial nuance I can see that may be informing the Zoning Manual is that ZAI 1808 allows for outdoor dining "in the

C2 or less restrictive zones". Per Sec. 12.04 of the Code, the C4 zone is more restrictive than C2 and therefore is not included in the permitted zones under ZAI 1808.



**Bonnie Kim**  
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On Wed, Aug 17, 2022 at 2:45 PM Blaine Gregson  
<[blainegregson@jamisonpropertieslp.com](mailto:blainegregson@jamisonpropertieslp.com)> wrote:

Andrew,

I'm unsure if this would be within the purview of the proposed Permanent AI Fresco Ordinance but if possible, could the new ordinance address Rooftop Outdoor Dining in C4 zones?

The Zoning Manual (attached) clearly states that Outdoor Dining is only allowed on the Ground Floor in the C4 zone. It states Outdoor Dining is allowed on rooftops in the C2, C5, & CM zones and that it is not permitted in C4 zones. However, **I haven't been able to find any code justification for why Rooftop Outdoor Dining is not permitted in the C4 zone.** The Zoning Manual might be incorrect.

The Zoning Manual references ZAI 1808 (attached). However, ZAI 1808 does not mention the C4 zone at all.

The C1 zone has the following limitation:

(2) All activities are conducted wholly within an enclosed building, except that ground floor restaurants may have outdoor eating areas. An outdoor eating area for a ground floor restaurants may be located anywhere between the building and its required front yard, or between the building and any required side or rear yard which side or rear yard abuts a public street. (Amended by Ord. No. 165,403, Eff. 2/17/90.)

The CR zone has the following limitation:

13. Restaurant, when conducted within a permitted office building, provided: that entrances to the restaurant are located inside of the building; that no sign or other form of advertising is visible from outside the office building; that no sign or other form of advertising is utilized in any manner whatsoever outside of the building as a means of advertising the restaurant; that the restaurant remains open for business only between the hours of 7 a.m. to 8 p.m., Monday through Saturday; and that no entertainment or dancing is conducted or permitted. An outdoor eating area for a ground floor restaurants may be located anywhere between the building and its required front yard, or between the building and any required side or rear yard which side or rear yard abuts a public street. (Amended by Ord. No. 165,403, Eff. 2/17/90.)

The C1.5 zone has the following limitation:

- (3) All activities, including storage, shall be conducted wholly within an enclosed building;

The C2 zone allows outdoor dining per ZAI 1808.

The [C4 zone](#) does **not** include any restrictions or limitations that would prohibit outdoor dining.

So I agree with the Zoning Manual that it isn't allowed in CR, C1, & C1.5 zones but cannot find any code justification for why it is not allowed in the C4 zone. The Zoning Manual and **not an actual code section** is preventing us from including a rooftop outdoor dining area at our adaptive reuse project located at 3807 Wilshire Blvd, Los Angeles, CA 90010.

Regards,

**Blaine Gregson**

Director of Development, Jamison

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**Date : 2/1/2023 2:14:11 PM**  
**From : "Eddie Navarrette"**  
**To : "Regina Alcazar"**  
**Cc : advocacy@independenthospitality.org, info@independenthospitality.org, "Alfresco Planning" , "Lisa Lee"**  
**Subject : Re: Permanent Al Fresco Ordinance - Notice of Public Hearing | Ordenanza Permanente de Al Fresco - Aviso de Audiencia Pública**

Hi Regina!

Thank you for emailing us and for all the hard work you are all putting into this important ordinance. We have few questions on what to expect at this February 8th meeting for folks who would like to call in.

- Will the comment period **cease at 8pm** if there are still commenters left waiting?
- How long will commenters have when they are allowed to speak? For example, one minute? 2 minutes? etc.
- Will LADBS be available this meeting to discuss/present their permit procedures for transition of permanent Al Fresco patios?
- Approximately when will this draft ordinance be scheduled for Planning Commission?



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On Tue, Jan 31, 2023 at 11:24 AM Regina Alcazar <[regina.alcazar@lacity.org](mailto:regina.alcazar@lacity.org)> wrote:

Dear Independent Hospitality Coalition:

We would like to invite you to review the [proposed draft ordinance](#) that would permanently allow the City's **Al Fresco outdoor dining program on private property**. Please see more information below.

You can submit comments by emailing [alfresco.planning@lacity.org](mailto:alfresco.planning@lacity.org) or you can attend the Virtual Public Hearing on Wed (2/8) at 6:00 PM and provide official testimony from your members or statement from your organization.

Feel free to reach out to me if you have any questions or concerns.

Thank you!  
Regina

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From: **Los Angeles City Planning** <[alfresco.planning@lacity.org](mailto:alfresco.planning@lacity.org)>

Date: Wed, Jan 25, 2023 at 12:02 PM

Subject: Permanent Al Fresco Ordinance - Notice of Public Hearing | Ordenanza

Permanente de Al Fresco - Aviso de Audiencia Pública

To: <[regina.alcazar@lacity.org](mailto:regina.alcazar@lacity.org)>

*Para español siga hacia abajo.*

## Dear Al Fresco Participants and Interested Stakeholders:

Los Angeles City Planning will conduct a Virtual Public Hearing for the proposed [Permanent Al Fresco Ordinance](#) on February 8, 2023, from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. All interested parties are encouraged to attend and share feedback.

In response to City Council instructions (CF [20-1074](#)), City Planning released the proposed Ordinance for public review and comment on November 30, 2022. The Ordinance aims to clarify and streamline Zoning Code regulations regarding **outdoor dining on private property**. Separate but related efforts are underway by the Department of Transportation (LADOT) to permit in-street and curbside dining, and by the Bureau of Engineering (BOE) to permit expanded sidewalk dining. These collective efforts will provide for a comprehensive transition from the temporary LA Al Fresco program to permanent outdoor dining opportunities.

The Public Hearing is an opportunity to provide feedback that will inform a staff report and recommendation to the City Planning Commission, the City Council's Planning and Land Use Management Committee, and the full City Council.

The draft Ordinance, [fact sheet](#), participant [survey results](#), recording of the [information webinar](#), and more information can be found on the [project webpage](#).

**Date : 1/25/2023 12:49:28 PM**  
**From : "Matthew Stevens"**  
**To : "alfresco.planning"**  
**Subject : Re: Permanent Al Fresco**

Hi,

Thanks for the feedback.

This seems quite silly and will cause a lot of harm to restaurants. No one has been complaining about insufficient parking. Why not leave this up to the businesses and let them decide how much to provide instead of forcing one size fits all rules on the entire city?

It's also against the direction state law is heading. AB2097 eliminates most minimum parking requirements within 1/2 mile of transit yet Los Angeles wants to force restaurants to reinstate when many restaurants have realized they don't need it.

I urge you to change course and not require parking. You're hurting restaurants, taking away outdoor dining options from Angelenos which is something most have come to love, and creating more traffic and gridlock by expanding auto infrastructure (parking is auto infrastructure).

Regards,

Matthew

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**From:** alfresco.planning <alfresco.planning@lacity.org>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, January 25, 2023 12:43:49 PM  
**To:** Mstevens901@gmail.com <Mstevens901@gmail.com>  
**Subject:** Permanent Al Fresco

Matthew:

According to the current draft of the Permanent Al Fresco Ordinance, the number of parking spaces that could be displaced by outdoor dining depends on how many parking spaces you have provided and how many of those parking spaces are required parking spaces. For example, if you have 20 required parking spaces and 10 non-required parking spaces (i.e. excess parking that is provided in addition to the minimum Code requirements), you would be able to displace up to 15 parking spaces with outdoor dining - 5 out of 20 required spaces plus 10 out of 10 non-required spaces. If you have 20 required parking spaces and no additional parking spaces you would be able to displace up to five of the 20 required parking spaces with outdoor dining. If you would like to displace all of your required parking spaces with outdoor dining you would likely have to apply for a Conditional Use Permit, unless the minimum parking spaces required by Code for that property were 5 or fewer spaces.



**Date : 1/19/2023 3:26:47 PM**  
**From : "Veronika Lattin"**  
**To : "alfresco.planning"**  
**Subject : Re: Question regarding Al fresco dining**

Good afternoon,

Thank you for your response.

I just want to make sure I understood your answer. Does the restaurant license need to be all done and operating in order to get al fresco permit? Can we be in the process of applying and waiting for your restaurant permits and applying for Al Fresco at the same time?

I hope I am explaining myself correctly. What will be the best contact to use to call with questions?

Covid damaged our business, and we have been completely vacant for all this time. We are trying to bring our property back to life and start a business that will bring value to our community.

Any assistance and information is highly appreciated :)

Thank you very much.

Best regards,

Veronika L.

On Thu, Jan 19, 2023 at 3:14 PM alfresco.planning <[alfresco.planning@lacity.org](mailto:alfresco.planning@lacity.org)> wrote:

Veronika:

The Permanent Al Fresco Ordinance is still a draft and is not anticipated to go to the City Council for a vote until sometime in the Spring. In order to apply for a Temporary Al Fresco Authorization you would have to already have an operating permitted restaurant. You would not be able to apply for outdoor dining permits under the Permanent Al Fresco Ordinance until it has been formally adopted.

On Wed, Jan 18, 2023 at 1:57 PM Veronika Lattin <[veronika@windwardinvenice.com](mailto:veronika@windwardinvenice.com)> wrote:

Thank you for conducting today's webinar.

I have a question that did not make it into the live Q&A.

We have a property that has been sitting vacant during the pandemic (for the last 3 years). It's private property in a commercial zone. We would like to begin the process of applying for entitlements for food and beverage. While we are going through the entitlement process, can we make our application for the al fresco program and be grandfathered in so we can take advantage of the program when the entitlements are completed?

Thank you very much.

Best regards,

Veronika L.

**Date : 1/19/2023 4:37:25 PM**  
**From : "Manny Diaz"**  
**To : "alfresco.planning"**  
**Subject : Re: Question**

Okay. I have two clients who must file CUPs/ZV for their patios. We know that the approval process will go past August, so we want to make sure that they can continue to operate until the approvals are complete. In the current iteration of the ordinance, they can continue to operate, right?

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On Thu, Jan 19, 2023 at 4:32 PM alfresco.planning <[alfresco.planning@lacity.org](mailto:alfresco.planning@lacity.org)> wrote:

Manny:

We are working on clarifying this language. The Department of City Planning will not be processing outdoor dining applications, unless the restaurant needs a Conditional Use Permit for a deviation of a standard or if the restaurant is applying for a permit to serve alcohol. Since the outdoor dining permit is a by-right permit it will be the Department of Building and Safety that processes the outdoor dining permit. We will discuss with Building and Safety how to handle those cases where the application for an outdoor dining permit which was submitted prior to August 28th has not been approved prior to August 28th. Thank you for your engagement with our adoption process.

On Thu, Jan 19, 2023 at 4:18 PM Manny Diaz  
<[manny@fedesignandconsulting.com](mailto:manny@fedesignandconsulting.com)> wrote:

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**From : "Matthew Sutton"**  
**To : "Bonnie Kim", "Peter Fenolio", "Alfresco Planning"**  
**Subject : RE: Request for data - Outdoor Dining Permits**  
**Attachment : image001.jpg;**

Thank you so much Bonnie, much appreciated,

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I'm wondering if it would be easier to share the list of all temporary alfresco permits rather than limit to the private property permit type? I would appreciate being able to differentiate between the buckets of permits (Street, sidewalk, private property), but I don't want to ask staff to do extra work. If you are needing to remove personal contact information, that is of course understandable.

The data I would like is:

- Business name
- Business address
- Permit type
- Business number or business email address (if easy to distinguish from personal)

Thanks!

Kind regards,  
Peter

**Peter Fenolio**  
**Director of Industry Engagement**

**California Restaurant Association**

621 Capitol Mall, Suite 2000

Sacramento, CA 95814

T: 916.431.2745

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[pfenolio@calrest.org](mailto:pfenolio@calrest.org)



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**From:** Bonnie Kim <[bonnie.kim@lacity.org](mailto:bonnie.kim@lacity.org)>

**Sent:** Wednesday, February 22, 2023 1:42 PM

**To:** Peter Fenolio <[pfenolio@calrest.org](mailto:pfenolio@calrest.org)>; Alfresco Planning <[alfresco.planning@lacity.org](mailto:alfresco.planning@lacity.org)>

**Subject:** Re: Request for data - Outdoor Dining Permits

Good afternoon Peter,

Thank you for reaching out. As a quick update, we are in the process of preparing a revised draft Al Fresco Ordinance that responds to the public feedback received, so look out for an eblast and additional information describing the proposed changes to be released on Friday.

Given all that, we will not be able to provide you the participant data this week but the team is certainly looking into this request and investigating how best to clean up the data into a shareable format.

If you could follow up with me towards the end of next week, I should be able to give you a status update on your request.

One question for you - we received the same participant data request from your colleague Matt Sutton. Are these separate requests or can we consider them as a single request from the California Restaurant Association?



**Bonnie Kim**

City Planner

**Los Angeles City Planning**  
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On Tue, Feb 21, 2023 at 10:47 AM Peter Fenolio <[pfenolio@calrest.org](mailto:pfenolio@calrest.org)> wrote:

Good morning Mary,

I'm reaching out to ask for the list of restaurants that currently have temporary al fresco dining permits on private property (restaurants that would be impacted by the updated zoning code).

We wish to help these restaurants and their customers advocate for policy solutions which work for all stakeholders, without placing significant financial or time intensive burdens on the businesses which would be detrimental to the availability of al fresco dining options. We all love eating al fresco!

Please let me know if it is possible to receive a copy of your temporary permit holder list. Thanks!

My best,  
Peter

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Date : 3/1/2023 8:52:40 AM

From : "Judy Esposito"

To : "Alfresco Planning"

Subject : Re: Post Hearing Update - Al Fresco Dining on Private Property | Actualización Posterior de la Audiencia - Comedores al Aire Libre en Propiedad Privada

**PUBLIC property is PUBLIC property. PLEASE do not allow sidewalks and street parking to be used by restaurants !!! We want restaurants to succeed but OUR RIGHTS MUST BE OBSERVED. PLEASE remember: the public has PAID for public property via our mass quantities of TAXES !!!**

Judy Esposito Venice

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**From:** Alfresco Planning <alfresco.planning@lacity.org>

**Sent:** Tuesday, February 28, 2023 1:02 PM

**To:** Alfresco Planning <alfresco.planning@lacity.org>

**Cc:** Judy Esposito <judy.esposito@msn.com>

**Subject:** Re: Post Hearing Update - Al Fresco Dining on Private Property | Actualización Posterior de la Audiencia - Comedores al Aire Libre en Propiedad Privada

Hello,

Thank

you for your email. It was received and your response will be recorded as Public Comment. For additional information regarding the proposed ordinance, please visit

<https://planning.lacity.org/plans-policies/outdoor-dining>

or the [Council](#)

[File Management System, Council File Number 20-1074](#). Please

note that the Permanent Al Fresco Ordinance addresses outdoor dining on private property. The Department of Transportation (LADOT) and the Bureau of Engineering (BOE) are preparing regulations to address outdoor dining in the public right-of-way.

For

any questions or comments about outdoor dining on sidewalks, please submit an inquiry online (under the Customer Service Request) to BOE directly at:

<https://engpermits.lacity.org>.

Questions or comments about outdoor dining that is curbside or in the street, please submit an inquiry to DOT by emailing:

[alfresco@lacity.org](mailto:alfresco@lacity.org).

All questions and comments concerning the Temporary Al Fresco Permit or outdoor dining in the public right-of-way will be forwarded to BOE and DOT.

You

may also subscribe to receive electronic notification on City Council meetings and/or submit public comment directly to the Council File Number 20-1074, by visiting the Council File Management System

[20-1074](#)

[\(CFMS\)](#).

Thank

you for your interest in the Permanent AI Fresco Ordinance and your continued engagement with Los Angeles City Planning.

On Saturday, February 25, 2023 at 9:41:55 AM UTC-8 Judy Esposito wrote:

**PLEASE do not allow public sidewalks or public street parking to be used  
PLEASE**

Judy Esposito Venice

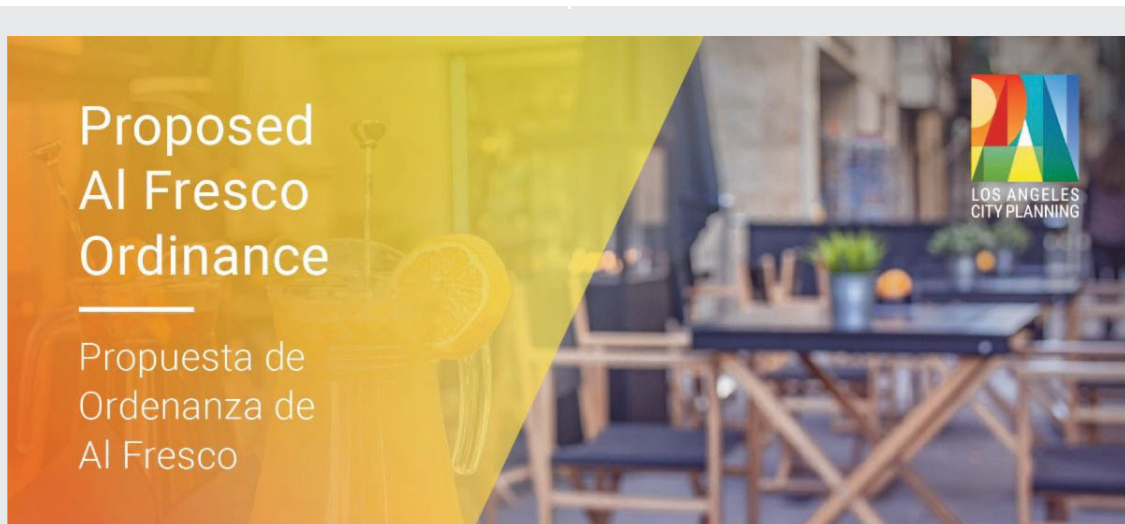
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**From:** Los Angeles City Planning <[alfresco.planning@lacity.org](mailto:alfresco.planning@lacity.org)>

**Sent:** Friday, February 24, 2023 1:30 PM

**To:** [judy.esposito@msn.com](mailto:judy.esposito@msn.com) <[judy.esposito@msn.com](mailto:judy.esposito@msn.com)>

**Subject:** Post Hearing Update - AI Fresco Dining on Private Property | Actualización Posterior de la Audiencia - Comedores al Aire Libre en Propiedad Privada



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**Date :** 1/11/2023 9:00:43 AM  
**From :** "Judy Esposito"  
**To :** "alfresco.planning@lacity.org"  
**Subject :** Re: Permanent Al Fresco Ordinance - Virtual Information Webinar and Public Hearing | Ordenanza Permanente de Al Fresco - Seminario Web de Información y Audiencia Pública

**Please know that taxpayers are AGAINST any establishment that takes up SIDEWALKS, or PUBLIC PARKING**

**Restaurants should never commandeer PUBLIC SIDEWALKS or PUBLIC PARKING !!!!**

Judy Esposito Venice

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**From:** Los Angeles City Planning <alfresco.planning@lacity.org>  
**Sent:** Monday, January 9, 2023 12:01 PM  
**To:** judy.esposito@msn.com <judy.esposito@msn.com>  
**Subject:** Permanent Al Fresco Ordinance - Virtual Information Webinar and Public Hearing | Ordenanza Permanente de Al Fresco - Seminario Web de Información y Audiencia Pública

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**Date : 1/25/2023 1:35:04 PM**

**From : "Judy Esposito"**

**To : "alfresco.planning@lacity.org"**

**Subject : Re: Permanent Al Fresco Ordinance - Notice of Public Hearing | Ordenanza Permanente de Al Fresco - Aviso de Audiencia Pública**

This is a horrible idea !!! Taking public parking and public sidewalks for restaurants is TAKING from taxpayers !!! I'm sure the restaurants are giving a kick-back to the CITY but it's the taxpayers that are INJURED !!!!

