

Communication from Public

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Council File No: 20-1074-S4

Comments for Public Posting: I am writing on behalf of the West of Westwood HOA (WOWHOA) representing 1200 households in Rancho Park. The business district that impacts our members is Pico Blvd from the 405 Freeway to Beverly Glen and Westwood Blvd from Santa Monica Blvd. to Pico Blvd. We all want our business communities to succeed. Our city is large and diverse. What may work in one area does not in another. It is our understanding that CF20-1074-S4 treats all restaurants and communities in the same manner – regardless of the setting and characteristics of the local business corridor. This “one-size-fits-all” measure fails to produce good public policy. Revisions to the recommendations initially drafted by the Planning Department were, no doubt, needed and the response by restaurants was appropriate. However, we feel the response from the City now represents a swing from one extreme to the next. Have the impacts this proposal could have on the commercial and residential communities surrounding Al Fresco Restaurants been considered? Instead of making new and balanced recommendations that revised the measure proposed by Planning, we have a measure that threatens not only the viability of the local commercial corridors, but also will have a negative impact on the quality of life of those unfortunate enough to share an alley (or closer) with a restaurant. Culver City, Beverly Hills, Santa Monica, have ample public parking structures for its business district, Pico Blvd does not. Removing all parking requirements for Al Fresco will have a negative impact on surrounding businesses that already have limited parking available. ADA is federal law. No disabled parking discriminates against anyone with a blue tag. Asking those people to park a long way away and walk is what the disabled parking rules are designed to prevent. There is no language that would create any effective enforcement mechanism related to an abuse of the provision that allows for “ambient” music. The definition of those who might be affected is narrow and does not reflect the impacts that may arise. Further, as we all too painfully know, there is no enforcement staff available in the evenings or on weekends past LA DBS working hours and the reliance upon LAPD to enforce is completely unrealistic. If LAPD is unable to respond to emergency calls in a timely manner now, these non-priority calls would go unanswered – or, if a response came it would be hours

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West of Westwood
Homeowners Association

July 3, 2023

Los Angeles City Planning

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Cc: Councilwoman Katy Yaroslavsky, CD5