

Communication from Public

Name: Brianne

Date Submitted: 01/18/2021 10:10 AM

Council File No: 18-1007

Comments for Public Posting: My name is Brianne Trosie, and I live in the City of Los Angeles in Culver City. I urge the City Council to support the Good Food Zone Policy implementation and work with EWDD and Council District 9 in creating an appropriate, equitable plan to implement this innovative policy and program. We need this policy to be implemented now more than ever. In the wake of COVID-19, small businesses offering food options need support to offer a living wage and improve the healthy options they offer in their stores' inventory. When implemented, the Good Food Zone will provide economic opportunity for small good food businesses and ensure access to healthy food options in communities experiencing food apartheid. Thank you, Brianne

Communication from Public

Name: Elizabeth Johnson

Date Submitted: 01/18/2021 10:10 AM

Council File No: 18-1007

Comments for Public Posting: My name is Elizabeth Johnson, and I live in the City of Los Angeles in Encino. I urge the City Council to support the Good Food Zone Policy implementation and work with EWDD and Council District 9 in creating an appropriate, equitable plan to implement this innovative policy and program. We need this policy to be implemented now more than ever. I also care about this because many members of my community have been impacted by historic food divestment which has resulted in health issues like heart disease, stroke, and death. These issues have been compounded in the wake of COVID-19. Small businesses offering food options need support to offer a living wage and improve the healthy options they offer in their stores' inventory. When implemented, the Good Food Zone will provide economic opportunity for small good food businesses and ensure access to healthy food options in communities experiencing food apartheid. Thank you.

Communication from Public

Name: Anne Brashier

Date Submitted: 01/18/2021 10:12 AM

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Comments for Public Posting: Hello, my name is Anne Brashier, and I live in the City of Los Angeles in Los Feliz. I urge the City Council to support the Good Food Zone Policy implementation and work with EWDD and Council District 9 in creating an appropriate, equitable plan to implement this innovative policy and program. We need this policy to be implemented now more than ever. I spent 2 years teaching health in elementary schools around Los Angeles, from Gardena to Panorama City, and I saw firsthand how racist economic systems perpetuated inequality to food access for black and brown families. I also care about this because many members of my community have been impacted by historic food divestment which has resulted in health issues like heart disease, stroke, and death. These issues have been compounded in the wake of COVID-19. Small businesses offering food options need support to offer a living wage and improve the healthy options they offer in their stores' inventory. When implemented, the Good Food Zone will provide economic opportunity for small good food businesses and ensure access to healthy food options in communities experiencing food apartheid. Thank you, Anne

Communication from Public

Name: Claire Nussbaum

Date Submitted: 01/18/2021 10:13 AM

Council File No: 18-1007

Comments for Public Posting: My name is Claire Nussbaum, and I live in the City of Los Angeles in Westwood. I urge the City Council to support the Good Food Zone Policy implementation and work with EWDD and Council District 9 in creating an appropriate, equitable plan to implement this innovative policy and program. We need this policy to be implemented now more than ever. Everyone deserves access to nutritious, high quality food and this must happen in conjunction with equitable economic development that uplifts affected communities. Food insecurity is widespread within LA and disproportionately affects black and brown communities. I also care about this because many members of my community have been impacted by historic food divestment which has resulted in health issues like heart disease, stroke, and death. These issues have been compounded in the wake of COVID-19. Small businesses offering food options need support to offer a living wage and improve the healthy options they offer in their stores' inventory. When implemented, the Good Food Zone will provide economic opportunity for small good food businesses and ensure access to healthy food options in communities experiencing food apartheid. Thank you.

Communication from Public

Name: Natalie Yip

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Comments for Public Posting: My name is Natalie Yip, and I live in the City of Los Angeles in Rosemead. I urge the City Council to support the Good Food Zone Policy implementation and work with EWDD and Council District 9 in creating an appropriate, equitable plan to implement this innovative policy and program. We need this policy to be implemented now more than ever. No one should be going hungry during a stressing time like this. These issues have been compounded in the wake of COVID-19. Small businesses offering food options need support to offer a living wage and improve the healthy options they offer in their stores' inventory. When implemented, the Good Food Zone will provide economic opportunity for small good food businesses and ensure access to healthy food options in communities experiencing food apartheid. Thank you.