VERY WRONG THINKING !!! PLEASE DO NOT DO THIS !!!!

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**From:** Los Angeles City Planning <alfresco.planning@lacity.org>

**Sent:** Wednesday, January 25, 2023 12:02 PM

**To:** judy.esposito@msn.com <judy.esposito@msn.com>

**Subject:** Permanent Al Fresco Ordinance - Notice of Public Hearing | Ordenanza Permanente de Al Fresco - Aviso de Audiencia Pública

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**Date : 1/10/2023 11:04:58 PM**

**From : "CJS"**

**To : [alfresco.planning@lacity.org](mailto:alfresco.planning@lacity.org)**

**Subject : Re: Permanent Al Fresco Ordinance - Virtual Information Webinar and Public Hearing | Ordenanza Permanente de Al Fresco - Seminario Web de Información y Audiencia Pública**

This is so great. It's truly a silver lining from the pandemic. Increased outdoor dining is so important to the city, it's culture and community.  
I can't wait to learn more.

Regards,

Christopher Stanley  
[cjstanley1@gmail.com](mailto:cjstanley1@gmail.com)  
310-803-2722

On Mon, Jan 9, 2023, 12:02 PM Los Angeles City Planning <[alfresco.planning@lacity.org](mailto:alfresco.planning@lacity.org)> wrote:

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**Date : 1/25/2023 1:47:10 PM**

**From : "Marie Hammond"**

**To : "alfresco.planning@lacity.org"**

**Subject : Re: Permanent Al Fresco Ordinance - Notice of Public Hearing | Ordenanza Permanente de Al Fresco - Aviso de Audiencia Pública**

Is there any permanent parking lot al fresco dining in the making? Or is that a done deal. I don't see anything about parking lots in this.

-----Original Message-----

From: Los Angeles City Planning <alfresco.planning@lacity.org>

To: mhamm007@aol.com

Sent: Wed, Jan 25, 2023 12:02 pm

Subject: Permanent Al Fresco Ordinance - Notice of Public Hearing | Ordenanza Permanente de Al Fresco - Aviso de Audiencia Pública

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**Date : 2/25/2023 9:41:54 AM**

**From : "Judy Esposito"**

**To : "alfresco.planning@lacity.org"**

**Subject : Re: Post Hearing Update - Al Fresco Dining on Private Property |  
Actualización Posterior de la Audiencia - Comedores al Aire Libre en Propiedad Privada**

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Judy Esposito Venice

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**From:** Los Angeles City Planning <alfresco.planning@lacity.org>

**Sent:** Friday, February 24, 2023 1:30 PM

**To:** judy.esposito@msn.com <judy.esposito@msn.com>

**Subject:** Post Hearing Update - Al Fresco Dining on Private Property | Actualización Posterior de la Audiencia - Comedores al Aire Libre en Propiedad Privada

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**Date : 12/1/2022 5:25:31 AM**

**From : "BETH ALLYN"**

**To : [alfresco.planning@lacity.org](mailto:alfresco.planning@lacity.org)**

**Subject : Re: Permanent Al Fresco/Outdoor Dining Draft Ordinance Release | Al Fresco Permanente/Publicación del Borrador de la Ordenanza del Al Fresco Permanente**

What about the loss of bike parking and bike lanes, how are you going to resolve that if you're serious about climate change

[Sent from Yahoo Mail for iPhone](#)

On Wednesday, November 30, 2022, 1:02 PM, Los Angeles City Planning <[alfresco.planning@lacity.org](mailto:alfresco.planning@lacity.org)> wrote:

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### **Dear Al Fresco Participants and Interested Stakeholders,**

In May 2020, the City introduced LA Al Fresco to allow for expanded outdoor dining activities for qualifying food establishments. Through the Mayor's local emergency powers, this temporary program offered a pathway to create outdoor dining areas in the public right-of-way and on private property without requiring most of the current regulations in the Zoning Code. This served as a lifeline for those restaurants adversely impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic due to the related public health restrictions.

The response to the Al Fresco program has been overwhelmingly positive, and over 2,500 establishments have taken advantage of the program since it was introduced. The success of the program resulted in direction from the City Council to establish a Permanent Al Fresco program ([CF 20-1074](#)) in March of this year.

Today, the draft [Permanent Al Fresco Ordinance](#) for outdoor dining on private property is released for public comment. In addition, a [fact sheet](#) providing a summary, background and frequently asked questions is also available for the public's review. Lastly, in the summer of 2022, City Planning released two surveys to gather feedback from both the general public and businesses participating in the temporary LA Al Fresco program. The participant [survey results](#) are also provided and were instrumental in providing insight into the draft Ordinance.

This is the first of many steps in the public engagement and legislative process, and several key steps remain. After today's release of the draft, City Planning will be hosting an informational webinar in early 2023 that will provide an overview of the draft proposal and will include a Q&A session. City Planning will hold a separate staff level hearing later in the year where the public can provide testimony for the public record. That information will inform a staff report and recommendation to the City Planning Commission. From there, the proposed Ordinance will be considered first by the City Council's Planning and Land Use Management Committee, and then by the full City Council.

To sign up for updates, obtain information on the current status of the draft Ordinance, or provide feedback, please email [AlFresco.Planning@lacity.org](mailto:AlFresco.Planning@lacity.org).

**Date : 2/1/2023 10:13:29 AM**  
**From : "Blair Besten"**  
**To : "Regina Alcazar"**  
**Cc : "Alfresco Planning"**  
**Subject : Re: Permanent Al Fresco Ordinance - Notice of Public Hearing | Ordenanza Permanente de Al Fresco - Aviso de Audiencia Pública**

Thank you! This one downloads!

**Blair Besten**  
Executive Director

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On Tue, Jan 31, 2023 at 2:44 PM Regina Alcazar <[regina.alcazar@lacity.org](mailto:regina.alcazar@lacity.org)> wrote:  
Hi Blair,

Thank you for sharing the information. I attached a PDF of the email newsletter.

Here is the Zoom link to register: [https://planning-lacity-org.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN\\_QVCvFI43TtyQ2ZZISJEIMA](https://planning-lacity-org.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_QVCvFI43TtyQ2ZZISJEIMA)

And here is the link to the Al Fresco website: <https://planning.lacity.org/plans-policies/outdoor-dining>

Please let me know if you have any other questions.

Thanks,  
Regina

On Tue, Jan 31, 2023 at 1:56 PM Blair Besten <[blair@historiccore.com](mailto:blair@historiccore.com)> wrote:

Good afternoon, Regina and thank you for this. I am unable to copy and past the al fresco information sheet in this email. Are you able to make it a downloadable PDF? And does the link to register have to be hot - or can I just get the Zoom link so that I can forward?

Thank you!

**Blair Besten**

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On Tue, Jan 31, 2023 at 11:21 AM Regina Alcazar <[regina.alcazar@lacity.org](mailto:regina.alcazar@lacity.org)> wrote:

Dear BIDs:

We would like to invite you to review the [proposed draft ordinance](#) that would permanently allow the City's **Al Fresco outdoor dining program on private property**. Please see more information below.

Comments may be submitted by emailing [alfresco.planning@lacity.org](mailto:alfresco.planning@lacity.org) or by attending the Public Hearing on Wed (2/8) at 6:00 PM to provide official testimony from members or a statement from your organization.

Feel free to reach out to me if you have any questions or concerns.

Thank you!

Regina

----- Forwarded message -----

From: **Los Angeles City Planning** <[alfresco.planning@lacity.org](mailto:alfresco.planning@lacity.org)>

Date: Wed, Jan 25, 2023 at 12:02 PM

Subject: Permanent Al Fresco Ordinance - Notice of Public Hearing | Ordenanza Permanente de Al Fresco - Aviso de Audiencia Pública

To: <[regina.alcazar@lacity.org](mailto:regina.alcazar@lacity.org)>

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**Date : 2/24/2023 2:35:05 PM**

**From : "Charles Rosin"**

**To : [alfresco.planning@lacity.org](mailto:alfresco.planning@lacity.org)**

**Subject : Re: Post Hearing Update - Al Fresco Dining on Private Property | Actualización Posterior de la Audiencia - Comedores al Aire Libre en Propiedad Privada**

I support Mayer Bass's support of Al Fresco dining.

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Send comments via mail to:

Mary Richardson

Department of City Planning

[200 North Spring Street](#), Room 701 Los Angeles, CA, 90012

Please include Planning Case No. CPC-2022-8179-CA.

**Date : 2/16/2023 4:07:28 PM**  
**From : "Director of Operations"**  
**To : alfresco.planning@lacity.org**  
**Subject : Request for Information**

Hello,

I currently have an alfresco permit and I am wanting to make sure I stay compliant and also get good information as things may adjust. Can you please advise my best route to stay up to date on this process?

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Thank you,

Jessica Schmidt  
Director of Operations  
Little Dom's/Little Dom's Seafood  
323.661.0055 Office  
310.666.9078 Cell



**Date : 2/23/2023 3:43:41 PM**  
**From : "Matthew Sutton"**  
**To : "alfresco.planning@lacity.org"**  
**Subject : Request to be added to interested party list (CPC-2022-8179-CA)**

Hi,

Thank you for your work on the Al Fresco dining program.

I would like to request being added to the interested party distribution list.  
CPC-2022-8179-CA

Thank you,

Matt Sutton  
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**Date : 9/24/2022 10:11:32 AM**  
**From : "mark galasso"**  
**To : alfresco.planning@lacity.org**  
**Subject : Rescind Outside Dining**

When will outside dining be taken away? Dining areas are filthy. Break multiple health codes that restaurants must follow. Hazards in the street not to mention eyesores and further block parking and visibility to other neighboring businesses!!!

Multiple places I've eaten have rodent problems under the makeshift platforms restaurants have built. It got them thru the pandemic. Now it's over. Service is horrendous at all restaurants as a result. Time to go back to normal.

Sent from my iPhone

**Date : 2/22/2023 7:18:48 PM**

**From : "Insoo Shin"**

**To : alfresco.planning@lacity.org**

**Subject : Resident Letter - Mura Unit #302**

**Attachment : CPC20228179CA Al Fresco permit Insoo Shin letter.pdf;**

Please see attached letter. I am a resident/homeowner of the Mura Community.

February 20, 2023

Mary Richardson  
Department of City Planning  
200 North Spring Street, Room 701  
Los Angeles, CA, 90012

Re: Letter In Support of Requiring CUP/PA/RBC Approvals for Businesses Serving Alcohol in Proposed Permanent AI Fresco Ordinance (CPC-2022-8179-CA)

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Sincerely,  
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Los Angeles CA 90013

**Date : 2/17/2023 2:15:36 PM**  
**From : "Jacqueline Chang"**  
**To : alfresco.planning@lacity.org**  
**Cc : "Jacqueline Chang"**  
**Subject : Resident Letter Regarding Al Fresco Permit (CPC-2022-8179-CA)**  
**Attachment : CPC20228179CA Al Fresco Letter.pdf;**

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**Date : 2/28/2023 11:53:10 AM**  
**From : "Erik Rehder"**  
**To : alfresco.planning@lacity.org**  
**Subject : Resident/homeowner support for alfresco dining**

Hello,

I'm a resident and homeowner in Studio City. I wish to voice my support for restaurants and restaurateurs all over the city. My wife, kids and I are huge customers of restaurants (eating out more than once per week) and we love how so many restaurants have set-up for alfresco dining. We love eating outside, especially on sunny days and crisp nights.

Please make it easy for restaurants to continue offering this alfresco service. I recently remodeled my own home. It was an absolute nightmare to secure permits and proceed through the slow and expensive permitting process to make home improvements for my family in the city of Los Angeles.

Restaurants operate with narrow profit margins and challenging staff turnover. Please don't make it harder and more expensive for them to operate and employ our fellow citizens. Inflation is bad enough. I'd hate to see a further increase in prices as a result of the city charging restaurants even more fees.

I understand the need for permits. But why can't a restaurant's existing permits cover the alfresco component?

Please support our small businesses, who kept people employed during the pandemic.

Support alfresco dining with minimal government interference and fees. We all pay enough taxes.

Thank you,  
Erik Rehder  
Resident/Homeowner  
12747 Halkirk St, Studio City, CA 91604  
818-524-0010

**Date : 2/8/2023 6:01:46 PM**  
**From : "Julia Doty"**  
**To : alfresco.planning@lacity.org**  
**Subject : Save Al fresco dining**

To whom it may concern,

I am extremely worried for my neighborhood restaurants and all the restaurants over Los Angeles. They have suffered so much during the shut downs and continue to struggle. They were resourceful and spent \$ to enhance their outdoor space around their restaurant. Dining outdoors is good for their revenue and for customers like me who still do not feel comfortable to eat inside. The various cuisines that Los Angeles has to offer is the best part of living in LA. Please make it easy and practical for restaurants to continue their Al Fresco dining. If you end this option many restaurants will have to close. That would be devastating. Please also support the community and people like me, who want to enjoy good food but in a safer manner (regarding covid) than eating indoors.

Please please please save affordable Al fresco dining in LA.

Sincerely,

Julia Doty

**Date : 2/7/2023 7:15:23 PM**  
**From : "Lee Dawson"**  
**To : alfresco.planning@lacity.org**  
**Subject : Save Alfresco Dinning!**

Sent from my iPhone

**Date : 2/28/2023 8:49:06 PM**  
**From : "Lorraine D'Anda"**  
**To : alfresco.planning@lacity.org**  
**Subject : Save outdoor dining**

There were not many positive things that came out of Covid. One of those positive things is outdoor dining. Living in LA we have the benefit of great weather nearly year round. Outdoor dining has been such a great option to have. Now with Covid restrictions coming to an end; it would be wonderful to keep the option to dine outside.

Some of the restaurants have created such lovely spaces. My family made it a point to support our local businesses during such a tough time knowing that they were needing to adapt to the new world. Some survived and some didn't. Please let's keep those who are still around and help them maintain outdoor dining spaces.

Thank you,  
Lorraine D'Anda

**Date : 2/6/2023 4:31:36 PM**  
**From : "Annalisa VanAken"**  
**To : alfresco.planning@lacity.org**  
**Subject : Save outdoor dining!**

It has recently come to my attention the the city is considering an ordinance that would effectively kill outside dining in Los Angeles by requiring restaurants to obtain new permits for eating and drinking. The wait time for such permits is 18-24 months and would cost the restraints thousands?

Isn't outdoor dining the safest? Why make it difficult? Los Angeles is the perfect place for outdoor dining and we don't have enough of it.

If only one good thing came out of COVID it was an uptick in outdoor dining. Please do NOT destroy this with unnecessary red tape.

Save outdoor dining!

Sincerely,

Annalisa VanAken

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**Date : 2/20/2023 10:42:39 AM**  
**From : "Todd Mitchell"**  
**To : alfresco.planning@lacity.org**  
**Subject : Save Outdoor Dining**

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For this reason, I vehemently oppose this legislation and urge you to reconsider implementing it.

Sincerely,

Todd Mitchell

**Date : 2/8/2023 12:01:06 PM**  
**From : "Tara Stephenson-Fong"**  
**To : alfresco.planning@lacity.org**  
**Subject : Save outdoor seating- All Time**  
**Attachment : Alfresco dining- All Time.pdf;ATT00002.bin;**



**To:** [alfresco.planning@lacity.org](mailto:alfresco.planning@lacity.org)

**CC:** [info@IHCLA.org](mailto:info@IHCLA.org)

**Subject:** CPC-2022-8179-CA Permanent AI Fresco Program

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We want this process to be similar to how the current Temporary AI Fresco permit software works taking no more than 20 minutes to apply.

All Time is a wonderful small local restaurant and its outdoor space is valuable to their business. Without this space they would have very limited indoor seating and we would potentially lose this amazing local small owner operated restaurant. Please do not get rid of the outdoor seating by having them go through an expensive permit process. Save the outdoor seating as it is now!

Tara Stephenson-Fong

Date : 2/20/2023 9:58:13 AM  
From : tomholland480@gmail.com  
To : alfresco.planning@lacity.org  
Subject : Save Pineapple Saloon!!!

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Sincerely,

(Your Name)

**Date : 2/22/2023 1:09:22 PM**

**From : "Robert Weitz"**

**To : alfresco.planning@lacity.org**

**Cc : "Dylan Tran"**

**Subject : Seniors and disabled will suffer!**

PLEASE don't levy new inspection fees on restaurants with al fresco dining! As a senior with serious health issues, it will make it so my wife and I can't eat out at all. Outdoor dining is great for LA's culture, economy and lifestyle! Any elected official who seeks to destroy our wonderful outdoor dining will learn how unpopular such revenues are!

For the health and wealth of our city, please do the right thing!!!

Thanks,

Bob Weitz

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**Date : 6/28/2022 10:08:47 AM**  
**From : "Alison Martinez"**  
**To : "alfresco.planning@lacity.org"**  
**Subject : Sign up for Al Fresco Program Updates**

Hello,

I'd like to sign up for any updates from DCP on the Al Fresco dining program. Thank you.

Best,  
Alison Martinez

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**Date : 2/10/2023 3:31:13 PM**  
**From : "Megan Jamerson"**  
**To : alfresco.planning@lacity.org**  
**Subject : Sign Up For Case Updates**  
**Attachment : KCRW\_Email\_Sig-01.jpg;**

Hi Mary,

I am a reporter at KCRW in Santa Monica. I'd like to sign up to receive updates for **CPC-2022-8179-CA**.

I also have two questions regarding the above case number:

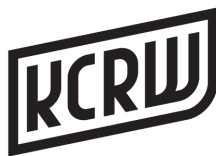
\*When will the Planning Department staff report be presented to the City Planning Commission?

