

## Communication from Public

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**Council File No:** 20-1074-S5

**Comments for Public Posting:** I am the Director of Policy & Planning for the Venice Chamber of Commerce. We speak for over 300 members who employ nearly 10,000 people - of which a healthy percentage are restaurants in the Coastal Zone. We urge you to support a Programmatic CDP for permanent al fresco dining in the Coastal Zone, which impacts Venice restaurants inordinately as we are aware that 80% of LA City Coastal Zone al fresco permits are in Venice. Temporary al fresco dining was the single positive result of Covid 19 regulations. It is widely enjoyed and supported throughout the entire city and only enhances cultural diversity while supporting independent and small businesses that provide countless employment opportunities and promote the best face of Los Angeles. We encourage you to remove the imbalance of justice currently experienced by restaurants in the Coastal Zone through any and all measures such as the proposed P-CDP which would clearly fulfill the primary mission of the Coastal Act - to promote access to the coast and protect visitor serving amenities. By this clear standard, restaurants and al fresco dining within the Coastal Zone are plainly deserving of support, not further obstruction. We also urge you to ignore the extortionist group "Citizens Perverting Venice", their individual officers and Board members who do not speak for Venice, but are merely 6 ill-intentioned and self-serving individuals engaged in a near-decade long racket of illegal lobbying and misuse of tax exempt status. Thank you for your consideration on behalf of Venice's restaurants.



June 4, 2024

TO: LA CITY COUNCIL  
FROM: GEORGE FRANCISCO  
RE: CF 20-1074-S5

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George Francisco  
Director Policy & Planning  
Venice Chamber of Commerce