Communication from Public

Name: Daniel Ghyczy

Date Submitted: 01/18/2021 10:14 AM

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Comments for Public Posting: My name is Daniel Ghyczy, and I live in the City of Los Angeles in Encino. I urge the City Council to support the Good Food Zone Policy implementation and work with EWDD and Council District 9 in creating an appropriate, equitable plan to implement this innovative policy and program. We need this policy to be implemented now more than ever. I also care about this because many members of my community have been impacted by historic food divestment which has resulted in health issues like heart disease, stroke, and death. These issues have been compounded in the wake of COVID-19. Small businesses offering food options need support to offer a living wage and improve the healthy options they offer in their stores' inventory. When implemented, the Good Food Zone will provide economic opportunity for small good food businesses and ensure access to healthy food options in communities experiencing food apartheid. Thank you.

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Name: Pritha Ogden

Date Submitted: 01/18/2021 10:15 AM

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Comments for Public Posting: My name is Pritha Ogden, and I live in the City of Los Angeles in West Hollywood. I urge the City Council to support the Good Food Zone Policy implementation and work with EWDD and Council District 9 in creating an appropriate, equitable plan to implement this innovative policy and program. We need this policy to be implemented now more than ever. Food insecurity affects 1 in 5 Los Angelenos. Policy is the fastest way to correct for the economic inequities and support everyone's access to nutritious foods. I also care about this because many members of my community have been impacted by historic food divestment which has resulted in health issues like heart disease, stroke, and death. These issues have been compounded in the wake of COVID-19. Small businesses offering food options need support to offer a living wage and improve the healthy options they offer in their stores' inventory. When implemented, the Good Food Zone will provide economic opportunity for small good food businesses and ensure access to healthy food options in communities experiencing food apartheid. Thank you.

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Name: Rhiann Sheffie

Date Submitted: 01/18/2021 10:17 AM

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Comments for Public Posting: My name is Rhiann Sheffie , and I live in the City of Los Angeles in District 8. I urge the City Council to support the Good Food Zone Policy implementation and work with EWDD and Council District 9 in creating an appropriate, equitable plan to implement this innovative policy and program. We need this policy to be implemented now more than ever. There was a time where my father was unemployed and it was very hard to get food and it was the first time i experienced being hungry and going nights without dinner or without lunch during school. Even though things have gotten better in this particular situation it's upsetting to see this is an unchanging thing for millions of people in Los Angeles who may not be able to get a new job or find a way to make money or provide food.

Communication from Public

Name: Carmen Costs

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Comments for Public Posting: My name is Carmen Costa, and I live in the City of Los Angeles in District 14. I urge the City Council to support the Good Food Zone Policy implementation and work with EWDD and Council District 9 in creating an appropriate, equitable plan to implement this innovative policy and program. We need this policy to be implemented now more than ever. Right now, 1 in 5 Angelenos are food insecure and lack access to healthy food options. No one should go hungry or have to worry about where their next meal is coming from, especially if the resources and tools exist to support those in need. Communities of color have been hit hardest, especially during this public health crisis, and the time to act is now. I also care about this because many members of my community have been impacted by historic food divestment which has resulted in health issues like heart disease, stroke, and death. These issues have been compounded in the wake of COVID-19. Small businesses offering food options need support to offer a living wage and improve the healthy options they offer in their stores' inventory. When implemented, the Good Food Zone will provide economic opportunity for small good food businesses and ensure access to healthy food options in communities experiencing food apartheid. Thank you.