\*Can you point me in the right direction for an archive video or audio of the Virtual Staff Level Public Hearing held on 2/8/23 please? I'm embarrassed to say I can't track it down on the website.

Thank you for your time.

Best,  
Megan

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**Date : 10/1/2022 8:02:48 PM**  
**From : "Sharon Baumgold"**  
**To : alfresco.planning@lacity.org**  
**Subject : Sign up for future emails**

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**please respond to Sharon Baumgold**  
**at [baumgold@gmail.com](mailto:baumgold@gmail.com)**

**Date : 12/2/2022 8:32:40 PM**

**From : "Synergy"**

**To : [AlFresco.Planning@lacity.org](mailto:AlFresco.Planning@lacity.org)**

**Subject : Sign up for notices of public comment dates**

**Date : 11/30/2022 2:17:04 PM**  
**From : "Dave Riva"**  
**To : Alfresco.Planning@lacity.org**  
**Subject : Sign up**

Please put us on the list for updates. THANK YOU!

Sky's Gourmet Tacos

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**Date : 10/24/2022 3:06:10 PM**  
**From : "KRYSTLE YU"**  
**To : alfresco.planning@lacity.org**  
**Subject : Signing up for Al Fresco Updates**

Hi LA City Planning Team,

I'm emailing to request to sign up for updates on the Al Fresco dining program becoming permanent. Please let me know if there's any other information I need to provide in order to sign up.

Best,  
Krystle Yu

**Date : 2/28/2023 10:50:40 PM**  
**From : "Valerie English"**  
**To : "alfresco.planning@lacity.org"**  
**Subject : Stop Bullying Our Local Businesses**

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Valerie English

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**Date : 2/20/2023 11:52:31 AM**  
**From : "Nick Lewandowski"**  
**To : alfresco.planning@lacity.org**  
**Subject : Stop Messing With Small Businesses**

Good Afternoon,

Please stop imposing these ridiculous regulations on small businesses. I understand this city would love to take more money from its people to add to its bank account so it can continue to not make the city any better or any more livable, but for the love of god, these people have families. You already closed them down against their will and scared the population into not leaving their houses, so for a lot of them would be the final nail in the coffin.

Of course, big businesses can afford to do all this, so if you close down the small ones, more money for you, right?

Thanks, folks.

**Date : 2/8/2023 2:44:04 PM**  
**From : "Rebecca Guzman"**  
**To : alfresco.planning@lacity.org**  
**Cc : info@IHCLA.org**  
**Subject : Subject: CPC-2022-8179-CA Permanent Al Fresco Program**

Hello

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We don't want these restaurant owners to lose money or let go of staff in order to make up for losses due to these changes. Although times have changed in the last 3 years it's great that we have options for our health and sanity to eat outdoors and indoors.

Rebecca Guzman

Sent from my iPhone

**Date : 2/8/2023 11:53:28 AM**  
**From : "Jorey Worb"**  
**To : alfresco.planning@lacity.org**  
**Subject : Subject: CPC-2022-8179-CA Permanent Al Fresco Program**

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Please support small business.

Jorey Worb

**Date : 2/8/2023 11:01:51 AM**  
**From : "Erin Wright-Coleman"**  
**To : alfresco.planning@lacity.org**  
**Cc : "info@ihcla.org"**  
**Subject : Subject: CPC-2022-8179-CA Permanent Al Fresco Program**

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Thank you for your time,

Erin Wright-Coleman  
City of Los Angeles Resident & Taxpayer

**Date : 2/8/2023 6:54:01 PM**  
**From : "Jonathan Dono"**  
**To : alfresco.planning@lacity.org**  
**Cc : info@IHCLA.org**  
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I'd love to understand why the need for department of building and safety is needed and how these extra steps allow both businesses and consumers to benefit. I'd want to be sure that small businesses of all sizes can afford these extra steps and have an opportunity to expand their seat size just the same as perhaps a larger more affluent business.

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Thank you,

Jonathan

[Sent from Yahoo Mail for iPhone](#)

**Date : 2/8/2023 2:55:24 PM**  
**From : ccbfarber@gmail.com**  
**To : alfresco.planning@lacity.org**  
**Cc : info@IHCLA.org**  
**Subject : Subject: CPC-2022-8179-CA Permanent Al Fresco Program**

On behalf of MFI, a real estate firm, I am writing to comment on the City of LA Planning Draft Ordinance for a permanent Al Fresco Program. We are in support of a permanent program but the Ordinance requires in most cases a discretionary application filed with the Department of City Planning by means of Conditional Use Permit or Plan Approval. Additionally this ordinance requires a traditional permit through the channels of the Department of Building and Safety. These processes are very expensive and time burdening for the small business community.

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Please do not go backwards and ruin one of the few positive steps taken by the City in many years. It's LA. Outdoor dining should be easy!! Save these restaurants.

Thank you.  
Chris Farber



**Date : 2/8/2023 11:24:34 AM**

**From : "Ezra Edmond"**

**To : alfresco.planning@lacity.org**

**Cc : info@ihcla.org**

**Subject : Subject: CPC-2022-8179-CA Permanent Al Fresco Program**

On behalf of Found Oyster, I am writing to comment on the City of LA Planning Draft Ordinance for a permanent Al Fresco Program. We are in support of a permanent program but the Ordinance requires in most cases a discretionary application filed with the Department of City Planning by means of Conditional Use Permit or Plan Approval. Additionally this ordinance requires a traditional permit through the channels of the Department of Building and Safety. These processes are very expensive and time burdening for the small business community.

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Al Fresco dining has changed our city forever in so many positive ways, creating a valuable ambiance, vibe, and enjoyment of locations that used to feel like they had no life at all - and in addition have become a valuable source of revenue for many business owners and workers in the city.

We've been doing this for nearly 3 years now, and the benefits are impossible to compare or put a true value on. Any quantification of the value these opportunities have brought to our city would be too low and not truly capture it. Seeing people outdoors, dining and enjoying life, has added a value and pride to our city that has never been here before - and I'm a 3rd generation Angelino, saying that!

Best,

Ezra Edmond

**EZRA EDMOND**

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**Date : 2/8/2023 10:56:44 AM**  
**From : "Jonathan Johnson"**  
**To : alfresco.planning@lacity.org**  
**Cc : info@ihcla.org**  
**Subject : Subject: CPC-2022-8179-CA Permanent Al Fresco Program**

On behalf of all Los Angeles restaurants, I am writing to comment on the City of LA Planning Draft Ordinance for a permanent Al Fresco Program. We are in support of a permanent program but the Ordinance requires in most cases a discretionary application filed with the Department of City Planning by means of Conditional Use Permit or Plan Approval. Additionally this ordinance requires a traditional permit through the channels of the Department of Building and Safety. These processes are very expensive and time burdening for the small business community.

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Furthermore, I do not see how this can be viewed as anything but a job killing proposal. LESS TABLES = LESS JOBS. If restaurants are forced to suddenly lose the seating capacity they currently have there is no other choice but to cut staff. Servers and Kitchen staff will be laid off immediately because the capacity of the restaurant will be reduced, in many instances greatly. Some of those employees were experiencing homelessness and or were previously incarcerated. For some of these restaurants the added staff needed for these extra seats put them over 50 employees which is the threshold for requiring small businesses to offer health care. The added business helps restaurants afford to pay health care for their employees.

This proposal will kill jobs and hurt Los Angeles.

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Jonathan Joshua Johnson  
Assistant Editor / Restaurant Patron  
917-455-6405

**Date : 1/12/2023 2:24:12 PM**  
**From : "Florence Blecher"**  
**To : alfresco.planning@lacity.org**  
**Subject : subscribe**

Please subscribe to your email list.

Thank you,

fmblecher@gmail.com

**Date : 3/2/2023 4:58:08 PM**  
**From : "Lauren Maher"**  
**To : alfresco.planning@lacity.org**  
**Subject : Support Al Fresco Dining**

Hi there,

I am writing to voice my support for the Al Fresco Dining program in Los Angeles. I think it is extremely important that we support our small, local businesses by making this program permanent. It would appear that most Angelenos agree that this outdoor dining program (which is long overdue given our great weather) is the best thing to have come out of the pandemic.

Our local businesses should be supported by an application process that is straightforward, AFFORDABLE, and simple. Many businesses are just beginning to dig out from the pandemic and the last thing we need is for arcane, bureaucratic city rules to crush businesses before they have a chance to thrive. These rules of course do not just impact restaurant owners, but all of the front-of-house and back-of-house staff that support them. I want to see a Los Angeles where all businesses can thrive, not just wealthy corporations.

Additionally, it is extremely important for individuals with various ongoing health concerns (immunocompromised, etc.) to be able to dine outside, as COVID is still with us for the foreseeable future.

Thank you for your time.

Lauren Maher

**Date : 2/25/2023 9:45:31 AM**

**From : "James Panozzo"**

**To : alfresco.planning@lacity.org**

**Subject : Support for keeping Al Fresco dining in LA & streamlining the process**

I support small businesses and their owners and employees through unequivocal support of the Al Fresco dining program. It serves all citizens of Los Angeles for businesses and communities to thrive and prosper

**Date : 2/24/2023 2:45:09 PM**  
**From : "Mercedes Simonian"**  
**To : "alfresco.planning@lacity.org"**  
**Subject : Support for Permanent Al Fresco**

Hello

Our restaurant was devastated by the closures during the pandemic especially since we were not able to do take out. With the Al Fresco program and being able to open a patio in the parking lot, we were able and still are able to attract customers who were and still are concerned dining indoors.

The Al Fresco and the ease of the permitting process has allowed us to stay open and not close our business permanently.

We cannot absorb or afford the costs associated with the proposed planning and permitting for the outdoor patio.

These costs and the lengthy process would be detrimental to the livelihood of our business.

Thank you

*Mercedes Simonian*

Hollywood Historic Hotel

The Edmon \* Bar Restaurant

Sweet Corner Coffee and Cakes

**Date : 3/1/2023 7:48:41 PM**  
**From : "Sue Kohl"**  
**To : [alfresco.planning@lacity.org](mailto:alfresco.planning@lacity.org)**  
**Subject : Support for restaurants to keep al fresco dining**

The pandemic was a horrible period of time. About the only positive thing that came from it was the al fresco dining available at so many of our local restaurants. It opened our eyes and minds to what living in SoCal is all about. I hope that the city council votes to keep it going forever!

Thanks,  
Sue Kohl  
861 Iliff St.  
Pacific Palisades, CA 90272

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**Sue Kohl**  
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**Date : 2/24/2023 1:47:12 PM**  
**From : "Steve pacbell"**  
**To : alfresco.planning@lacity.org**  
**Subject : Support Outdoor Dining**

I've lived in LA 35 years and 100% support the continuation of outdoor dining. It's ridiculous that the city gets so caught up in red tape in order to continue. Please make this an easy simple not expensive process for the LA restaurants. I support Karen Bass comments I live in Silverlake and want the outdoor dining to continue

Thanks  
Steven Jennett

Sent from my iPhone



**Date : 1/15/2023 3:17:21 PM**  
**From : "Zachary Steinert-Threlkeld"**  
**To : AlFresco.Planning@lacity.org**  
**Subject : Supporting Permanent Al Fresco Dining**

Hello,

I'm writing to express enthusiastic support for the permanent al fresco dining ordinance. I have lived in LA and the 90029 zip code for 6 years, and before that I lived in San Diego. I've always been flabbergasted at how easily LA turns its back on outdoor dining, especially since Angelenos claim that the temperate weather is one of the city's best features. Yet the vast majority of our restaurants do not offer outdoor dining, which is why the expansion of outdoor dining during COVID-19 was so welcome. Being able to eat outdoors at many more restaurants is very exciting, and I hope it becomes a permanent feature of Los Angeles.

Thank You,  
Zachary Steinert-Threlkeld

**Date : 8/18/2022 8:25:44 PM**  
**From : "Lisa Diaz"**  
**To : alfresco.planning@lacity.org**  
**Subject : Survey for public**

Hello,

Where is the survey for the public on the website? All I can find is the one for active participants by the businesses. Please send a link and fix the website so people can put in their opinions on the matter.

Thank you!

Lisa Diaz

**Date : 2/20/2023 10:00:03 AM**  
**From : "Jordan"**  
**To : alfresco.planning@lacity.org**  
**Subject : The Alfresco Ordinance**

To Whom it May Concern,

I am writing to oppose the Al Fresco Ordinance, which would make patio dining permanent in Los Angeles.

In theory, it sounds like a good idea, but the new rules and regulations would ultimately put some of my favorite restaurants out of business.

In order to achieve a better community experience, I believe it is vitally important for outdoor dining to thrive in Los Angeles.

Thus, it is in our best interest to make patio dining easy for businesses to implement and maintain, especially in a post-COVID environment.

The Al Fresco Ordinance would place more cumbersome restrictions on local businesses during a time when they are already struggling to recover from the effects of the pandemic.

For this reason, I vehemently oppose this legislation and urge you to reconsider implementing it.

Sincerely,

Jordan Rockwell

**Date : 1/25/2023 3:56:28 PM**  
**From : "Penny Harold Coghlan"**  
**To : alfresco.planning@lacity.org**  
**Subject : Thoughts on outdoor dining restrictions**

To Whom it May Concern:

I'm writing on behalf of myself and my family in response to the new rules which would limit outdoor dining.

Outdoor dining additions were the BEST thing to come out of COVID. All of us, and anyone we variously eat out with, choose outdoor dining first to enjoy the beautiful weather we're fortunate enough to have all year long. Not only is there a plethora of non-single-car transit options that we utilize in exchange for the loss of street parking to outdoor dining, but there's the added benefit of fewer carbon emissions and cleaner streets.

To put it quite frankly, reducing outdoor dining allowances for restaurants is a poor choice that decreases our quality of living as a city. Please reconsider at your earliest opportunity and make the choice to allow LA the kind of outdoor dining that nearly every other international city enjoys.

Best wishes,  
Penny Coghlan

**Date : 1/18/2023 4:22:27 PM**  
**From : "David Paris"**  
**To : "'Mary Richardson'"**  
**Subject : unanswered question from al fresco webinar**

Thank you for the presentation today. You were not able to get to my question so hoping you can help me by email

1<sup>st</sup> question: Currently our temporary al fresco permit on private property is for a bar with a 48 license and we do not serve food. Today I heard you say that the permanent al fresco program is for restaurants only. This was a surprise as the written materials did not say this explicitly; the materials stated that any alcohol service required a CUP. At the beginning of the temporary al fresco program, in 2020, we did serve food and obtained a health department approved food service permit. We could do so again and restore our food service, but we will still be operating with a 48 license and remain open to ages 21+ only. If we resume food service again, and procure the appropriate health department permits, can we then apply for permanent outdoor dining under this program (with CUP of course)?

2<sup>nd</sup> question: Our outdoor dining area is on our private property that was a parking lot. Our building occupancy has a parking requirement of 11 spaces one of which is an ADA spot. To reconfigure the lot for parking and outdoor dining (with required barriers, etc.) we would need the full reduction of 5 spaces leaving us with 6 total parking spaces including the 1 required ADA spot. The materials state that we might obtain "up to" a 5 space reduction. Under what circumstances, or by what reasoning, would we be granted less than a 5 space reduction (assuming we meet all other stated requirements, including the CUP)?



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**Date : 2/8/2023 10:32:19 AM**

**From : "Laura Meyers"**

**To : "alfresco.planning@lacity.org", "mary.richardson@lacity.org"**

**Subject : UNNC Letter and Motion RE: CPC-2022-8179-CA (attached)**

**Attachment : UNNC 2023 Permanent Al Fresco dining BAC**

**6D3.pdf;UNNC\_Letter and Resolution RE Permanent al Fresco Dining\_2-7-2023.pdf;**

Good morning. Attached please find UNNC's motion (Board Action Certification/BAC) and letter in general support of the effort that would make the COVID-related temporary al Fresco Dining program permanent.

I will be representing UNNC at tonight's public hearing. However, I also have a presentation scheduled at one of UNNC's neighborhood associations tonight, circa 7:30 p.m.

If at all feasible (and based on the article in today's Los Angeles Times, I recognize it may not be feasible) I would appreciate being called upon by 7:15 p.m. so that I can switch (zoom) meetings.

Thank you very much.

Laura Meyers  
323-868-0854

Office of the City Clerk  
Administrative Services Division  
Neighborhood Council (NC) Funding Program  
Board Action Certification (BAC) Form



NC Name: THE UNITED NEIGHBORHOODS NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL

Meeting Date: 02/02/23

Budget Fiscal Year: 2022/2023

Agenda Item No: 6D3

Board Motion and/or Public Benefit Statement (CIP and NPG):

Motion to submit letter indicating UNNC is generally supportive of expanding the opportunity for restaurants to occupy both private and public land. We believe it's imperative that the departments work together to have a cohesive program. Laura moved, Theresa 2nd.

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Board Member Reimbursement

**Vote Count**

Recused Board Members must leave the room prior to any discussion and may not return to the room until after the vote is complete.

Board Member's First and Last Name	Board Position	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent	Ineligible	Recused
Jazmine Johnson	At Large, Group A	X					
Nuriel Moghavem	At Large, Group A	X					
Dolores Spears	At Large, Group A	X					
Raheem Dawson	At Large, Group A				X		
Taylor Fife	At Large, Group A				X		
Charly Paap	At Large, Group A				X		
Paul King	At Large, Group B				X		
Carlos Kerrick	At Large, Group B	X					
Laura Meyers	At Large, Group B	X					
Sarah Longhenry	At Large, Group B	X					
Paula Southern	At Large, Group B	X					
Grace Yoo	Region 1 Rep, A	X					
VACANT	Region 1 Rep, B						
Dennis Leski	Region 2 Rep, A	X					
Kareene Alprecht	Region 2 Rep, B			X			
Theresa Maysonet	Region 3 Rep, A	X					
Michael Kimbrough	Region 3 Rep, B				X		
Chris Carlson	Region 4 Rep, A				X		
Gregory Jackson	Region 4 Rep, B	X					
Ivy Bordenave-Priestley	Region 5 Rep, B				X		
Sarah Lacy	Region 5 Rep, A				X		
Lizy Moromisato	Region 6 Rep, B				X		
John Arnold	Region 6 Rep, A	X					
Board Quorum: 13	Total:	12	0	1	9	0	0

We, the authorized signers of the above named Neighborhood Council, declare that the information presented on this form is accurate and complete, and that a public meeting was held in accordance with all laws, policies, and procedures. The above was approved by the Neighborhood Council Board, at a Brown Act compliant public meeting where a quorum of the Board was present.

