

RULES, ELECTIONS, AND INTERGOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS COMMITTEE REPORT and RESOLUTION relative to including in the City's 2023-24 State Legislative Program support for AB 2550 (Gabriel), which would allow small neighborhood restaurants to operate without drinking fountains, allow small businesses to operate without separate gender restrooms and instead allow gender-neutral restrooms, and provide clarity on required protective services for outdoor food preparation.

Recommendation for Council action pursuant to Resolution (Rodriguez – Soto-Martinez) and SUBJECT TO THE CONCURRENCE OF THE MAYOR:

RESOLVE to include in the City's 2023-24 State Legislative Program SUPPORT for AB 2550 (Gabriel), which would allow small neighborhood restaurants to operate without drinking fountains, allow small businesses to operate without separate gender restrooms and instead allow gender-neutral restrooms, and provide clarity on required protective services for outdoor food preparation.

Fiscal Impact Statement: Neither the City Administrative Officer nor the Chief Legislative Analyst (CLA) has completed a financial analysis of this report.

Community Impact Statement: Yes

For:
Westside Neighborhood Council

Summary:

On April 19, 2024, your Committee considered an April 11, 2024 CLA report and Resolution (Rodriguez – Soto-Martinez) relative to including in the City's 2023-24 State Legislative Program support for AB 2550 (Gabriel), which would allow small neighborhood restaurants to operate without drinking fountains, allow small businesses to operate without separate gender restrooms and instead allow gender-neutral restrooms, and provide clarity on required protective services for outdoor food preparation. According to the CLA, on December 22, 2023, the Los Angeles Times reported that, in 2023 alone, over 65 notable restaurants in the Los Angeles area closed, including Nate 'n Al's and Cupid's Hot Dogs, leading the newspaper to dub 2023 "the year that killed LA restaurants." Reasons for closure cited by the owners of these establishments include elevated post-pandemic food prices, untenable rent prices, and business-wide financial struggles.

Business Credit and Debt Program, among other programs, provide services to help small businesses with onerous expenses. The City's Jobs and Economic Development Incentive (JEDI) Zones and Opportunity Zones programs, among others, yield incentives to help such businesses stay open in vital areas of Los Angeles. Support for AB 2550 (Gabriel) would be consistent with such policy practices. After consideration and having

provided an opportunity for public comment, the Committee moved to recommend approval of the Resolution. This matter is now submitted to Council for its consideration.

Respectfully Submitted,

Rules, Elections, and Intergovernmental Relations Committee

COUNCILMEMBER	VOTE
KREKORIAN:	YES
HARRIS-DAWSON:	YES
BLUMENFIELD:	YES

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