Communication from Public

Name: Ashley Slight

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Comments for Public Posting: My name is Ashley, and I live in the City of Los Angeles. I urge the City Council to support the Good Food Zone Policy implementation and work with EWDD and Council District 9 in creating an appropriate, equitable plan to implement this innovative policy and program. We need this policy to be implemented now more than ever. Especially due to COVID-19, the number of individuals suffering from food insecurity has only skyrocketed, making it even more difficult for Angelenos to find affordable, healthy food. I also care about this because many members of my community have been impacted by historic food divestment which has resulted in health issues like heart disease, stroke, and death. These issues have been compounded in the wake of COVID-19. Small businesses offering food options need support to offer a living wage and improve the healthy options they offer in their stores' inventory. When implemented, the Good Food Zone will provide economic opportunity for small good food businesses and ensure access to healthy food options in communities experiencing food apartheid. Thank you.

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Name: Sonia Seetharaman

Date Submitted: 01/18/2021 10:18 AM

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Comments for Public Posting: My name is Sonia Seetharaman, and I live in the Harvard Heights neighborhood of Los Angeles. I urge the City Council to support the Good Food Zone Policy implementation and work with EWDD and Council District 9 in creating an appropriate, equitable plan to implement this innovative policy and program. We need this policy to be implemented now more than ever. Issues of equity and access, especially around food concerns, are very visible in my neighborhood. Because Harvard Heights is a historically non-white area, there has clearly been a history of community and food divestment. Just taking a walk in the neighborhood, you can see that there are very few healthy food options available, and few good-quality grocery stores. This has resulted in health issues like heart disease, stroke, and death. These issues have been compounded in the wake of COVID-19. Small businesses offering food options need support to offer a living wage and improve the healthy options they offer in their stores' inventory. When implemented, the Good Food Zone will provide economic opportunity for small good food businesses and ensure access to healthy food options in communities experiencing food apartheid. Thank you.

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Comments for Public Posting: My name is Renee, and I live in the City of Los Angeles in San Gabriel. I urge the City Council to support the Good Food Zone Policy implementation and work with EWDD and Council District 9 in creating an appropriate, equitable plan to implement this innovative policy and program. We need this policy to be implemented now more than ever. Given the impacts of COVID-19 and its disproportionate effect on minority populations, having equitable access to food is especially important. The rise of food insecurity during these times make the implementation of the Good Food Zone is crucial in supporting local communities. I also care about this because many members of my community have been impacted by historic food divestment which has resulted in health issues like heart disease, stroke, and death. These issues have been compounded in the wake of COVID-19. Small businesses offering food options need support to offer a living wage and improve the healthy options they offer in their stores' inventory. When implemented, the Good Food Zone will provide economic opportunity for small good food businesses and ensure access to healthy food options in communities experiencing food apartheid. Thank you.

Communication from Public

Name: Jamie Rausch

Date Submitted: 01/18/2021 10:20 AM

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Comments for Public Posting: My name is Jamie Rausch, and I live in the City of Los Angeles in Hollywood, District 13. I urge the City Council to support the Good Food Zone Policy implementation and work with EWDD and Council District 9 in creating an appropriate, equitable plan to implement this innovative policy and program. We need this policy to be implemented now more than ever. We need to do everything we can at this moment. I also care about this because many members of my community have been impacted by historic food divestment which has resulted in health issues like heart disease, stroke, and death. These issues have been compounded in the wake of COVID-19. Small businesses offering food options need support to offer a living wage and improve the healthy options they offer in their stores' inventory. When implemented, the Good Food Zone will provide economic opportunity for small good food businesses and ensure access to healthy food options in communities experiencing food apartheid. Thank you.

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Comments for Public Posting: My name is Grace O'Hara, and I live in the City of Los Angeles in District 1. I urge the City Council to support the Good Food Zone Policy implementation and work with EWDD and Council District 9 in creating an appropriate, equitable plan to implement this innovative policy and program. We need this policy to be implemented now more than ever. Food access is disproportionately more difficult for communities of color in Los Angeles. Currently, there are only 91 grocery stores in South LA serving nearly 500,000 residents. And with people staying closer to home during COVID, the need to have local access to food is that much more important. I also care about this because many members of my community have been impacted by historic food divestment which has resulted in health issues like heart disease, stroke, and death. These issues have been compounded in the wake of COVID-19. Small businesses offering food options need support to offer a living wage and improve the healthy options they offer in their stores' inventory. When implemented, the Good Food Zone will provide economic opportunity for small good food businesses and ensure access to healthy food options in communities experiencing food apartheid. Thank you.