Authorized Signature

Authorized Signature:

Print/Type Name:

Print/Type Name: Laura Meyers

Date:

Date: February 7, 2023





United Neighborhoods of the Historic Arlington  
Heights, West Adams,  
and Jefferson Park Communities  
Neighborhood Council

February 7, 2023

Mary Richardson  
Department of City Planning,  
200 North Spring Street, Room 701, Los Angeles, CA 90012  
Submitted via email to: [alfresco.planning@lacity.org](mailto:alfresco.planning@lacity.org)

RE: CPC-2022-8179-CA

Dear Ms. Richardson:

The United Neighborhoods of the Historic Arlington Heights, West Adams and Jefferson Park Communities Neighborhood Council (UNNC) adopted the following motion and resolution to submit a letter stating our general support of the project to make the City's al Fresco Dining program permanent:

*"UNNC is generally supportive of expanding the opportunity for restaurants to occupy both private and public land. We believe it is imperative that the City departments work together to have a cohesive program."*

This motion was approved by the UNNC Governing Board on Thursday, February 2, 2023 with a vote of 12 Ayes, 0 Nays, 1 Abstention, 9 Absent.

According to the notification for the February 8, 2023 public hearing, "The Ordinance aims to clarify and streamline Zoning Code regulations regarding outdoor dining on private property. Separate but related efforts are underway by the Department of Transportation (LADOT) to permit in-street and curbside dining, and by the Bureau of Engineering (BOE) to permit expanded sidewalk dining."

The UNNC Planning and Zoning Committee, before recommending this action, met in two Brown Act-compliant public meetings where there was clear support for the program. Concerns were raised about assuring access to pedestrians and bicyclists in the public right of way (ROW), ongoing care for trees in the ROW, and especially concern that it did not seem efficient to have each responsible City department working in "separate but related efforts" toward making the program permanent, as reflected in UNNC's final motion. The BAC is attached.

Sincerely,

Laura Meyers  
Co-Chair, UNNC Planning & Zoning Committee  
[laura.meyers@unnc.org](mailto:laura.meyers@unnc.org)

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**Date : 11/9/2022 11:34:56 AM**  
**From : "Aniece Berry"**  
**To : alfresco.planning@lacity.org**  
**Subject : Updates for Al Fresco Dining**

Hello,

I work for Hit World Corporation, we own Tsujita LA Artisan Noodle, Tsujita Annex, Killer Noodle and Sushi Tsujita all on Sawtelle Blvd. in Los Angeles, 90025.

I'm inquiring on behalf of our operations team about any news on the renewal/permanency of the LA AL Fresco experience.

Are there any updates I could give the team as we're trying to work out our expected budget to report to the corporate team in Japan?

We'd like to invest money to improve our current set up with our landlord but upon speaking with someone in the LADOT parking meter division I was told that the program wouldn't be renewed in January 2023...

Any updates would be greatly appreciated.

Thank you!

-Aniece Berry

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**Oishes**  
Human Resources  
Hannosuke Corporation/Hitworld Corporation  
2127 Sawtelle Blvd.  
Suite A  
Los Angeles, CA 90025  
Office: 424-248-0817

**Date : 8/16/2022 9:44:33 AM**

**From : "robert Del campo" <1920casitarobert@gmail.com>**

**To : alfresco.planning@lacity.org**

**Subject : Updates for LA Al Fresco permanent outdoor dining on private property**

Hi LA Planning dept.,

Please add me to the update list for permanent outdoor dining on private property.

We just celebrated our 60th year in Silverlake, Casita del Campo, fine Mexican food.

Our outdoor dining for covid has been a triumph for our business and customers.

We definitely want to go permanent.

Thank you

Robert del Campo

President, Casita del Campo Restaurant

**Date : 12/6/2022 9:10:08 PM**  
**From : lucchinam@gmail.com**  
**To : alfresco.planning@lacity.org**  
**Subject : Updates on la al fresco**

Hi There

I'm just reaching out because dining is due to expire 12/31/2022 and I'm very interested to continue.  
Please advise.

Sincerely

Davide Lucchina

Sent from my iPhone

**Date : 7/11/2022 10:03:55 AM**  
**From : "Cole Judge"**  
**To : "alfresco.planning@lacity.org"**  
**Subject : Updates**  
**Attachment : image001.png;**

Hi there,

I would like to sign up for al fresco updates.

Thank you!  
Cheers,  
Cole

**Cole E. Judge** (she/her)  
*Research and Economic Development Manager*



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**Date : 11/30/2022 5:45:20 PM**  
**From : "r ballinger"**  
**To : AlFresco.Planning@lacity.org**  
**Subject : updates**

please keep me on the updates list

thank you

**Date : 11/30/2022 1:14:31 PM**  
**From : "Accounting"**  
**To : AlFresco.Planning@lacity.org**  
**Subject : updates**

November 30, 2022

Please include Cafe Stella in any updates for the Al Fresco program.  
Thank you.

CAFE STELLA INC  
3932 W. Sunset Blvd  
Los Angeles CA 90029  
[accounting@cafestella.com](mailto:accounting@cafestella.com)  
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**Date : 2/6/2023 10:53:00 AM**  
**From : "Harris, Jenn"**  
**To : AlFresco.Planning@lacity.org**  
**Subject : URGENT LA TIMES REQUEST FOR COMMENT re al fresco dining**  
**Attachment : image001.png;**

Hi,

I hope this email finds you well. I'm working on a story on the proposed permanent al fresco LA City ordinance and was hoping to connect with someone for comment and to clarify a few things. Any help would be greatly appreciated. My deadline is end of day today and we're planning to go up with a story online first thing tomorrow morning.

thank you!

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Los Angeles Times

**Jenn Harris**

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**Join the conversation.**

**Date : 1/25/2023 3:01:07 PM**  
**From : "Jacob Lind"**  
**To : alfresco.planning@lacity.org**  
**Subject : We Don't Need More Parking**

Hello,

I am a life-long LA resident and voter. I've lived all over the city from Downtown to the Valley. Everywhere I have lived the city has had the same backwards priority: building for cars and not people.

One of the solitary points of light to come out of the Covid years has been finally giving Angelenos the chance to reimagine their city without cars as the central organizing principle. The al fresco dining initiative was a huge step forward; people are finally realizing how much public space we sacrifice to cars, and how building roads to facilitate high-speed, and high volumes of, car traffic is dangerous and unpleasant to be near if you happen to be outside of a car. At the same time, people were able to support local and small businesses, who flourished with newly walkable areas and clientele willing to just drop in.

Now I hear that for some bizarre reason, the city is planning on rolling back this wonderful opportunity to reclaim and reimagine urban space for what? More places for people to store their cars. This is ridiculous. 2022 was the deadliest year for vulnerable road users in LA in decades. We in this city and across the state have been wracked by the effects of climate change. And in the face of this, our city government really thinks that we need to further build out dead-end infrastructure that will only serve to hurt small businesses and further reinforce the car dependency that is killing Angelenos and our planet.

I'm sending this email to register my strong opposition to any efforts to curtail al fresco dining and expand or reintroduce parking, whether that is parking in private surface lots, or public, on-street parking. We should be doing precisely the opposite, expanding sidewalks and parklets at the expense of parking lots.

I will be attending public comment sessions to voice these concerns myself, and I will be reaching out to other members of the community to encourage them to do the same.

Jacob Lind  
90036



**Date : 2/22/2023 8:00:17 PM**  
**From : "Carol-Ann Potorski"**  
**To : alfresco.planning@lacity.org**  
**Subject : we LOVE outdoor dining**

Dear Al Fresco,

Please do NOT pass the ordinance re: Outdoor Dining  
This would include~

No private parties on the patio  
Limited to ONLY 5 parking places for patio  
Building and Safety would be involved  
\$80,000 approximately for fees

We LOVE outdoor dining in Los Angeles and San Fernando Valley during the  
Summer, Spring, Fall and Winter.

We are all trying to get back on our feet financially and emotionally after Covid  
and outdoor dining helps us appreciate the simple things in life - like nature. Plus  
some people are more comfortable outdoors because of the fear of getting covid.

Please do not pass this! And **allow us our outdoor dining experience the way it  
is.**

Thank you,  
Carol-Ann Potorski

**Date : 12/1/2022 12:48:20 PM**  
**From : "Linda B" <2sycapt@gmail.com>**  
**To : AlFresco.Planning@lacity.org**  
**Subject : Would like to get updates**  
Please send me updates

RL Barcena  
323-514-6211

**Realtor**  
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West Covina CA 91790

**Date : 2/27/2023 7:48:10 AM**

**From : "Nina Snow"**

**To : alfresco.planning@lacity.org**

**Subject : Writing to support**

Just writing to voice my support to keep restaurants open to be able to provide service outside.

Please advise if there's anything else I can do to help.

Nina

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Nina 323.899.9390

**Date : 12/1/2022 3:21:01 PM**  
**From : "Steve Wallis"**  
**To : "alfresco.planning@lacity.org"**  
**Subject : Yes! for al fresco dining**

Al fresco dining has been a HUGE benefit to my tenant's coffee shop, allowing them to survive during the Covid crisis and now as we get used to living with the disease. The coffee shop has become a salvation for neighbors who drink coffee and eat pastries outside in the glorious LA sunlight. We should have done this sooner!!

Stephen Wallis

**Date : 2/25/2023 11:06:32 PM**  
**From : kmlewis37@gmail.com**  
**To : alfresco.planning@lacity.org**  
**Subject : Yesco to alfresco!**

Please keep alfresco dining!

Thank you,  
Karen Lewis

Sent from my iPhone

**Date : 3/3/2023 2:49:49 PM**  
**From : "Beth Holden-Garland"**  
**To : alfresco.planning@lacity.org**  
**Subject : Al Fresco Dining - Please support!!!**

Hello,

I'm a resident of Pacific Palisades. My husband and I are in the entertainment business, and have been very involved with local government (PPCC), and actively supporting Traci Parks' campaign, and my husband and I have clients, and support businesses locally in the Palisades.

I just wanted to reach out and support the continuation of "Al Fresco" Dining. I have been lucky enough to not get the Covid 19 virus, because of our being incredibly careful these past 3 years. Outdoor dining is a large component of that, and I hope that the city will continue to support these businesses where it's not beyond their reach economically or otherwise to provide this service to our community.

I have underlying health issues, and it makes a big difference if we can dine outside and have that option available to us. I do not feel comfortable inside when I know people are still getting it...it's still a big concern.

So I hope you will support those businesses that are still able to provide this service to us. I think dining outside is a more pleasurable experience as well, and the fresh air and atmosphere with our Southern California weather is such a beautiful benefit to us all.

So asking that you PLEASE support the continuation of "Al Fresco" dining and make it affordable for those restaurants to provide those services & stay in business.

Thank you.

Beth Holden-Garland  
Pacific Palisades Resident & Business Owner  
310-600-0127  
PPCC - Secretary & Executive Committee as well

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**Subject : Al Fresco Dining- CRA Comments- CPC-2022-8179-CA**  
**Attachment : CRA LA City Planning Commission- Al Fresco Dining on Private Property Comments- CPC-2022-8179-CA.pdf;**

Thank you for the opportunity to provide further comment on the proposed draft Ordinance concerning Al Fresco dining on private property.

Please find our written comments attached.

Thank you,

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Senior Vice President, Government Affairs + Public Policy  
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March 03, 2023

Mary Richardson  
Department of City Planning  
200 N. Spring Street, Room 701  
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Re: AI Fresco Ordinance- Outdoor Dining on Private Property  
CPC-2022-8179-CA

Dear Ms. Richardson,

I write today as follow up to my testimony during the public hearing on February 8, 2023 concerning the draft Ordinance related to the proposed extension of the AI Fresco dining program.

Our Los Angeles Chapter of the California Restaurant Association (CRA) is a robust base of community restaurants spread throughout the City of Los Angeles. We all appreciate very much the intent of the draft proposal and effort to make more permanent these innovative and critical outdoor dining spaces.

While it was stated at the outset of the February 8<sup>th</sup> hearing that the draft Ordinance is intended to help restaurants, unfortunately the specifics of the draft Ordinance fall well short of achieving that goal.

It has become quite clear that the existing AI Fresco dining program has been enormously successful with the dining public, restaurant employers, and the vast ecosystem of purveyors and suppliers that support those same restaurants. As you know, the overwhelming feedback during the public hearing was resounding and supportive. Such success raises questions as to why the existing AI Fresco framework is not being proposed for extension.

The CRA played a major role in the development of the initial AI Fresco program and we want to work constructively together to make a reasonable and bureaucratically streamlined process to continue the existing program. Doing so will enable more restaurant employment, expand jobs of suppliers/purveyors supporting those restaurants, and increase city sales tax revenue. All this while safely serving the community.

The current draft Ordinance and the associated costs of Conditional Use Permits (CUPs) will directly undermine equity, as the draft proposal increases costs unnecessarily and will effectively reduce the number of outdoor seats restaurants can offer to the public throughout the City of Los Angeles.





The draft proposal creates a regulatory maze that most community restaurants can't afford a consultant to navigate, nor should they have to for a program intended to assist restaurants and their team-members.

We specifically believe the draft Ordinance should be amended to:

- Grandfather in restaurants that serve alcohol into the permanent program and not require them to obtain CUPs;
- Allow private events to occur in these outdoor spaces;
- Allow design flexibility for selecting barriers or providing a buffer from active parking;
- Delete language that ties outdoor dining operations to the hours of kitchen facilities; and
- Remove the 5-space limitation on use of parking spaces for outdoor dining.

We greatly appreciate the work on this effort to date and believe that constructive feedback has been provided from the restaurant community. We respectfully ask that you start from the existing and wildly successful AL Fresco program, as opposed to the latest publicly released draft Ordinance.

It is imperative that the final product be a reasonable and bureaucratically streamlined process to continue the spirit of the existing program. Al Fresco dining has strengthened the community, expanded job opportunities, and allowed those still concerned with indoor dining to have a comfortable place to dine.

We thank you for your consideration and for the time and attention you have spent on this critical issue.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Matt Sutton". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Matt" being more prominent than the last name "Sutton".

Matt Sutton  
Senior Vice President, Government Affairs + Public Policy  
California Restaurant Association

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**Cc : "Glassell Park Improvement Assoc.", "Jose Rodriguez", "Mayra Jimenez", "Hector Vega", "Karla Martinez"**  
**Subject : Al Fresco Dining Program / CPC-2022-8179-CA**  
**Attachment : 2023\_GPIA\_AlFrescoDining\_Final.pdf;**

Please see the attached letter from the Glassell Park Improvement Association (GPIA.org) regarding the Al Fresco Dining Program / CPC-2022-8179-CA.

Thank you.  
Molly Taylor  
on behalf of the Glassell Park Improvement Association

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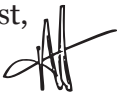
## Al Fresco Dining Program / CPC-2022-8179-CA

The Glassell Park Improvement Association was founded in 1968 and is one of the oldest organizations of its kind in Los Angeles. Our founders described our mission as advocating for quality-of-life issues and working to improve conditions in Glassell Park.

Glassell Park has seen a revitalization of small business in our community, many of which are restaurants. We support policy that streamlines the processes for small business owners at all times but especially as we find our way out of the pandemic in to what is a *new normal*.

The GPIA wants to see small businesses successful in our neighborhood. It's our opinion that complex regulation and unreasonable costs makes this goal much more difficult. Not only do small business owners provide a service, but they are hubs for community building. Therefore, we applaud and appreciate that the City of Los Angeles and its departments are reconsidering the Al Fresco Dining program's complexity and costs.

Best,



Molly Taylor

Cc Councilmember Hernandez  
Councilmember Soto-Martinez

**Date : 3/8/2023 11:49:49 AM**  
**From : mrlawoffice@aol.com**  
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**Subject : Al Fresco Outdoor Dining**

Dear Al Fresco Planning,  
When will the City finalize the permanent outdoor dining ordinance?

Thank you.  
Mike

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**Subject : Community Impact Statement on CPC-2022-8179-CA**  
**Attachment : CIS on CF 20-1074 (Al Fresco).docx.pdf;**

Hello,

Please see attached letter from the Mid City West Neighborhood Council regarding your proposed permanent Al Fresco ordinance.

Thank you.



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**COUNCIL FILE(S):**

Council File [20-1074](#) (LA Al Fresco Program / Permanent Sidewalk Dining Permits / Transition Process)

**CITY PLANNING CASE(S):**

[CPC-2022-8179-CA](#) – Also emailed to [alfresco.planning@lacity.org](mailto:alfresco.planning@lacity.org)

**POSITION: OPPOSE UNLESS AMENDED**

On May 29, 2020, Mayor Garcetti announced the L.A. Al Fresco program, which permitted restaurants to utilize private parking lots, street parking spaces, lane closures, street closures, and sidewalks for outdoor dining. It is not hyperbole to say that the L.A. Al Fresco program saved many restaurants from going under during the COVID-19 pandemic.

The L.A. Al Fresco program was a huge success, with over 2,500 restaurants taking advantage of it. In addition to helping restaurants survive, the program brought streets to life; previously barren parking lots or spaces brimmed with the hustle and bustle of Angelenos enjoying a meal.

As the City of Los Angeles considers how to make the L.A. Al Fresco into a permanent program, it is unfortunately doing what it does best – overcomplicating it. What used to be a few minute application process online threatens to become a multiple months



(or even years!) long process, the cost of which will be out of reach for the majority of restaurateurs. In short, the current [draft ordinance](#) as contemplated by the city will likely mean the end of most outdoor dining in the City of Los Angeles.

No one wants outdoor dining to end – restaurants, still recovering from COVID-19 and dealing with inflation in supply prices, want to continue it. Patrons want to continue it. And the city claims to want to continue it.

The following changes will allow this popular program to continue, conform to needed fire code and ADA standards, and not overburden restaurants:

1. **Sec. 8(A)(24)(c)(iv) – If a restaurant has an existing CUP or CUB, they should be allowed to do a simple, quick, online amendment with their outdoor dining plans.** It should *not* be required that they complete a new application for a CUP or CUB, which can cost tens of thousands of dollars, take many months, and only serve to enrich the consultants that help most restaurants with this. If liability is an issue, the city could require that the restaurant name the city as an “additional insured” in their insurance policy.
2. **Sec. 8(A)(24)(d)(iii)(1)(a-c) – We don’t see why outdoor entertainment or activity should be prohibited.** Each Al Fresco installation is different, but in many cases, a screen to watch sports, live singing or entertainment, or dancing may not disturb the peace of the neighborhood, but may instead liven it up! We suggest removing these three blanket prohibitions, and dealing with any prohibitions needed on a case-by-case basis.



3. **Sec. 8(A)(24)(e)(i) – This section must be removed; restaurants should be able to choose as many parking spaces on private property as they wish.** Many AI Fresco installations take up more than five parking spots, and many restaurants would rather have 20 people dining instead of 5 people storing their car. This should be left up to the restaurant and not dictated by the city.
4. **Sec. 8(A)(24)(f)(i-ii) – Existing, permitted AI Fresco programs that comply with current AI Fresco rules should not need to apply for a CUP to continue as-is.**
5. **Sec. 8(A)(24)(d)(i)(5) – AI Fresco setbacks are unnecessary.** A restaurant that already has a busy parking lot, entrance, sidewalk or other property abutting its property line need not give up some of that already-used space to a setback for an outdoor dining area.

