

Communication from Public

Name: Ann Hsing
Date Submitted: 10/16/2023 03:50 PM
Council File No: 20-0380-S2
Comments for Public Posting: Please see attached letter outlining my support for LA City Council item number 20-0380-S2. Thank you!



October 16, 2023

Addressed to:

Council President Paul Krekorian: councilmember.krekorian@lacity.org
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Re: Council File: 20-0380-S2 - Support

Dear LA City Councilmembers,

As President of the Independent Hospitality Coalition, and Chief Operating Officer/Managing Partner of PASJOLI, I enthusiastically support a resolution to extend the provisions of Section 16.02.1 of the Municipal Code, "Relief from Specified Land Use Provisions," to provide temporary regulatory relief from certain time limitations and automobile parking provisions during and for an additional 24-month period for a total of 36 months, after the termination or expiration of the local emergency order, as provided in Section 16.02.1.

This ordinance served as a lifeline for the Los Angeles restaurant community impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic and the rising costs associated with inflation by extending outdoor dining regulatory flexibility and making it easier for restaurants to go through the permitting process. Primarily the relief from parking requirements as outlined in the ordinance contributes to less labor from our city engineers to decipher complicated parking riddles for businesses that are so vital to our neighborhoods.

The COVID-19 pandemic has devastated small businesses in California, especially in the hospitality sector. For restaurants that survived the pandemic, inflation is the next devastating hurdle. Our sales have been down 30% this year from last year, exacerbated by the labor strikes throughout the city. About 95% of a restaurant's sales go to food, labor, and operating costs, all of which are increasing each month.

To make matters worse, some local governments are now seeking to roll back outdoor dining regulatory flexibility that began during the pandemic and require restaurants to apply for expensive new permits for existing patios. Many restaurants that are barely making it, won't survive this.

Council File 20-0380-S2 will preserve current regulatory flexibility related to automobile parking provisions to help restaurants maintain their outdoor dining and recover from the COVID-19 pandemic and inflation.

For these reasons, PASJOLI, the Independent Hospitality Coalition and I support the continuance of this ordinance.

Sincerely,
Ann Hsing
Chief Operating Officer/Managing Partner of PASJOLI
President of Independent Hospitality Coalition

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Name: Allison Wiseman
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Sincerely,

Jordan Kahn
Chef/Owner

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Comments for Public Posting: This is crucial policy to make it feasible to operate a restaurant in this city. We have so many obstacles and costs. Please enact this and give us a chance.