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Name: Ali

Date Submitted: 01/18/2021 10:21 AM

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Comments for Public Posting: My name is Ali, and I live in the City of Los Angeles in District 5, Palms neighborhood. I urge the City Council to support the Good Food Zone Policy implementation and work with EWDD and Council District 9 in creating an appropriate, equitable plan to implement this innovative policy and program. We need this policy to be implemented now more than ever. I care deeply about food insecurity and giving Los Angelenos equitable access to food as it is a foundational aspect to health. I also care about this because many members of my community have been impacted by historic food divestment which has resulted in health issues like heart disease, stroke, and death. These issues have been compounded in the wake of COVID-19. Small businesses offering food options need support to offer a living wage and improve the healthy options they offer in their stores' inventory. When implemented, the Good Food Zone will provide economic opportunity for small good food businesses and ensure access to healthy food options in communities experiencing food apartheid. Thank you for your time, Ali

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Name: Jesus Gerardo Chavez

Date Submitted: 01/18/2021 10:21 AM

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Comments for Public Posting: My name is Jesus and I live in the City of Los Angeles in Paramount. I urge the City Council to support the Good Food Zone Policy implementation and work with EWDD and Council District 9 in creating an appropriate, equitable plan to implement this innovative policy and program. We need this policy to be implemented now more than ever. Having food landscapes that offer access to fresh, affordable and culturally relevant meals is important to me as it empowers disenfranchised communities to take charge of their healthy and allow them to thrive. I also care about this because many members of my community, the Latinx populations of LA county, have been impacted by historic food divestment which has resulted in health issues like heart disease, stroke, and death. These issues have been compounded in the wake of COVID-19. Small businesses offering food options need support to offer a living wage and improve the healthy options they offer in their stores' inventory. When implemented, the Good Food Zone will provide economic opportunity for small good food businesses and ensure access to healthy food options in communities experiencing food apartheid. I support the Good Food Zone policy as it will strengthen local food systems to meet the needs that current industrial and centralized systems cannot. Thank you.

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Comments for Public Posting: My name is Caleb, and I live in the City of Los Angeles in Beverlywood. I urge the City Council to support the Good Food Zone Policy implementation and work with EWDD and Council District 9 in creating an appropriate, equitable plan to implement this innovative policy and program. We need this policy to be implemented now more than ever. I care about food being more accessible because many people don't have access to this vital resource and many times don't even know if they will have food to eat. This means that since many members of my community have been impacted by historic food divestment, it has resulted in health issues like heart disease, stroke, and death. These issues have been compounded in the wake of COVID-19. Small businesses offering food options need support to offer a living wage and improve the healthy options they offer in their stores' inventory. When implemented, the Good Food Zone will provide economic opportunity for small good food businesses and ensure access to healthy food options in communities experiencing food apartheid. Thank you.

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Name: Gwen Uman

Date Submitted: 01/18/2021 10:32 AM

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Comments for Public Posting: My name is Gwen Uman, and I live in CD 4, the Hollywood Hills West. I urge the City Council to support the Good Food Zone Policy implementation and work with EWDD and Council District 9 in creating an appropriate, equitable plan to implement this innovative policy and program. We need this policy to be implemented now more than ever. I don't want anybody to go hungry when so many of us are blessed with adequate resources to feed ourselves and our families. As a nurse, I am very concerned about the impact of poor nutrition. I also care about this because many members of my larger community have been impacted by historic food divestment which has resulted in health issues like heart disease, stroke, and death. These issues have been compounded in the wake of COVID-19. Small businesses offering food options need support to offer a living wage and improve the healthy options they offer in their stores' inventory. When implemented, the Good Food Zone will provide economic opportunity for small good food businesses and ensure access to healthy food options in communities experiencing food apartheid. Thank you.