Thank you for your attention to this critical issue, and we hope you will make the suggested changes above to stop the “[sucker punch](#)” your proposed draft would deliver to restaurants in continuing their AI Fresco installations.

Michael Schneider  
Vice Chair, Mid City West Neighborhood Council



**Date : 3/3/2023 12:42:42 PM**  
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**Cc : "Dylan Sittig"**  
**Subject : CPC-2022-8179-CA LA Al Fresco comment letter from Melrose BID**  
**Attachment : Al Fresco Ltr DCP 230303 Melrose BID.pdf;**

Hello,

Please add the attached letter from the Melrose Arts District BID to the public comments on the draft LA Al Fresco permanent ordinance consideration - CPC-2022-8179-CA.

Thank you for all you are doing in these efforts!

Kind regards,

**Margaret Taylor**

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March 3, 2023

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Via email: [alfresco.planning@lacity.org]

RE: **CPC-2022-8179-CA**

To Ms. Richardson,

I submit the following as Executive Director and at the direction of the Board of Directors for the Melrose Business Improvement District.

We have had an opportunity to review the Draft Ordinance Dated November 30, 2022. We attended the Planning Department's Virtual Information Webinar on January 18, 2023, as well as the public hearing on February 8, 2023. We also engaged a land use consultant, Margaret Taylor of Apex LA, to assist us in consideration of staff's recommendations for our property owners and tenant operators. Finally, we received and reviewed the post hearing feedback email dated February 24, 2023.

We firmly and vigorously support:

- Mayor Karen Bass's direction to all City Departments to work together to create a permanent program that incorporates everything that made the temporary program successful, including a simple application process and straightforward approval pathway.
- Resounding input from the public hearing: Support small businesses by keeping the AI Fresco program alive and making it permanent.
- A simple and streamlined process for current AI Fresco participants who have invested in patio improvements, hired staff and baked in revenue/cost structures based on their AI Fresco patio operations.

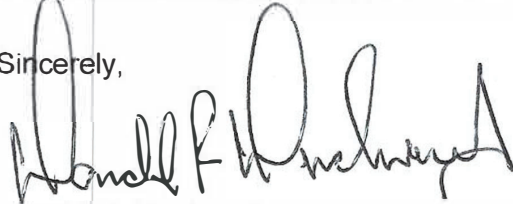
- Amending the draft Ordinance to incorporate AB2097. The City should not impose any parking limitation (aside from disabled accessibility) or cap number of parking spaces that may be eliminated.
- Consultation with Fire and Building and Safety PRIOR to revising the draft Ordinance to pre-consider permitting requirements to streamline processing. As an example of an unnecessary standard burden to make patios permanent: Trash enclosures should not be required to make patios permanent. Such typical patio addition requirements should be considered, and relief should be proactively incorporated into the Ordinance.
- No 50% indoor/outdoor limitations should be imposed, nor should there be any restriction from coverings, such as trellis, awning or shade covering.
- There should be no fee for processing an application to make LA AI Fresco permanent. Restaurants took on the burden of financial losses due to forced closures. Operators put their own money into patio improvements and have taken on the risk of hiring staff to service patio customers. Commercial eviction moratoriums have just ended and emergency loan repayments are commencing. This means rent and loan expenses are just restarting. Restaurants do not have the extra cash on hand right now for these expenses. It is a terrible time to lose employees and customers again.
- The Restaurant Beverage Program model is working well. A similar process should be in place to extend alcohol sales to the additional consumption areas on patios without burdening each individual operator with the complex process of entitlement reconciliation.
- There must be adequate staff on hand to process applications prior to implementation of the Ordinance / expiration of temporary AI Fresco permits. Simply put: If the City does not have the staff or financial resources to process the permits in a timely manner and at extremely low cost, there should simply be a granting of amnesty grandfathering in all AI Fresco permits. Too often the City creates a slow-moving process at high cost because the City does not otherwise have resources to implement the proposed regulation. This must not be the practice again in this instance.

As communicated at the public hearing, Los Angeles stakeholders across the property ownership, restaurant operator and residential spectrum have loved the increase in outdoor dining. Our restaurant operators were essential

service heroes and we celebrate them having survived the pandemic, which has not yet completely ended even if the emergency declarations have. The impacts continue to impact our restaurant operators.

Please continue your good work and incorporate these important considerations into the revised draft Ordinance.

Sincerely,

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Donald R. Duckworth  
Executive Director

C: MBID Board of Directors  
City Council Member Yaroslavsky, CD5

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Subject : Fountain St. / "Found Oyster" Restaurant / Al Fresco Dining Permit  
Attachment : fountain blind spot.png;

Hello -

I am one of the residents that live in the 10 unit bungalow community seen in this map in the yellow border and we have a VERY DANGEROUS blind spot situation going on because the Found Oyster Restaurant continues to operate their Al Fresco dining operation in the middle of Fountain Ave. In addition to that, Safiys restaurant is putting up fake "temporary tow signs" in front of their restaurant to prohibit residents or visitors from parking in front. This entire section of Fountain between Berendo and Edgemont is completely out of control and I'd like to know:

- who is policing this street with tickets?
- who is addressing Safiys for putting up fake signs?
- why is Found Oyster still operating an Al Fresco dining section when the State of California and the Federal government has declared the COVID 19 emergency over?





**Date : 3/3/2023 1:10:37 PM**  
**From : "Doreen Braverman"**  
**To : "alfresco.planning@lacity.org"**  
**Subject : Fw: Proposed new rules for Alfresco Dining in LA**

Oops.  
Typo in my first email attempt.

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**Sent:** Fri, Mar 3, 2023 at 9:23 AM  
**Subject:** Proposed new rules for Alfresco Dining in LA  
Dear City Planners and CM Yaroslavsky,

We are strongly opposed to the proposed convoluted and regressive rules for Alfresco Dining in LA.

For us, being 75 years old, Covid is not over. We have health conditions that would make a bout of Covid-19 dangerous and possibly life threatening. Long Covid with long-term disabling conditions is a real risk for those of us over 65, despite being fully vaccinated and boosted, even after a relatively mild case of Covid.

Being able to go to a restaurant and eat comfortably outside, including where wine is served, makes a huge difference in our lives. So many aspects of what used to be our full and active lives remain risky for us. Museums, movie theaters, the Ahmanson, the Disney Hall, the Grammy Museum, foreign travel, gathering with friends indoors for a meal in cold or rainy weather -- all risky and severely limited for us since very few people are wearing masks.

Please do not make our lives even smaller in our "golden years."

Please do not force our neighborhood restaurants out of business with these draconian, complicated and costly regulations. You would be costing jobs and city income, and seriously interfering with what is left of our pleasure in living in Los Angeles.

Do the right and simple thing -- just Grandfather in all of the Alfresco dining spaces allowed under the Covid rules, private property and public sidewalks and street space included.

This classic cliché applies -- IF IT'S NOT BROKE, DON'T FIX IT!

For new restaurants, make the application process simple and straight forward so that family owned businesses can thrive and grow in a

challenging economic environment with high inflation for food costs and labor shortages.

Sincerely,

Doreen Braverman & Stuart Rudnick

Hancock Park, CD 5

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**Date :** 3/8/2023 8:13:18 AM  
**From :** "Bonnie Kim"  
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**Subject :** Fwd: Al Fresco Comment Letter CF 20-1074  
**Attachment :** CD11 Letter - Al Fresco (ALL).pdf;

Forwarding this letter to add to the record.



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Cc: Cecilia Lamas <[cecilia.lamas@lacity.org](mailto:cecilia.lamas@lacity.org)>

Hello Planning Staff,

See the attached letter regarding the Permanent Al Fresco Ordinance. We truly hope you consider the recommendations as you work to revise the current draft ordinance. Do not hesitate to reach out if you have any questions.



**Jeff Khau, AICP | Planning Deputy**

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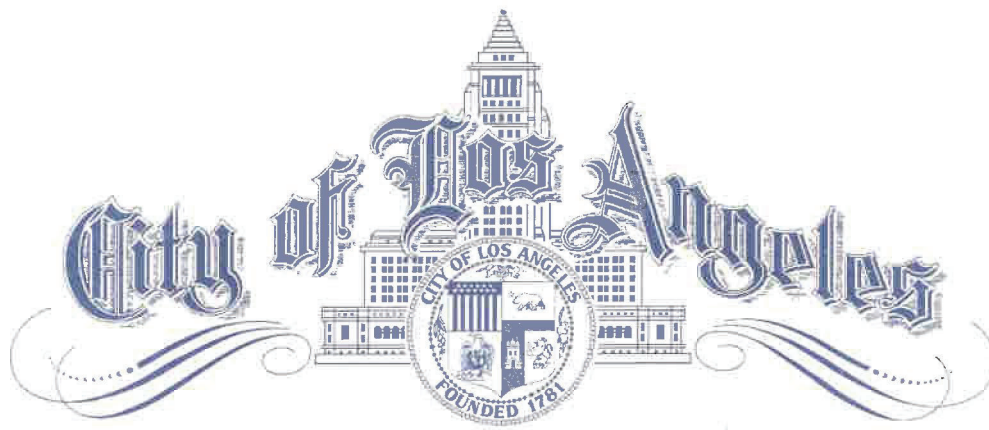
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March 3, 2023

Vincent P. Bertoni  
Director of Planning  
200 N. Spring St., Room 525-C  
Los Angeles, CA 90012

**Subject: Permanent Al Fresco Program (Council File: 20-1074)**

Dear Vince Bertoni and Planning Department Staff,

During the COVID-19 pandemic, the City's Al Fresco program was a lifeline for our restaurants, keeping their doors open and money in the pockets of workers. With health guidelines and protocols preventing us from gathering indoors, Al Fresco dining created a sense of normalcy and was an innovative example of local government working hand-in-hand with local businesses to respond nimbly as COVID-19 devastated our local economy.

As we put the pandemic behind us and ease our COVID-era regulations, we have an opportunity to carry forward smart policies like Al Fresco dining. While we welcome local efforts to institute a permanent Al Fresco program, we encourage our City departments to take a thoughtful approach that does not harm our local businesses, many of whom continue to struggle to make ends meet.

Following the release of City Planning's draft Al Fresco Ordinance, we began hearing from our restaurant owners and residents who expressed concerns about potential hardships. As a result, we assembled an advisory group to collect feedback. Below is a summary of policy recommendations that transpired from our discussions:

- Support a streamlined process for existing participants
- Recognize that existing participants have invested heavily in creating outdoor dining spaces
- Ensure processes are not prohibitively expensive or difficult, especially for smaller businesses
- Remove additional CUB requirements for current Al Fresco restaurants serving alcohol
- Ensure that restaurants can maintain Al Fresco structures, furniture, and other equipment required for operations while their permanent permit is being processed
- Remove overly prescriptive regulations, such as the partial height wall limit of 42 inches

- Have clear requirements for complying with Building Code and Fire Code, using pictures and diagrams wherever possible
- Allow for private events in outdoor dining areas
- Encourage a flexible approach to parking relief, allowing food establishments with surplus parking to replace more than five automobile spaces with outdoor dining areas
- Support for one portal or interface for all program needs, including applications, complaints, etc.
- Support a coordinated permitting system among the City Planning Department, the Department of Transportation, the Bureau of Engineering, and the Department of Building and Safety
- Ensure a continuous dialogue between the public and business owners
- Support for “good neighbor” policies that ensure neighboring residents, businesses, and restaurants can always communicate with businesses that participate in the program
- Support the waiver of coastal development permit (CDP) requirements or the establishment a programmatic CDP program for outdoor dining in the Coastal Zone
- Support for existing parking relief provisions to be applied in the Coastal Zone

We urge you to consider these recommendations as you work on revisions to the ordinance. Los Angeles’ temperate climate makes our City the ideal place for outdoor dining, and the establishment of a sensible and balanced Al Fresco ordinance will ensure the survival and success of our restaurants, cafes, and food establishments while enhancing our City’s status as a national dining destination.

We look forward to a continued partnership on this effort.

Sincerely,



**TRACI PARK**

Councilwoman, 11<sup>th</sup> District




**PAUL KREKORIAN**

Council President, 2<sup>nd</sup> District



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Councilmember, 12<sup>th</sup> District



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**Attachment : APQ LARCHMONT CA LLC - SIDEWALK AND EXPANDED OUTDOOR PRIVATE PROPERTY DINING-3912.pdf;**

Good morning,  
I would like to renew the Sidewalk Dining Permit for our store, APQ Larchmont CA, LLC on 113 N Larchmont Blvd. We have had the permit since 2021. The permit is attached to this email.

The EPICLa system does not process addresses that are not in the Unincorporated area of LA County.

Please advise on how to renew the Sidewalk Dining Permit.

Thanks,  
Wun

----- Forwarded message -----

From: **Angelique Carreon-Quion** <[acarreon@planning.lacounty.gov](mailto:acarreon@planning.lacounty.gov)>  
Date: Thu, Mar 16, 2023 at 10:10 AM  
Subject: RE: Error Message  
To: Wun Kuen Ng <[wunkuen.ng@lepainquotidien.us](mailto:wunkuen.ng@lepainquotidien.us)>, EDL-Epic LA Help <[epiclahelp@lacounty.gov](mailto:epiclahelp@lacounty.gov)>

Hi,

According to the [Permit Helper](#), your address falls under the City of Los Angeles's jurisdiction. EPIC-LA can only accept applications for the Unincorporated areas of LA County. Please contact the city for more information.

201 N Figueroa Street, 4th floor  
Los Angeles, CA 90012  
(213) 482-7077  
<http://cityplanning.lacity.org/>

Best,

Angelique

**ANGELIQUE CARREON-QUION** (she/her/hers)

**PRINCIPAL INFORMATION SYSTEMS ANALYST, Systems Analysis**

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**From:** Wun Kuen Ng <[wunkuen.ng@lepainquotidien.us](mailto:wunkuen.ng@lepainquotidien.us)>  
**Sent:** Thursday, March 16, 2023 7:06 AM  
**To:** EDL-Epic LA Help <[epiclahelp@lacounty.gov](mailto:epiclahelp@lacounty.gov)>  
**Subject:** Error Message

**CAUTION:** External Email. Proceed Responsibly.

Good morning,

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In the EPICLa system, I input the address and get a message that the parcel is not in the unincorporated county area . It does not give the option to apply for the Dining Sidewalk Permit in the next screen.

Please advise on resolution.

Thanks,

Wun



# Temporary Use Authority for Outdoor Dining on:

☒ Sidewalks ☒ Private Property

APQ Larchmont CA, LLC

(Restaurant Name)

113 N Larchmont Blvd, Los Angeles CA 90004-3704

(Address)

Maria

Mackie

+13024420636

(Contact Name and Phone Number)

*Maria Mackie*

3912

(Signature)

(Application Number)

## Key Conditions of Authorization:

- A continuous 5-foot pedestrian access route is provided, generally utilizing the most passable portion of the sidewalk.
- The outdoor dining area shall comply with requirements and guidelines from the City of Los Angeles, Los Angeles County Public Health, and all others as applicable.
- Alcoholic beverages may only be served with the approval from the Department of City Planning and the California Department of Alcohol and Beverage Control.



02/26/2021

**DATE ISSUED:**

A copy of this certificate must be displayed on site, adjacent to the temporary outdoor dining area, and visible from the public right-of-way.

**Valid Through: June 30, 2021**



## Sidewalk

The applicant self-certified and agree to the following:

- Restaurant / Business Owner has a minimum \$300,000 liability insurance policy and a valid City of Los Angeles business license.
- A 5-foot wide pedestrian access route shall be maintained for pedestrian access, generally utilizing the most passable portion of the sidewalk.
- I understand that alcoholic beverages may only be served in the public right-of-way with the approval from the Department of City Planning and the California Department of Alcohol and Beverage Control.
- The sidewalk within or adjacent to the dining area shall be maintained in a clean and orderly manner at all times. All food or drink spills, and trash of any kind, must be immediately removed from the sidewalk area.
- The sidewalk dining area shall comply with requirements and guidelines from the City of Los Angeles, Los Angeles County Public Health, and all others as applicable.
- I understand this is an application for temporary authorization. This authorization may be revoked by the City at any time in its sole discretion for any reason including noncompliance, unsafe conditions, or discontinuation of the program.
- Restaurant / Business Owner / Vendor agrees to defend, indemnify and hold the City of Los Angeles harmless for any loss or liability, including but not limited to, damage or injury related to this temporary authorization.
- I have read and agree with the Sidewalk Dining Temporary Use Authority Program Rules and Guidelines available online at <https://engpermitmanual.lacity.org/other-boe-permitsprocesses/technical-procedures/00-la-al-fresco-sidewalk-dining-program-rules-and>

## Private Property

The applicant self-certified and agree to the following:

- Operation must match the character and mode of the existing establishment in regards to alcohol service
- All shade structures or canopies shall only be overhead, without any vertical sides, and shall not exceed 400 square feet in size. Shade structures or canopies larger than 400 square feet shall require permits from the Los Angeles Fire and Building and Safety Departments. Full enclosures are prohibited. Exception: The aggregate area of multiple canopies placed side by side with a fire break clearance of 12 feet between each canopy may exceed 400 square feet total without requiring permits
- All alcohol that is served shall be delivered to tables by employees
- All patrons shall be seated
- All alcohol service shall continue to require Department of City Planning approval. No fixed or portable bar service areas shall be placed in the temporary outdoor dining areas
- All temporary outdoor dining areas shall operate no later than 10:30pm if adjacent to residentially zoned properties or residential uses
- Prohibit music, television monitors, screens and speakers in temporary outdoor dining areas
- Prohibit private events and cover charges in temporary outdoor dining areas
- Prohibit live entertainment, dancing, pool tables, billiard tables, and adult entertainment uses pursuant to LAMC 12.70 in all temporary outdoor dining areas
- Require nightly cleaning of premise, outdoor seating areas, and adjoining sidewalk areas free of debris and litter
- A City-issued identification shall be posted in the temporary outdoor dining area and made clearly visible to the public, indicating that the area is subject to the requirements and restrictions of the LA AI Fresco Program. This shall include a telephone number and an email address shall be provided for complaints or concerns regarding the operation of the temporary outdoor dining area
- Exits from proposed outdoor dining areas must be provided with direct, unobstructed access to the public right of way
- Fire apparatus access roads must remain unobstructed
- Immediate access to Fire Department connections shall be maintained without obstructions



- Tables shall be arranged so that the seating edges of adjacent tables are not less than 54 inches apart. Rectangular tables arranged to accommodate seating on one side only shall have not less than 36 inches between adjacent table edges
- A minimum of 5% of outdoor seating spaces must be accessible
- Aisles between tables and chairs must be 44-inch minimum width
- A clear space of 36-inch minimum must be provided behind accessible seating spaces
- This approval constitutes a temporary use authorization for outdoor dining areas for the duration of the Mayoral order, subject to additional extensions by Mayoral order
- At the expiration of this order, all temporary uses granted under this emergency order shall be subject to standard building and zoning codes and procedures
- LADBS and LAFD (Public Assemblage Unit) shall have the authority to inspect and enforce conditions and may revoke any temporary use authorization for non-compliance with subject operating conditions

**Date : 3/3/2023 8:37:14 PM**  
**From : "Pat Dengler"**  
**To : alfresco.planning@lacity.org**  
**Subject : Keep outdoor dining the way it is!**

I'm hoping this e-mail isn't too late - I can stress how much I appreciate the availability of outdoor dining. I have several friends who are immuno-compromised (cancer treatments, congenital defects) and will only eat out if there is a dining alfresco option. Besides Covid, several other significant infectious diseases are going around.

