

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Independent Hospitality Coalition

**Date Submitted:** 06/02/2023 03:47 PM

**Council File No:** 20-1074-S4

**Comments for Public Posting:** Dear Planning and Land Use Management Committee Chair Marqueece Harris-Dawson and Committee Members: We write in support of Item # 17 (CF: 20-1074-S4). The Independent Hospitality Coalition (IHC) represents more than 1,200 members from the restaurant and hospitality industry, including local food service advocates, operators, and employees within the city of Los Angeles as well as LA County. We represent and provide a voice for our workforce and the essential businesses ingrained in the local economy. A report from LA County Economic Development Corporation found that in the last few years, the food service industry saw the highest amount of job losses. The impacts of changing regulations on restaurant businesses were so resounding that many were not able to recover, forcing us to close forever. We could not simply put ‘hospitality in a box’, and working from home was not an option for those in the food service industry. The silver lining was the success of the temporary Al Fresco Program. The program enabled us to exercise our resiliency while benefiting our local communities by activating our public streets and private parking lots. Prior to the temporary Al Fresco Program, we were challenged by layers of regulation and processes that created barriers of inequality for small businesses. The temporary program has demonstrated the reach of what is possible when we remove these barriers and equally let creative small businesses thrive. We want to commend the LA City Planning staff and commissioners on their significant and revisions to the ordinance. We value the willingness of the department to listen and consider the needs of our community into the revised draft ordinance. We understand that the final Al Fresco program will take time, hard work, and the coordination of many departments. We look forward to supporting each other as we overcome these challenges. In these efforts we support the City Planning recommendations in the 5/26/2023 REPORT REGARDING MUSIC IN OUTDOOR DINING AREAS to “Amend the proposed Al Fresco Ordinance for private property to allow ambient music in outdoor dining areas in compliance with Section 112.01 (Radios, Television Sets, and Similar Devices) of the Los Angeles Municipal Code.” Thank you for hearing the voice of the Independent Hospitality Community. We are dedicated to serving our community by working with government

agencies to make reasonable progress. If you have any questions or would like more information, please do not hesitate to reach out to us directly. Thank you, Eddie Navarrette Executive Director [eddie@IHCLA.org](mailto:eddie@IHCLA.org)



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June 2, 2023

**Planning and Land Use Management Committee**

*Councilmember Marqueece Harris-Dawson, Chair*

*Councilmember Heather Hutt*

*Councilmember Bob Blumenfield*

*Councilmember John S. Lee*

*Councilmember Monica Rodriguez*

**Re: Item # 17, Outdoor Dining / L.A. Al Fresco / Zoning Code Regulations / Los Angeles Municipal Code / Amendment ([20-1074-S4](#))**

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Thank you,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Eddie Navarrette' with a stylized flourish at the end.

Eddie Navarrette  
Executive Director  
[eddie@IHCLA.org](mailto:eddie@IHCLA.org)

### **About IHC**

*The Independent Hospitality Coalition (IHC) is a coalition of California hospitality workers whose purpose is to provide representation for our growing workforce and essential businesses, creating awareness of our role in the economic fabric of society. Our mission is to have a seat at the table to help shape policy and legitimize our crucial impact on communities and cities throughout California. More information can be found here:*

<https://www.independenthospitality.org/>

## Communication from Public

**Name:**

**Date Submitted:** 06/02/2023 04:22 PM

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**Comments for Public Posting:** 1. Dining till 1030pm nr residents. I think it should be 9pm and 1030 only Friday, Sat nights. 2. The cleaning required is "nightly" and no mention of required immediate cleaning of tables upon customer turnover. (Otherwise flies and bugs and birds will come to eat food) 3. No requirement to provide closed top trash receptacles to provide for litter control. 4. There is no requirement that specific employees shall have assigned duties to include oversight of outside dining areas. (Someone identified, needs to be responsible for what goes on outside). 5. I see no mention of no smoking signs required to control that issue. 6. It's unclear to me what is allowed regarding pets since these areas may be a converted former parking spot. 7. It's unclear to me upon what ordinance a restaurant shall rely to clear loitering anti- social behavior out of these areas. I believe now is the time to determine these areas shall be clean and civilized zones for clientèle.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Brian Crumpley  
**Date Submitted:** 06/02/2023 04:28 PM  
**Council File No:** 20-1074-S4  
**Comments for Public Posting:** I'm writing in support of the revised ordinance for outdoor dining and a relaxed regulatory environment for restaurants.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Xavi Moreno

**Date Submitted:** 06/02/2023 04:43 PM

**Council File No:** 20-1074-S4

**Comments for Public Posting:** I am writing to express my strong support for the continuation of the Al Fresco initiative in our city. The impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on our local restaurants and businesses has been profound, and the Al Fresco program has played a vital role in helping them not only survive but thrive during these challenging times. The Al Fresco initiative has breathed new life into our city's streets, creating vibrant and energetic spaces that bring our diverse communities together. It has transformed sidewalks and parking lots from desolate areas into pockets of community and celebration. By allowing restaurants to expand their outdoor dining options, Al Fresco has provided a lifeline for small businesses, enabling them to generate revenue, support their employees, and provide for their families. Beyond its economic benefits, the Al Fresco program has had a profound impact on the social fabric of our city. It has given people the opportunity to come together, enjoy the outdoors, and explore what our community has to offer. By creating inviting and attractive spaces for outdoor dining, it has fostered a sense of connection and community spirit, which is especially important as we recover from the isolating effects of the pandemic. Moreover, the Al Fresco initiative has helped to reinvigorate our city's nightlife. The lively atmosphere generated by outdoor dining has made our sidewalks come alive, particularly during the evening hours. It has provided a safe and welcoming environment for residents and visitors to socialize, dine, and experience the richness of our city's culture and diversity. As a resident of this great city, I believe it is crucial to support and sustain the Al Fresco initiative. By doing so, we not only support our local businesses, but we also foster a sense of community, create opportunities for economic growth, and enhance the overall quality of life for all residents. I urge you to consider the positive impact that the Al Fresco program has had on our city and to continue supporting this initiative. Let's keep our sidewalks alive, especially at night, and maintain the momentum that has been generated by this program. Together, we can ensure that our city remains a vibrant and thriving place for all. Thank you for your attention to this matter

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**Date Submitted:** 06/02/2023 05:37 PM

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**Comments for Public Posting:** I live close by to a small restaurant (Bacari Playa del Rey) that has tented their entire parking lot to add at least 3-4 times the seating than inside their building. This has unfortunately increased noise, traffic congestion, over parking residential driveways, and foot traffic in our once quiet neighborhood. I had to request Bacari to employ valet parking which only assisted a bit since many diners decline and still park on our street to save money. My neighbors and I dislike our street being used as the restaurant's parking lot and listening to over-served diners loudly looking for their cars late into the night. Please abolish this practice as other cities around the country have.



## Communication from Public

**Name:** Donna

**Date Submitted:** 06/02/2023 07:25 PM

**Council File No:** 20-1074-S4

**Comments for Public Posting:** Personally I object to all the food trucks, sidewalk vendors jamming up our ingress egress rights - particularly near Foothill and Osborne in the neighborhood street areas, making it more difficult and dangerous. Attracting street racing clubs who continue to plaque and frighten horses, neighbors on foot with dogs, children, elderly hikers, bicyclists. We have had far too many accidents on main canyon road near Fire station 74 up to the Cemetery. CHP can confirm atleast two deaths and most likely over TEN TRAFFIC ACCIDENTS in past six years. The Food trucks and street vendors make our neighborhood near 7-11 look like a third world environment. Inappropriate and may bring down real estate values.