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Comments for Public Posting: My name is Carla Epstein, and I live in the City of Los Angeles in Highland Park. I urge the City Council to support the Good Food Zone Policy implementation and work with EWDD and Council District 9 in creating an appropriate, equitable plan to implement this innovative policy and program. We need this policy to be implemented now more than ever. Too many people-of all ages, children to seniors go hungry every day, do not have access or resources to buy healthy food. How can children have the capacity, energy, ability to learn in school when they are hungry. I once volunteered in a school, helping a 4th. grade boy learn to read at his grade level, it was at 11:30a.m., just before lunchtime-he had such a difficult time focusing because he hadn't had breakfast and it was almost lunchtime. I also care about this because many members of my community have been impacted by historic food divestment which has resulted in health issues like heart disease, stroke, and death. These issues have been compounded in the wake of COVID-19. Small businesses offering food options need support to offer a living wage and improve the healthy options they offer in their stores' inventory. When implemented, the Good Food Zone will provide economic opportunity for small good food businesses and ensure access to healthy food options in communities experiencing food apartheid. Thank you, Carla

Communication from Public

Name: Rachele D

Date Submitted: 01/18/2021 11:27 AM

Council File No: 18-1007

Comments for Public Posting: My name is Rachele DeSantis, and I live in the City of Los Angeles in North Hollywood. I urge the City Council to support the Good Food Zone Policy implementation and work with EWDD and Council District 9 in creating an appropriate, equitable plan to implement this innovative policy and program. We need this policy to be implemented now more than ever. I made Los Angeles my home 8 years ago and I care deeply for the people of this city. It hurts my soul knowing that people are starving on the streets every night, when so many Angelenos live a life of abundance. It's unbelievable that a practical policy that addresses this problem has been passed but not yet implemented. Many members of my community have been impacted by historic food divestment which has resulted in health issues like heart disease, stroke, and death. These issues have been compounded in the wake of COVID-19. Small businesses offering food options need support to offer a living wage and improve the healthy options they offer in their stores' inventory. When implemented, the Good Food Zone will provide economic opportunity for small good food businesses and ensure access to healthy food options in communities experiencing food apartheid. Thank you.

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Date Submitted: 01/18/2021 11:37 AM

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Comments for Public Posting: My name is Pauline Nazareno, and I teach in the City of Los Angeles in South LA. I urge the City Council to support the Good Food Zone Policy implementation and work with EWDD and Council District 9 in creating an appropriate, equitable plan to implement this innovative policy and program. We need this policy to be implemented now more than ever. During distance learning, I worry for the students I teach as I know that the majority of our school relied on the school lunches for consistent healthy meals, and as a result of not meeting in our physical campus, many of our students may be struggling with food insecurity. Beyond my students, many other members of this community have been impacted by historic food divestment which has resulted in health issues like heart disease, stroke, and death. These issues have been compounded in the wake of COVID-19. Small businesses offering food options need support to offer a living wage and improve the healthy options they offer in their stores' inventory. When implemented, the Good Food Zone will provide economic opportunity for small good food businesses and ensure access to healthy food options in communities experiencing food apartheid. Thank you for keeping the health of our community a top priority.

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Name: Alex

Date Submitted: 01/18/2021 11:39 AM

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Comments for Public Posting: My name is Alex Morales, and I live in the City of Los Angeles in Sherman Oaks, District 4. I urge the City Council to support the Good Food Zone Policy implementation and work with EWDD and Council District 9 in creating an appropriate, equitable plan to implement this innovative policy and program. We need this policy to be implemented now more than ever. While I have been fortunate to always have access to nutritious food, I am aware that many in our city do not. It is important that Los Angeles works to create food equitability for all its residents. I care about this because many members of my community have been impacted by historic food divestment which has resulted in health issues like heart disease, stroke, and death. These issues have been compounded in the wake of COVID-19. Small businesses offering food options need support to offer a living wage and improve the healthy options they offer in their stores' inventory. When implemented, the Good Food Zone will provide economic opportunity for small good food businesses and ensure access to healthy food options in communities experiencing food apartheid. Thank you.