Outdoor dining is perfect for the city of Los Angeles, and in the spirit of promoting mass transportation, outdoor dining fits right in. Outdoor dining brings people together in a lovely casual way. No other city is better suited for outdoor dining.

Do the right thing, help small businesses, and give people a chance to stay healthy. Restaurants are already struggling with difficulties finding staff and higher-than-normal utility bills. This is where you all do what you are supposed to and support those that pay the taxes to keep the city running.

Thank you,

Cheers,  
Pat

Pat Dengler | ☐ |  
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**Date : 3/3/2023 1:52:18 PM**  
**From : "Margaret Taylor"**  
**To : "alfresco.planning@lacity.org"**  
**Cc : "Ivan Taylor", "Mike Obogeanu"**  
**Subject : Margaret Taylor Apex LA Comments - CPC-2022-8179-CA LA AI Fresco**  
**Attachment : Apex LA CPC-2022-8179-CA Comments.pdf;**

My comments letter is attached re: Apex LA CPC-2022-8179-CA

Kind regards,

**Margaret Taylor**

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**APEX LA**  
**C: 818.398.2740**  
[margaret@apex-la.com](mailto:margaret@apex-la.com)



March 3, 2023

ATTN: Mary Richardson  
Department of City Planning  
City of Los Angeles  
200 N. Spring Street, Room 701  
Los Angeles, CA 9012

Via email: [alfresco.planning@lacity.org]

RE: **CPC-2022-8179-CA**

To Ms. Richardson,

I am a founding Principal of APEX LA, a land use consulting company headquartered in Los Angeles, California. I have processed Planning entitlements since 1991 and operated as a profitable business owner in the industry since 1994. During these years, I have helped businesses navigate zoning and permitting upheavals stemming from civil unrest, earthquakes and multiple evolving business models and public policy inflection points. I have an undergraduate degree in Public Policy from Occidental College and an MBA from Pepperdine's Graziadio Business School with an emphasis in Organizational Design and Change Management. I provide this as background to over 30 years of experience watching the Los Angeles City Planning Department institute regulatory change as a result of upheaval and helping businesses and property owners navigate the new policy.

While this opportunity to make LA Al Fresco permanent after the COVID19 pandemic is unique, there are things we can learn from the past to make it a successful transition.

I have had an opportunity to review the Draft Ordinance Dated November 30, 2022. I attended the Planning Department's Virtual Information Webinar on January 18, 2023, as well as the public hearing on February 8, 2023. Finally, I reviewed the post hearing feedback email dated February 24, 2023.

Based on feedback from my restaurant and property owner clients, I highly recommend consideration and support of the following in a revised draft Ordinance:

- Mayor Karen Bass's direction to all City Departments to work together to create a permanent program that incorporates everything that made the temporary program successful, including a simple application process and straightforward approval pathway.
- Resounding input from the public hearing: Support small businesses by keeping the Al Fresco program alive and making it permanent.



- A simple and streamlined process for current Al Fresco participants who have invested in patio improvements, hired staff, and baked in revenue/cost structures based on their Al Fresco patio operations.
- Amending the draft Ordinance to incorporate AB2097. The City should not impose any parking limitation (aside from disabled accessibility) or cap number of parking spaces that may be eliminated.
- Consultation with Fire and Building and Safety PRIOR to revising the draft Ordinance to pre-consider permitting requirements to streamline processing. As an example of an unnecessary standard burden to make patios permanent: Trash enclosures should not be required to make patios permanent. Such typical patio addition requirements should be considered, and relief should be proactively incorporated into the Ordinance.
- No 50% indoor/outdoor limitations should be imposed, nor should there be any restriction from coverings, such as trellis, awning or shade covering.
- There should be no fee for processing an application to make LA Al Fresco permanent. Restaurants took on the burden of financial losses due to forced closures. Operators put their own money into patio improvements and have taken on the risk of hiring staff to service patio customers. Commercial eviction moratoriums have just ended and emergency loan repayments are commencing. This means rent and loan expenses are just restarting. Restaurants do not have the extra cash on hand right now for these expenses. It is a terrible time to lose employees and customers again.
- The Restaurant Beverage Program model is working well. A similar process should be in place to extend alcohol sales to the additional consumption areas on patios without burdening each individual operator with the complex process of entitlement reconciliation.
- There must be adequate staff on hand to process applications prior to implementation of the Ordinance / expiration of temporary Al Fresco permits. Simply put: If the City does not have the staff or financial resources to process the permits in a timely manner and at extremely low cost, there should simply be a granting of amnesty grandfathering in all Al Fresco permits. Too often the City creates a slow-moving process at high cost because the City does not otherwise have resources to implement the proposed regulation. This must not be the practice again in this instance.



As communicated at the public hearing, Los Angeles stakeholders across the property ownership, restaurant operator and residential spectrum have loved the increase in outdoor dining. Our restaurant operators were essential service heroes and we celebrate them having survived the pandemic, which has not yet completely ended even if the emergency declarations have. The impacts continue to challenge our restaurant operators.

Please learn from past policy changes. Continue your good work and incorporate these important considerations into the revised draft Ordinance.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'MT', followed by a horizontal line.

Margaret Taylor  
CEO, Apex LA  
[Margaret@Apex-la.com](mailto:Margaret@Apex-la.com)  
C: 818-398-2740

**Date : 3/12/2023 10:36:44 AM**  
**From : "Lauren Schultz"**  
**To : alfresco.planning@lacity.org**  
**Subject : Permanent Al Fresco Dining**

Please keep and expand Al Fresco dining in Los Angeles.  
We have the amazing benefit of a city that can experience outdoor dining all year long.

Our city loses enough space to cars and parking as it is. The people deserve priority over cars, and the people have been clear about how much they love and want to continue Al Fresco dining.

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~Lauren Schultz  
401-465-2947



**Date : 3/3/2023 4:36:14 PM**  
**From : "Raul Verdugo"**  
**To : "alfresco planning"**  
**Subject : Planning Case No.CPC-2022-8179-CA**  
**Attachment : L.A.DAPA\_Recommendations\_CPC-2022-8179-Los Angeles City-Planning.pdf;**

Good Afternoon Ms Mary Richardson,

Hi my name is Raul Verdugo, Advocacy Manager at Alcohol Justice, and Project Manager of the Los Angeles Drug & Alcohol Policy Alliance.

On behalf of our membership, I am submitting the following recommendations to the Proposed Al Fresco Ordinance, *Planning Case No.CPC-2022-8179-CA* for consideration.

We look forward to further discussions and opportunities to engage within the course of its development where applicable.

Sincerely,  
Raul

Raul Verdugo  
Advocacy Manager  
24 Belvedere St. San Rafael, CA 94901  
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**alcoholjustice.org**

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Los Angeles City Planning  
200 North Spring Street, Room 701,  
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Attn: Mary Richardson

Re: Proposed Permanent Al Fresco Ordinance: *Planning Case No.CPC-2022-8179-CA*

We hope you are doing well. We thank you and commend your efforts to establish a well-informed and equitable ordinance that meets both the public health and economic concerns of our city.

We are writing to provide your committee with input to improve the Proposed Al Fresco Ordinance. Having recently attended both hearings provided by your department, we would like to propose the following changes and additions be considered to improve the ordinance:

1. In Sec 8 under: Section A. Use, listed as 24-d **Outdoor Dining Standards**-subpoint b — “where a parking lot can be used as entire Outdoor Dining Area”. We recommend that businesses with alcohol service licenses whose businesses abut a large outdoor space that is eligible for conversion under the Al Fresco plan; should be restricted from expanding their max patronage beyond 50% of that attested under their original liquor license.
2. In Sec 8 under: Section A. Use, listed as 24-d - iii - **Operations**, subsection 2. Operating Standards, we recommend that, for any outdoor dining facility abutting and/or adjacent to any homes or apartment dwellings, the kitchen hours of operation be restricted from 7am to 10pm.
3. There needs to be a clearer assertion that none of the privileges under the Al Fresco system can be presumed to nullify existing conditions on the license, including those placed by the city and those placed by the California Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control.
4. Lastly, we recommend that a web-based portal system and Application (app) be designed for public use, to facilitate the process of issuing complaints. A much more streamlined and efficient process would facilitate prompt access to decisionmakers and promote compliancy. Prompt response to community objections ultimately increases quality of life and minimizes the disruption to businesses’ normal operations.

We thank you and look forward to furthering discussions on the Proposed Permanent Alfresco Ordinance.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'R Verdugo', is written over the printed name and title.

Raul Verdugo,  
Project Manager

**Date : 3/8/2023 9:03:43 AM**  
**From : "Jeremy Moore"**  
**To : alfresco.planning@lacity.org**  
**Subject : Please Read**

To Whom it May Concern,

I am writing to oppose the Al Fresco Ordinance, which would make patio dining permanent in Los Angeles.

In theory, it sounds like a good idea, but the new rules and regulations would ultimately put some of my favorite restaurants out of business.

In order to achieve a better community experience, I believe it is vitally important for outdoor dining to thrive in Los Angeles.

Thus, it is in our best interest to make patio dining easy for businesses to implement and maintain, especially in a post-COVID environment.

The Al Fresco Ordinance would place more cumbersome restrictions on local businesses during a time when they are already struggling to recover from the affects of the pandemic.

For this reason, I vehemently oppose this legislation and urge you to reconsider implementing it.

Sincerely,

Jeremy Moore

**Date : 3/8/2023 9:03:28 AM**  
**From : "Jeremy Moore"**  
**To : alfresco.planning@lacity.org**  
**Subject : Please Read**

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Jeremy Moore

**Date : 3/7/2023 10:18:21 AM**  
**From : "Kristin Fukushima"**  
**To : [alfresco.planning@lacity.org](mailto:alfresco.planning@lacity.org)**  
**Subject : Presentation at the Little Tokyo Community Council**

Hello there,

My name is Kristin Fukushima, and I am with the Little Tokyo Community Council. We have been loosely tracking the policy process that your team is undertaking, but we have found that most people in the Little Tokyo community have been fairly confused about what the city is doing in this process.

We are writing to request that the al fresco city planning team present to our land use committee to share where the process is at, and what the current draft of the policy looks like - our next meeting is on Wednesday, 3/15, 3pm (hybrid - zoom + in person at the JACCC). Please confirm that someone from your team is available to present.

Thank you so much!

Best,  
Kristin

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**L T C C**

Kristin Fukushima (she/her)  
*Managing Director*

Little Tokyo Community Council

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Date : 3/13/2023 12:22:04 PM  
From : "Cally Hardy"  
To : "Micah Weichbrodt"  
Cc : ALFresco.Planning@lacity.org  
Subject : Re: AL Fresco Outdoor Dining Program  
Attachment : image001.jpg;

Micah,

Thank you for reaching out. I am looping in the staff who are working on this effort, so that they can assist.

Regards,  
Cally

On Mon, Mar 13, 2023 at 10:24 AM Micah Weichbrodt <[mweichbrodt@cityofartesia.us](mailto:mweichbrodt@cityofartesia.us)> wrote:

Dear Ms. Hardy:

Greetings, my name is Micah, and I'm a Management Analyst at the City of Artesia. I was hoping to ask you some questions about LA City's Covid outdoor dining program. More specifically if this program is currently allowed, if it's been modified since it's introduction since 2021, or if its been terminated or reduced. We are working on developing our Policy here at Artesia and would appreciate any information you could convey. Here is the link I was looking at the most:  
<https://ladot.lacity.org/coronavirus/apply-al-fresco>

Thank you for your consideration,

Micah Weichbrodt



Management Analyst

City of Artesia

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Mobile Phone: 562-578-2083

Fax: 562.865.6240

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**Date : 3/3/2023 12:44:58 PM**  
**From : "Norman Lesperance"**  
**To : alfresco.planning@lacity.org**  
**Subject : Support Al Fresco Dining!**

Hi there,

I think it is extremely important that we support our small, local businesses by making the Al Fresco Dining program permanent! It would appear that most Angelenos agree that this outdoor dining program (which is long overdue given our great weather) is the best thing to have come out of the pandemic. I am 100% in support of Al Fresco dining and want to see it continue!

Our local businesses should be supported by an application process that is straightforward, AFFORDABLE, and simple. Many businesses are just beginning to dig out from the pandemic and the last thing we need is for arcane, bureaucratic city rules to crush businesses before they have a chance to thrive. These rules of course do not just impact restaurant owners, but all of the front-of-house and back-of-house staff that support them. I want to see a Los Angeles where all businesses can thrive, not just wealthy corporations!

It is also extremely important for individuals with various ongoing health concerns (immunocompromised, etc.) to be able to dine outside, as COVID is still with us for the foreseeable future!

Thank you for your time!

Best,

Norman Lesperance

[normanlesperance.com](http://normanlesperance.com)

**Date : 3/3/2023 3:56:56 PM**

**From : "Laura Meyers"**

**To : "alfresco.planning@lacity.org"**

**Subject : UNNC Letter & resolution (updated) re Permanent Al Fresco Dining Program**

**Attachment : UNNC\_Letter & Resolution re Al Fresco Dining\_updated 3-2-2023.pdf;UNNC\_BAC\_al fresco dining\_agenda item 6B1\_3-2-2023.pdf;**

Hi, Mary. Please accept the attached updated letter and resolution from United Neighborhoods Neighborhood Council regarding the Al Fresco program. This is a revision from the letter previously submitted (before the February 8 hearing).

Thank you,

Laura Meyers

UNNC Planning & Zoning co-chair





## LETTER AND RESOLUTION

March 3, 2023

Mary Richardson

Department of City Planning, 200 North Spring Street, Room 701, Los Angeles, CA 90012

Submitted via email to: [alfresco.planning@lacity.org](mailto:alfresco.planning@lacity.org)

RE: CPC-2022-8179-CA

Dear Ms. Richardson:

Thank you for your and your colleagues' efforts to make outdoor dining permanently permissible in the City of Los Angeles via the Al Fresco Dining program.

Initially, the United Neighborhoods of the Historic Arlington Heights, West Adams and Jefferson Park Communities Neighborhood Council (UNNC) adopted the following motion and resolution to submit a letter stating our general support of the project to make the City's Al Fresco Dining program permanent:

*"UNNC is generally supportive of expanding the opportunity for restaurants to occupy both private and public land. We believe it is imperative that the City departments work together to have a cohesive program."*

UNNC has now updated our initial motion and we are submitting a clarification letter. Our updated motion states:

**Agenda Item 6B1, Update to UNNC Position Regarding the Transition to a Permanent Al Fresco Dining Ordinance:**

*Motion: UNNC revises our previous position regarding the Al Fresco Dining Program, to better support small restaurants, and to adopt the updated letter as presented.*

This motion was approved by the UNNC Governing Board on Thursday, March 2, 2023 with a vote of 18 Ayes, 0 Nays, 0 Abstentions, 4 Absents, 0 Recuse (one vacancy).

According to the notification for the February 8, 2023 public hearing, "The Ordinance aims to clarify and streamline Zoning Code regulations regarding outdoor dining on private property. Separate but related efforts are underway by the Department of Transportation (LADOT) to permit in-street and curbside dining, and by the Bureau of Engineering (BOE) to permit expanded sidewalk dining."

**United Neighborhoods Neighborhood Council**

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The UNNC Planning and Zoning Committee, before recommending our actions, met in four Brown Act-compliant public meetings where there was clear support for the program. Initial concerns, as reflected in UNNC's Governing Board first vote on February 2, 2023, included:

- Assuring access to pedestrians and bicyclists in the public right of way (ROW), with ADA kept in mind;
- Ongoing care for trees in the ROW; and especially,
- Concern that it did not seem efficient to have each responsible City department working in "separate but related efforts" toward making the program permanent.

Subsequently, the Planning Department held a public hearing on February 8, 2023. At that time, multiple speakers expressed strong concerns that the new ordinance would hinder, not help, restaurants that are still struggling to recover from COVID's economic impacts, and may prevent, not support, outdoor dining opportunities for Angelenos.

The worry expressed by many at the hearing is that the manner in which the draft ordinance is written would require high-priced land use and business consultants, and professional architects, to complete applications; costly permits; complex regulations; long delays for approvals; and unnecessary burdens of bureaucracy, among other concerns. In addition, during the COVID emergency, restaurants that already were serving alcohol were allowed to pivot to serve in their outdoor spaces, but the proposed new ordinance would require a new process to re-permit alcohol on patios and similar, rather than allowing the continuity of this service (that is, creating an expensive and cumbersome process).

UNNC believes that the city and its vibrant cafes and restaurants do need a path forward. We should incentivize and prioritize local involvement, to have regulation that's not onerous and is clear for smaller enterprises, and not just create pathways for well-financed and/or chain restaurant operations. What we all experienced during the pandemic-generated Al Fresco program was the government swiftly moving forward to create an effective way for all kinds and sizes of restaurants to utilize our outdoor spaces, and as the Department's own survey has shown, the program has proven very popular.

The testimony of one of UNNC's own residents, Hunter Hall (who is a small business consultant in the restaurant industry) sums it up well. He said,

*"I urge you to keep in mind in Los Angeles is that diverse independent restaurants like the ones the citizens of Los Angeles love simply do not have the time or bankroll for expensive consultants, build-out fees or city fees. Los Angeles should take this opportunity to create a small business-friendly application that does not require expensive consultants or architects to gain permits. This program can and should incentivize and activate our streets creating a safer, more local economically-driven*

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*city. My number one request is to create an Al Fresco ordinance free from all of these onerous lengthy processes to make outdoor dining accessible to all businesses -- not just the big chains or celebrity-funded projects. This [new] process should be similar to how the current temporary Al Fresco permit works, taking no more than 20 minutes to apply. The data is clear: tourists and citizens love outdoor dining and Los Angeles has a responsibility to cultivate an environment that makes it affordable, easy, and most importantly, fast for outdoor dining.”*


UNNC agrees.

Sincerely,

Laura Meyers  
UNNC Planning & Zoning Committee Co-Chair  
Direct: [laura.meyers@unnc.org](mailto:laura.meyers@unnc.org), 323-868-0854

[Note: UNNC’s Board Action Certification (BAC) is attached.]



<b>Office of the City Clerk</b> <b>Administrative Services Division</b> <b>Neighborhood Council (NC) Funding Program</b> <b>Board Action Certification (BAC) Form</b>							
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Budget Fiscal Year: 2022/2023		Agenda Item No: 6B1					
Board Motion and/or Public Benefit Statement (CIP and NPG):		UNNC revises our previous position regarding the Al Fresco Dining Program, to better support small restaurants, and to adopt the letter as presented. Moved by John, Chris 2nd.					
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Jazmine Johnson	At Large, Group A	X					
Nuriel Moghavem	At Large, Group A	X					
Dolores Spears	At Large, Group A	X					
Raheem Dawson	At Large, Group A	X					
Charly Paap	At Large, Group A	X			X		
VACANT	At Large, Group A						
Paul King	At Large, Group B	X					
Carlos Kerrick	At Large, Group B				X		
Laura Meyers	At Large, Group B	X					
Sarah Longhenry	At Large, Group B	X					
Paula Southern	At Large, Group B	X					
Grace Yoo	Region 1 Rep, A	X					
VACANT	Region 1 Rep, B						
Dennis Leski	Region 2 Rep, A	X					
Kareene Alprecht	Region 2 Rep, B	X					
Theresa Maysonet	Region 3 Rep, A	X					
Michael Kimbrough	Region 3 Rep, B				X		
Chris Carlson	Region 4 Rep, A	X					
Gregory Jackson	Region 4 Rep, B	X					
Sarah Lacy	Region 5 Rep, A	X					
Ivy Bordenave-Priestley	Region 5 Rep, B				X		
John Arnold	Region 6 Rep, A	X					
Lizy Moromisato	Region 6 Rep, B	X					
Board Quorum: 13		Total:	18	0	0	4	0
We, the authorized signers of the above named Neighborhood Council, declare that the information presented on this form is accurate and complete, and that a public meeting was held in accordance with all laws, policies, and procedures. The above was approved by the Neighborhood Council Board, at a Brown Act compliant public meeting where a quorum of the Board was present.							
Authorized Signature: <i>Grace Yoo</i>				Authorized Signature: <i>Laura Meyers</i>			
Print/Type Name: <i>Grace Yoo</i>				Print/Type Name: <i>LAURA MEYERS</i>			
Date: <i>3/3/2023</i>				Date: <i>3-3-2023</i>			

**Date : 3/7/2023 2:46:26 PM**  
**From : "Margaret Taylor"**  
**To : "Alfresco Planning"**  
**Cc : "Donald Duckworth (duckworth.donald@gmail.com)"**  
**Subject : WTC BID Al Fresco LA Comments - CPC-2022-8179-CA**  
**Attachment : Al Fresco Westchester BID LA Al Fresco Response 230307 exe Scan\_0025.pdf;**

Hello, Al Fresco team,

Please accept the attached letter from the Westchester Town Center Business Improvement District comments concerning: **CPC-2022-8179-CA**.

Kind regards,

**Margaret Taylor**

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**APEX LA**

**C:** 818.398.2740

[margaret@apex-la.com](mailto:margaret@apex-la.com)





March 7, 2023

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Executive Director

ATTN: Mary Richardson  
Department of City Planning  
City of Los Angeles  
200 N. Spring Street, Room 701  
Los Angeles, CA 9012

Via email: [alfresco.planning@lacity.org]

RE: **CPC-2022-8179-CA**

To Ms. Richardson,

I submit the following as Executive Director and at the direction of the Board of Directors for the Westchester Town Center Business Improvement District.

We have had an opportunity to review the Draft Ordinance Dated November 30, 2022. We attended the Planning Department's Virtual Information Webinar on January 18, 2023, as well as the public hearing on February 8, 2023. We also engaged a land use consultant, Margaret Taylor of Apex LA, to assist us in consideration of staff's recommendations for our property owners and tenant operators. Finally, we received and reviewed the post hearing feedback email dated February 24, 2023.

We firmly and vigorously support:

- Mayor Karen Bass's direction to all City Departments to work together to create a permanent program that incorporates everything that made the temporary program successful, including a simple application process and straightforward approval pathway.
- Resounding input from the public hearing: Support small businesses by keeping the Al Fresco program alive and making it permanent.
- A simple and streamlined process for current Al Fresco participants who have invested in patio improvements, hired staff and baked in revenue/cost structures based on their Al Fresco patio operations.

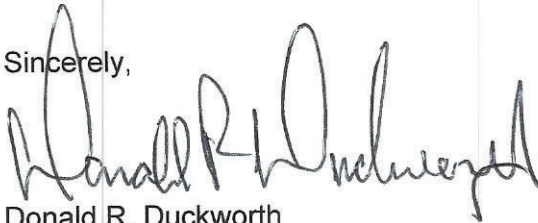
- Amending the draft Ordinance to incorporate AB2097. The city should not impose any parking limitation (aside from disabled accessibility) or cap number of parking spaces that may be eliminated. This should include relief from any Coastal Zone parking requirements.
- Consultation with Fire and Building and Safety PRIOR to revising the draft Ordinance to pre-consider permitting requirements to streamline processing. As an example of an unnecessary standard burden to make patios permanent: Trash enclosures should not be required to make patios permanent. Such typical patio addition requirements should be considered, and relief should be proactively incorporated into the Ordinance.
- No 50% indoor/outdoor limitations should be imposed, nor should there be any restriction from coverings, such as trellis, awning or shade covering.
- There should be no fee for processing an application to make LA Al Fresco permanent. Restaurants took on the burden of financial losses due to forced closures. Operators put their own money into patio improvements and have taken on the risk of hiring staff to service patio customers. Commercial eviction moratoriums have just ended, and emergency loan repayments are commencing. This means rent and loan expenses are just restarting. Restaurants do not have the extra cash on hand right now for these expenses. It is a terrible time to lose employees and customers again.
- The Restaurant Beverage Program model is working well. A similar process should be in place to extend alcohol sales to the additional consumption areas on patios without burdening each individual operator with the complex process of entitlement reconciliation.
- There should be an exemption from Coastal Development Permits. Even Administrative clearances take too long to process at current levels. Therefore, the best direction would be a blanket amnesty exception from Coastal Development Permits to legalize LA Al Fresco outdoor dining.
- There must be adequate staff on hand to process applications prior to implementation of the Ordinance / expiration of temporary Al Fresco permits. Simply put: If the City does not have the staff or financial resources to process the permits in a timely manner and at extremely low cost, there should simply be a granting of amnesty grandfathering in

all Al Fresco permits. Too often the City creates a slow-moving process at high cost because the City does not otherwise have resources to implement the proposed regulation. This must not be the practice again in this instance.

As communicated at the public hearing, Los Angeles stakeholders across the property ownership, restaurant operator and residential spectrum have loved the increase in outdoor dining. Our restaurant operators were essential service heroes and we celebrate them having survived the pandemic, which has not yet completely ended even if the emergency declarations have. The impacts continue to impact our restaurant operators.

Please continue your good work and incorporate these important considerations into the revised draft Ordinance.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Donald R. Duckworth". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Donald" being the most prominent.

Donald R. Duckworth  
Executive Director

C: Sean Silva, CD11  
Jeff Kahu, CD11  
WTC BID Board Members  
Margaret Taylor, Apex-LA



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## KCRW Inquiry: Update on Revised Ordinance Release

3 messages

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'Megan Jamerson' via Alfresco Planning <alfresco.planning@lacity.org>

Mon, Mar 20, 2023 at 9:12 AM

Reply-To: Megan Jamerson <megan.jamerson@kcrw.org>

To: Los Angeles Al Fresco <alfresco.planning@lacity.org>

Hi Al Fresco Team,

Do you all have an update you can share on when the revised al fresco dining ordinance will be released?

This is for Case No. CPC-2022-8179-CA

Thanks and hope you all had a restful weekend.

Best,  
Megan

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**MEGAN JAMERSON** (*she/her*)

Reporter

**KCRW 89.9** | [KCRW.COM](https://www.kcrw.com)

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## permanent Al Fresco for outdoor dinning and sidewalk

3 messages

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**Adriana Pomin** <adriana@bossafood.com>

Mon, Mar 20, 2023 at 8:52 AM

To: "alfresco.planning@lacity.org" <alfresco.planning@lacity.org>

Good morning!

How can I start to apply for the permanent al fresco for outdoor and sidewalk?

Thank you.

**Adriana Pomin Estrella**

**4460 W. Rosecrans Ave**

**Hawthorne,CA 90250**

**adriana@bossafood.com**

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## Al Fresco Drinking Program

5 messages

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**Catherine Larson** <catherine@terra-petra.com>

Wed, Mar 22, 2023 at 3:57 PM

To: "alfresco.planning@lacity.org" <alfresco.planning@lacity.org>

Hello,

When is city planning going to abolish the al fresco drinking program now that the pandemic is over? How does the City justify the parklets when they are below residential buildings now that the pandemic is over? Two bars in Little Tokyo still have their drinking cabins up. They are a nuisance as the patrons are obnoxious and the noise they create disturbs the residents nightly. We have put up with them for "public health" reasons for over two years. When are they going to be taken down?

**Catherine Larson**

**Re: Al fresco**

1 message

**Su In Lee** <suin.lee@lacity.org>

Wed, Mar 22, 2023 at 3:51 PM

To: Alfresco Planning &lt;alfresco.planning@lacity.org&gt;, DOT Alfresco &lt;alfresco@lacity.org&gt;

Cc: Ye Rustic &lt;yerusticinn@gmail.com&gt;

Hello Al Fresco Department (Planning and LADOT),

We have [Ye Rustic Inn](#) in Los Feliz, which is hoping to move its al fresco from private property to public right of way. With the al fresco program in the process of becoming permanent, can you please provide some guidance to Susan (the business owner) on what she needs to do in her case?

Thank you.

**Re: Part of my alfresco is on private property.**

Part of it is city property(the sidewalk)

And id like to amend my application for street dining where the cars are parked al fresco, like the sushi place on hillhurst has

as the landlord has made it very clear she will not allow me to keep the deck in the parking lot and this is where most of the seating is..

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Su Lee (she/her)

CD4 Field Deputy, Small Business Liaison

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On Wed, Mar 15, 2023 at 2:50 PM Ye Rustic &lt;yerusticinn@gmail.com&gt; wrote:

Part of my alfresco is on private property.

Part of it is city property(the sidewalk)

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as the landlord has made it very clear she will not allow me to keep the deck in the parking lot and this is where most of the seating is..

On Wed, Mar 15, 2023 at 2:39 PM Su In Lee &lt;suin.lee@lacity.org&gt; wrote:

Sounds good.

Can you please confirm that your al fresco is on private property?

Also, if you can let me know when you reached out to the department and via email or call, that would be great.

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Su Lee (she/her)  
 CD4 Field Deputy, Small Business Liaison  
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On Wed, Mar 15, 2023 at 2:28 PM Ye Rustic <[yerusticinn@gmail.com](mailto:yerusticinn@gmail.com)> wrote:

I listened to one of the Al fresco zoom seminars.

They stated we would need to submit applications to have the al fresco made permanent and to reach out to the BEST unit.

I have been unable to contact this unit or obtain any clarification on how to apply to make the outdoor dining permanent.

I think it expires in August this year?

Any help would be greatly appreciated.

My number is 323 252 8934.

On Wed, Mar 15, 2023 at 2:23 PM Su In Lee <[suin.lee@lacity.org](mailto:suin.lee@lacity.org)> wrote:

Hello Susan,

Thank you for reaching out. Great to hear from you!

Can you please let me know if you are hoping to connect with me to share your concerns about the drafted al fresco ordinance or have any questions about al fresco permit compliance? I am trying to figure out who I need to connect you to for better assistance based on what questions/comments you have.

Looking forward to hearing from you.

Thank you.

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Su Lee (she/her)  
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On Mon, Mar 13, 2023 at 4:56 PM Ye Rustic <[yerusticinn@gmail.com](mailto:yerusticinn@gmail.com)> wrote:

Hello Su In Lee

This is Susan Wood.

Brian Morrison sent you an email earlier today.

I wondered if we could set up a time to talk about the al fresco ordinance and what I should be doing.

Please let me know.

Thank you.

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Ye Rustic Inn

[1831 N. Hillhurst Ave](#)

[Los Angeles, CA 90027](#)

Phone: 323-252-8934

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Ye Rustic Inn

[1831 N. Hillhurst Ave](#)

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Phone: 323-662-5757

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**Catherine Larson** <catherine@terra-petra.com>  
To: Alfresco Planning <alfresco.planning@lacity.org>

Wed, Mar 22, 2023 at 4:22 PM

Hello,

This is merely a form letter and does not even come close to addressing the very important quality of life issues that the City has chosen to ignore for the sake of "public health". Please address how the City is taking the very legitimate needs of residents that are in the vicinity of parklets whose function only encourages public drunkenness. These parklets are within 50 feet of resident's bedrooms and living rooms. They are an absolute public nuisance that we have tolerated for "public health". What about the mental health of residents who can't sleep because drunks are screaming from 10pm-2am outside our apartments?

**Catherine Larson**

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## Re: 10:30 Curfew Outdoor Patio per Al Fresco Dining Permit 1515 AKB ignored and not enforced

8 messages

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**Mari Sunaida** <marisunaida@ca.rr.com>

Tue, Mar 28, 2023 at 12:25 PM

To: Ashley Lozada <Ashley.Lozada@lacity.org>

Cc: Traci Park <councilmember.park@lacity.org>, Sean Silva <sean.silva@lacity.org>, Jeff Khau <Jeff.khau@lacity.org>, Frank Lara <frank.lara@lacity.org>, Bruce Todd <bruce.todd@lacity.org>, Brad Beach <brad.beach@abc.ca.gov>, alfredo.planning@lacity.org, shana.bonstin@lacity.org, lisa.webber@lacity.org

Hi Ashley,

It's been over a month since I heard from you. The Brig BAR continues to ignore the 10:30 PM curfew requirement of their Al Fresco **outdoor dining permit**. According to Sean Silva whom I spoke to, the Al Fresco ordinance should become *permanent* by early summer. Take a look at the Al Fresco rules set down by LADOT Bureau of Engineering in the link following. Scroll down to Rule # 10. **Noise Restrictions:** All temporary outdoor areas shall operate no later than 10:30 pm if adjacent to any residential areas (this included mixed-use)

<https://engpermitmanual.lacity.org/other-boe-permitsprocesses/technical-procedures/00-la-al-fresco-sidewalk-dining-program-rules-and>

Once again, we residents were sleep deprived by the RAUCOUS cacophony coming from the Brig. LAPD dispatch was notified and since noise is a low priority officers don't take the issue seriously. The city set up the temporary Al Fresco dining program with no enforcement protocols! Rules and guidelines were written down however there isn't any central enforcement agency overseeing the process whatsoever. Planning and ABC gave temporary special approval for the Brig BAR to receive an Al Fresco dining permit.

According to the permanent Al Fresco ordinance, *once a business had been approved for an AL Fresco permit, they will be able to renew it automatically* and without enforcement protocols, we residents will be at the mercy of a business who believes they are above the law.

The Brig Bar is a **drinking** establishment, not a dining establishment. The Brig Bar holds Type 48 CA Liquor License for On-Sale General Public Premises (Bar, Night Club) authorizing the sale of beer, wine and distilled spirits for consumption on the premises where sold.

According to the Al Fresco Application Manual: All establishments must have a Conditional Use Permit - Alcoholic Beverages (CUB) from the city to serve alcohol as part of the Al Fresco Program. The Brig Bar does not have a CUP/CUX because it has entitlements to certain grandfathered rights issued by ABC. I'm not sure if these grandfathered rights hold exceptions protecting the Brig to new regulations in perpetuity despite the operator's flagrant disregard of the rules.

**An application for an outdoor patio to be expanded on the parking lot for the Brig Bar was denied years ago by Zoning Administrator Albert Landini.**

The outdoor space currently in use by the Brig is a 6,492 square foot parking lot at [1525 Abbot Kinney Boulevard](#) adjacent to the bar itself expanding their floor space four fold. They do not provide parking for their patrons.

Most restaurants close before midnight. The Brig is open until 2 AM. After closing, the drunken crowds move to the city parking lot directly behind the Bar where they loiter, urinate, fight and play music disturbing the residential neighborhood with their rowdiness.

We would appreciate an update on this ongoing situation by a business who continues to be a nuisance at large to the residential community.

Best regards,

Mari Snyder, Electric Avenue resident

On Feb 24, 2023, at 5:00 PM, Ashley Lozada <Ashley.Lozada@lacity.org> wrote:

Hello Mari,



Thank you for your email. I completely understand your concerns. It is my understanding that Bars are currently allowed to participate in the temporary program although I've been informed it requires partnering with a food service provider. For example, a bar could partner with a food truck.

I will be making contact with the Bar and will work with them to address these issues. I will also work with our planning deputy to see what permits they have and if they are up to date.

I will keep you updated.

Have a good weekend.



**Ashley Lozada, MPA** | Venice, Mar Vista, Del Rey Field Deputy

*she/her/hers*

**Office of Councilwoman Traci Park** ★ 11th District

**WESTCHESTER:** 7166 W Manchester, Los Angeles CA 90045

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On Thu, Feb 16, 2023 at 11:29 AM Mari Sunaida <[marisunaida@ca.rr.com](mailto:marisunaida@ca.rr.com)> wrote:

Dear Ms. Park,

The business located at [1515 Abbot Kinney Boulevard](#) was issued an AL FRESCO Outdoor dining permit and according to one of the business partners of the establishment, the permit is for three years! We residents are still wondering how a BAR was issued an Al Fresco permit as a dining establishment when it has never been a dining establishment. There is no mention on the LADOT Al Fresco website or in numerous news articles that it is permissible for BARS to operate OUTDOORS within 100 feet of the residential community. Dining establishments operating within 100 feet of residences are required by the Al Fresco permit to cease outdoor service by 10:30 PM.

The business at this location chooses to ignore the 10:30 PM Al Fresco curfew requirement and on weekends, in particular (Thurs-Sunday) the noise decibel is at stadium level! LAPD is aware of this nuisance but their hands are tied because this business whips out their Al Fresco permit along with their posted ABC license which makes it appear that the business has permission to conduct their business outside even past the curfew!

Perhaps your office may influence this business to comply with the city ordinances. (We residents would be ever so grateful.)

Thank you for your assistance regarding this matter!

Mari Snyder, Electric Avenue resident

## 5671 side walk closure

4 messages

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**ato paulo** <701fls@gmail.com>  
To: Alfresco.planning@lacity.org

Mon, Apr 3, 2023 at 11:52 AM

Good morning

I am a business owner and I have concerns regarding outdoor seating on the side walk. Business located at 5671 has places permanent planters on the side and set up table and chairs making difficult for any disabled person to pass on the side walk.

You can reach me at 949-566-5467

I appreciate you looking into this

Ato Paulos

Concerned business owner

## ALFRESCO COMPLAINT

1 message

**Tracy Cabrera** <Tracy.Cabrera@lacity.org>  
 To: Alfresco Planning <alfresco.planning@lacity.org>  
 Cc: ITA-311 Supervisors <ITA.311Supervisors@lacity.org>

Mon, Apr 3, 2023 at 6:14 PM

Sending this email on behalf of the constituent as the department for Alfresco or Regular city planning has not returned emails or calls for the issue she's been having. Has been over 2 weeks and no response from any department.


Cristina Hsieh  
 909-967-9588  
[info@crisinahsieh.com](mailto:info@crisinahsieh.com)

Landlord of the shopping center [1431 W Knox St, Torrance, 90501](#) has asked Tenant to take down the 6ft high fence barrier since it's in the middle of the parking lot. Landlord has advised Tenant to remove as she is making markings on the Parking Lot but Tenant refused. Attached you will find pictures of the issues and the "Permit" that tenant provided that she is allowed to have it up.

Is very upset that Tenant can continue to extend the permit and supersede the Landlord. Would like clarification if she is still allowed to put up a fence to block part of the parking area for outdoor dining and extend it.

Please call and email to be able to provide specific information to her problem. Does NOT want a generic response or be advised to go to the website as she already has.

Thank you  
 Attached are the files she has emailed




**DATE ISSUED:** 07/07/2020

A copy of this certificate must be displayed on site, adjacent to the temporary outdoor dining area, and visible from the public right-of-way.

**Valid Through:** May 31, 2023

CITY OF LOS ANGELES



**Temporary Use Authority  
for Outdoor Dining on:**

☒ Sidewalks ☒ Private Property

MJM Group LLC

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(Restaurant Name)  
1431 West Knox Street, suite 300, Los Angeles, CA 90501

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(Address)  
Jing Wang +14244889128

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(Contact Name and Phone Number)  
*Jing Wang* 1566

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(Signature) (Application Number)

**Key Conditions of Authorization:**

- A continuous 5-foot pedestrian access route is provided, generally utilizing the most passable portion of the sidewalk.
- The outdoor dining area shall comply with requirements and guidelines from the City of Los Angeles, Los Angeles County Public Health, and all others as applicable.
- Alcoholic beverages may only be served with the approval from the Department of City Planning and the California Department of Alcohol and Beverage Control.

For full Program Rules and Guidelines visit [Coronavirus.lacity.org/Alfresco](https://coronavirus.lacity.org/Alfresco). For concerns about potential violations, please contact 311.



**Tracy Cabrera | Communications Information Representative II**

4/11/23, 11:46 AM

City of Los Angeles Mail - ALFRESCO COMPLAINT

**City of Los Angeles - 311**

Tel: (213) 473-3231

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## Fwd: 5671 W. Pico blvd 90019 side walk closure

1 message

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**ato paulo** <701fls@gmail.com>  
To: Alfresco.planning@lacity.org

Mon, Apr 3, 2023 at 12:17 PM

----- Forwarded message -----

From: **ato paulo** <701fls@gmail.com>  
Date: Monday, April 3, 2023  
Subject: 5671 side walk closure  
To: [Alfresco.planning@lacity.org](mailto:Alfresco.planning@lacity.org)

Good morning

I am a business owner and I have concerns regarding outdoor seating on the side walk. Business located at [5671 W. Pico Blvd. 90019](#) has places permanent planters on the side and set up table and chairs and umbrellas, making difficult for any disabled person to pass on the side walk. I urge you to look into this matter!

You can reach me at 949-566-5467

I appreciate you looking into this

Ato Paulos

Concerned business owner

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**Fwd: Temporary Use Authority for outdoor patio**

2 messages

**ITA 311** <311@lacity.org>

Mon, Apr 3, 2023 at 6:05 PM

To: Alfresco Planning &lt;alfresco.planning@lacity.org&gt;, "alfresco.businesses" &lt;alfresco.businesses@lacity.org&gt;

The attached email was received via the 311 Web services and refers to matters under your jurisdiction. It is being referred to your office for appropriate action. Please email or call directly to the reporting party if additional information is needed. We thank you for your assistance.

rl

----- Forwarded message -----

From: **Cristina Hsieh** <info@crstinahsieh.com>

Date: Mon, Apr 3, 2023 at 5:50 PM

Subject: RE: Temporary Use Authority for outdoor patio

To: Planning Figueroa Counter &lt;planning.figcounter@lacity.org&gt;, cityplanningalfresco@lacity.org &lt;cityplanningalfresco@lacity.org&gt;, 311@lacity.org &lt;311@lacity.org&gt;

Hi,  
We own a shopping center at [1431 W. Knox St., Torrance](#). Our tenant said she has an AI Fresco permit for outdoor dining from the City of Los Angeles. She built a 6-foot wooden fence behind her restaurant, blocking two-way traffic flow since 2020. We're asking her to remove the fence but she refused saying she has the temporary permit.

Which department and which office address should we contact/go to verify if she is in violation of code?

- Landlord did not sign any application back in 2020, is she allowed to file the permit on her own?
- Can she continue renewing the permit without landlord's consent?  
How to validate her AI Fresco permit?
- How to verify if her permanent fence is in compliance with or violation of the code?

Regards,

Cristina

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**From:** [chelsi.lofton@lacity.org](mailto:chelsi.lofton@lacity.org) <[chelsi.lofton@lacity.org](mailto:chelsi.lofton@lacity.org)> **On Behalf Of** Planning Figueroa Counter**Sent:** Monday, April 3, 2023 12:45 PM**To:** Cristina Hsieh <[info@crstinahsieh.com](mailto:info@crstinahsieh.com)>**Subject:** Re: Temporary Use Authority for outdoor patio

Hello

For this request, please contact Building and Safety, by calling 311 or going on their website [ladbs.org](http://ladbs.org)

Many questions can be answered by speaking to LADBS plan check engineers by calling 3-1-1 (or 213-473-3231 if outside the City of LA) and asking for a "Zoning/Building Code Engineer." For Site-Specific Zoning Information, please

review [ZIMAS](#). City Planning has a [primer page](#) on how to interpret the zoning of a site. The Los Angeles Zoning Code is found on the [AM Legal website](#). Further Zoning information can be found in the [Zoning Code Commentary](#). LADBS has [Information Bulletins](#) which provide design guidance, code interpretations, and document submittal requirements for a variety of projects.

Thank you

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On Fri, Mar 31, 2023 at 9:46 AM Cristina Hsieh <[info@cristinahsieh.com](mailto:info@cristinahsieh.com)> wrote:

Hi,

Our tenant said she has a permit for outdoor dining from the City of Los Angeles. She fenced off the parking area with 6 foot wood fence, blocking two-way traffic flow since 2020. She would not remove it and might try to renew the temporary permit.

Which department and which office address should we contact/go to verify if she is in violation of code? Landlord did not sign any application back in 2020, is she allowed to file the permit on her own?

Regards,

Cristina

### 2 attachments



**AI fresco permit.jpg**  
568K

**Pictures of AI Fresco.pdf**  
800K

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**Alfresco**3 messages

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**'ed kalpa' via Alfresco Planning** <alfresco.planning@lacity.org>

Fri, Apr 7, 2023 at 12:29 PM

Reply-To: ed kalpa &lt;knobman89@yahoo.com&gt;

To: alfresco.planning@lacity.org

Hello longtime Los Feliz resident and home owner. Is anyone looking into the issues regarding outdoor dining and the negligence of the businesses relating rats, garbage and graffiti? Hellooooo..... on Hillhurst ave there are tagging and yet the restaurants are completely neglected on this matter.... I as a resident should not be calling this issues that we have..... not to mention those earful trash dumpsters on our streets bring trash, filth, rats, and vagrants. Please look in to this. Thank you. Ed from Los Filth  
Sent from my iPhone



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## Food truck issue

3 messages

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**Donna Lauber** <buffalo2620@gmail.com>  
To: alfresco.planning@lacity.org

Fri, Apr 7, 2023 at 2:31 PM

Makes no sense at all that any Food truck is allowed to occupy and block foot traffic, car traffic to busy nearby similar parking lots for grocery stores, strip malls, restaurants. Hurts business.

In our area, they become a gathering loitering spot for street racers and often gang bangers. Safety issues.

Need I say more?

Ms. Donna Lauber  
CD 7  
Community Interest Representative  
2012-2016

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## A Keeper

2 messages

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**gjf165@gmail.com** <gjf165@gmail.com>

Sat, Apr 8, 2023 at 8:24 AM

To: alfresco.planning@lacity.org

Street dining is probably the most positive program the city has allowed.

Every city is doing it. Outdoors means less diseases, people gathered in plain site enjoying meals is comforting and restaurants can thrive. If Covid brought us nothing but grief, it jumpstarted outdoor dining which this city never had. But we can catch up and be a new city which welcomes outdoor dining. Blame it on Covid as a positive to bring us in line with large cities all over the U.S. and continue it as one interpretation of pocket parks.

Nancy Freedman  
[GJF165@gmail.com](mailto:GJF165@gmail.com)  
90024

Nancy Freedman  
Sent from my iPhone

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## Al Fresco has ruined the sidewalks and walking ability

2 messages

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**Marcy Wexler** <marcy@afashionablelife.com>

Sat, Apr 8, 2023 at 7:05 AM

Reply-To: marcy@afashionablelife.com

To: alfresco.planning@lacity.org

Hello,

Although I've never sent in a feedback email like this before, I am was inclined to do so in regards to the al fresco/outdoor dining. I'm assuming that Mayor Bass has not spent a lot of time actually trying to walk on streets that took over the sidewalks - with servers going back and forth - to make it not only difficult to maneuver, but it's often smelly, dirty and uncomfortable for actual residents of neighborhoods that may have enjoyed walking down the major street only to be subservient to the restaurant staff and patrons.

Have you tried walking a dog through the crowded sidewalk? Have you tried to find already impossible parking? Have you considered noise and disruption to the neighbors?

While al fresco dining in a designated area attached to the actual restaurant that was designed with this in mind is lovely.

Street al fresco is low class, looks bad, ruins the sidewalk and walking experience of residents paying exorbitant amounts of rent - if you are renting - to live in areas that you can actually walk?

Example: Montana Ave in Santa Monica. There are certain pockets you literally can't walk down the sidewalk without squeezing your way through a hectic restaurant experience with servers with plates and drinks, etc....

It is actually NOT SAFE for people walking through this traffic and why should people who are not dining in these places have to walk - in the street with traffic?

There are enough homeless tents, garbage, etc...in so many nice areas you already have to navigate because LA can't seem to actually consider this a problem - outside of a photo-op with the new Mayor - for ex: 6th street cleanup.

As if that even tackled the issue in LA. It hasn't. Nice try.

At least allow residents to walk down the street in peace without having to deal with looking at plates of food and smell it everywhere and the trash it leaves behind and the visuals are that of a 3rd world city - not a high-end city like LA should be.

With all due respect,

Please consider the reality - without presenting some flowery concept of outdoor dining when there is NOT room for it in most areas that have consumed the sidewalks.

Thank you.

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## NEVER ON PUBLIC PROPERTY !

2 messages

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**Judy Esposito** <judy.esposito@msn.com>

Sat, Apr 8, 2023 at 9:53 AM

To: "alfresco.planning@lacity.org" <alfresco.planning@lacity.org>

**PLEASE DO NOT ALLOW dining on any PUBLIC PROPERTY !!!!**

**NEVER ON SIDEWALKS OR IN THE STREET !!!!!**

**Judy Esposito Venice**

Sent from [Mail](#) for Windows

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**Public input to Revised Draft Al Fresco Ordinance Release**4 messages

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**'Robin Rudisill' via Alfresco Planning** <alfresco.planning@lacity.org>

Reply-To: Robin Rudisill &lt;wildrudi@mac.com&gt;

To: alfresco.planning@lacity.org

Hi,

I've read everything you sent, including the documents at the links, and have some questions:

1. On the Fact Sheet it states in the Summary that the ordinance amends provisions related to outdoor dining on private property. Yet, in the Background it mentions establishing permanent n

Can I assume that sidewalk dining will now revert to being covered by permits from Department of Public Works and that in-street dining will be discontinued?

If so, what are the rules around this transition?

When do/did the temporary approvals for outdoor dining and outdoor alcohol service expire (now that the emergency order has been lifted)?

2. I strongly encourage you to permanently exempt the Coastal Zone from the regulations and require a Coastal Development Permit for any permanent approvals for outdoor dining. The Coastal Commission's studies, we cannot afford to reallocate what limited current parking there is over to restaurants. It would also be unfair to other retail businesses.

3. Music, speakers etc. are currently a serious problem in outdoor dining areas, particularly in Venice. The ordinance makes it clear this is prohibited, but there need to be clear consequences.

4. In Venice, one very obnoxious operator on the corner of Ocean Front Walk and Washington Blvd in Venice took over the entire sidewalk for their dining area and constructed a pathway in the structure over the entire sidewalk.

Note how the crosswalk goes right into the restaurant.

When will the City require that all this be taken down and the sidewalk be returned to the Public?

This is a great example of how restaurant operators are taking gross advantage of the City's generosity with al fresco dining. Don't be fooled by their violins and moaning.

The Public requests enforcement, as soon as possible.





I would appreciate your acknowledgement of this public input to these proposed regulations.

*For the Love of Los Angeles  
and our precious Coast,  
Robin Rudisill  
(310) 721-2343*

## Al Fresco Ordinance

2 messages

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**'CONNIE JONES' via Alfresco Planning** <alfresco.planning@lacity.org>

Sun, Apr 9, 2023 at 12:25 AM

Reply-To: CONNIE JONES <cjslinky@icloud.com>

To: alfresco.planning@lacity.org

I wanted to let you know that I support making this ordinance permanent. I prefer dining outdoors and love the expanded outdoor dining options in the parking lots that was offered during the pandemic.



## Outdoor eating

2 messages

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**Eve Wagner** <ewagner@summitresolution.com>

Sun, Apr 9, 2023 at 12:15 PM

To: "alfresco.planning@lacity.org" <alfresco.planning@lacity.org>

My husband and I strongly support the ordinance to allow for permanent outdoor eating. This adds to the atmosphere for the city and also is beneficial for people like me who still are concerned about eating inside due to the pandemic.

Thank you.

Sent from my iPhone  
(Please excuse any typos)

Eve H. Wagner  
Summit Resolution PC  
310-601-0037 (cell)



Regina Alcazar <regina.alcazar@lacity.org>

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## Al fresco

1 message

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**'Matt Epstein' via Alfresco Planning** <alfresco.planning@lacity.org>

Mon, Apr 10, 2023 at 5:47 PM

Reply-To: Matt Epstein <somatt@aol.com>

To: "alfresco.planning@lacity.org" <alfresco.planning@lacity.org>

I have gone over all the new amendments on the al fresco and I can not find anything that addresses the outdoor dining in the streets.

[Sent from AOL on Android](#)

## Daily Bruin News Interview - Al Fresco Ordinance

2 messages

**Gabriella Feroza Jamall** <gjamall@media.ucla.edu>  
To: alfresco.planning@lacity.org

Mon, Apr 10, 2023 at 2:35 PM

To whom it may concern,

My name is Gabby Jamall and I am a second-year news reporter for the Daily Bruin newspaper.

We are currently doing an article on the Al Fresco ordinance recently put in place by the LA city planning department and how it has opened up new outdoor dining opportunities for local restaurants. Specifically, we want to know a bit more about the specific measures within the ordinance, and how Al Fresco is impacting local Westwood businesses and the overall Westwood community (both residents and UCLA students).

I was hoping to have an interview with any person who is knowledgeable and willing to talk about the ordinance, either in-person or over the phone. I would love to speak with them within the next few days. Also, please let me know if there are any other people or businesses that you'd recommend I speak to as well.

Best,  
Gabby Jamall (she/her/hers)  
Daily Bruin (News - City and Crime)  
Phone: 925-332-9845  
Email: [gjamall@media.ucla.edu](mailto:gjamall@media.ucla.edu)

## Support on Outdoor Seating Dinning

2 messages

**Bi Fan** <rebeccafan10@gmail.com>  
To: alfresco.planning@lacity.org

Mon, Apr 10, 2023 at 4:37 PM

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寄件者: **Artson Martin** <artsondance@gmail.com>  
日期: 2023年4月10日 週一, 下午4:30  
主旨: Outdoor Seating Dinning  
收件者: rebeccafan10@gmail.com <rebeccafan10@gmail.com>

Dear Sir/Madam,

I am writing to express my support for outdoor dining in Los Angeles and to highlight its importance in the current pandemic situation. The COVID-19 pandemic has had a devastating impact on the restaurant industry, causing many businesses to close down permanently. However, outdoor dining has provided a much-needed lifeline to restaurants in Los Angeles, allowing them to serve customers while adhering to social distancing guidelines.

I am pleased to note that LA Mayor Karen Bass has recognized the importance of outdoor dining and has publicly stated her support for making it a permanent fixture in the city. This decision would be a huge win for restaurant owners who have struggled to stay afloat during the pandemic.

While outdoor dining has become a popular trend in Los Angeles, it's important to recognize that it's not a perfect solution. The virus can still spread in outdoor settings, albeit at a lower rate than in indoor spaces. However, with the right precautions in place, outdoor dining can be a low-risk activity that allows people to enjoy a meal with friends and family.

In addition to providing a safer alternative to indoor dining, outdoor seating dining has also provided many benefits to the city of Los Angeles, including increased economic growth, public health, and revenue generation. It has helped to ease the pressure on the labor force and has provided a much-needed boost to the local economy.

However, it's essential that businesses adhere to certain design and parking requirements to ensure the safety of diners and the public. Each table should be independent and have a maximum capacity of four persons to ensure social distancing guidelines are adhered to, and outdoor seating permit applicants should have their car parking area to prevent them from interfering with public parking.

In conclusion, I believe that outdoor seating dining should continue to be supported in Los Angeles. By doing so, we can contribute to the revival of the restaurant industry in Los Angeles and promote a safe and healthy environment for all. It's crucial that the government and businesses work together to ensure that outdoor dining is conducted safely, and appropriate measures are taken to protect the public's health and safety.

Thank you for considering my views on this important matter.

Sincerely,

Rebecca Fan.