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Name: Joey Spector

Date Submitted: 01/18/2021 12:05 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: My name is Joey Spector, and I live in the City of Los Angeles in Silver Lake. I urge the City Council to support the Good Food Zone Policy implementation and work with EWDD and Council District 9 in creating an appropriate, equitable plan to implement this innovative policy and program. We need this policy to be implemented now more than ever. This policy is important to me because I recognize that my access to healthy food choices is a right that not all people in LA have. This policy presents a sustainable solution that empowers the communities from within and will improve lives in multifaceted ways. I also care about this because many members of my community have been impacted by historic food divestment which has resulted in health issues like heart disease, stroke, and death. These issues have been compounded in the wake of COVID-19. Small businesses offering food options need support to offer a living wage and improve the healthy options they offer in their stores' inventory. When implemented, the Good Food Zone will provide economic opportunity for small good food businesses and ensure access to healthy food options in communities experiencing food apartheid. Thank you.

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Name: Christopher Rhie

Date Submitted: 01/18/2021 01:24 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: My name is Chris Rhie, and I live in the City of Los Angeles in Koreatown. I urge the City Council to support the Good Food Zone Policy implementation and work with EWDD and Council District 9 in creating an appropriate, equitable plan to implement this innovative policy and program. We need this policy to be implemented now more than ever. Los Angeles is known the world over for being an incredible food city, the product of many cultures coming together to celebrate traditions and create new ones. The joy of food is something that should be shared by all Angelenos. I also care about this because many members of my community have been impacted by historic food divestment which has resulted in health issues like heart disease, stroke, and death. These issues have been compounded in the wake of COVID-19. Small businesses offering food options need support to offer a living wage and improve the healthy options they offer in their stores' inventory. When implemented, the Good Food Zone will provide economic opportunity for small good food businesses and ensure access to healthy food options in communities experiencing food apartheid. Thank you.

Communication from Public

Name: Kyna Payawal

Date Submitted: 01/18/2021 02:32 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: My name is Kyna Payawal and I live in the City of Los Angeles in the 13th District. I urge the City Council to support the Good Food Zone Policy implementation and work with EWDD and Council District 9 in creating an appropriate, equitable plan to implement this innovative policy and program. We need this policy to be implemented now more than ever. I've always been passionate about food nutrition since I've experienced firsthand the effects of good nutrition in healing my personal and my loved ones' chronic illnesses and mental health. Good nutrition has scientifically been proven to improve someone's quality of life. And we need to give equal access to this very basic human need for all Angelenos. I also care about this because many members of my community have been impacted by historic food divestment which has resulted in health issues like heart disease, stroke, and death. These issues have been compounded in the wake of COVID-19. Small businesses offering food options need support to offer a living wage and improve the healthy options they offer in their stores' inventory. When implemented, the Good Food Zone will provide economic opportunity for small good food businesses and ensure access to healthy food options in communities experiencing food apartheid. Thank you.

Communication from Public

Name: Emily Lowe

Date Submitted: 01/18/2021 03:48 PM

Council File No: 18-1007

Comments for Public Posting: My name is Emily Lowe, and I live in the City of Los Angeles in West LA, CD 11. I urge the City Council to support the Good Food Zone Policy implementation and work with EWDD and Council District 9 in creating an appropriate, equitable plan to implement this innovative policy and program. With more and more people unemployed and with out access to reliable food and resources due to COVID-19 and race and equality once again at the forefront of the public agenda, we need this policy to be implemented now more than ever!!! I care deeply about my community and about my neighbors in Los Angeles of all races and privilege. I see a growing gap between the haves and have-nots in my neighborhood and believe strongly that my tax payer dollars should be allocated to help my neighbors that are not as fortunate, ensuring that they have access to basic, BASIC human necessities like FOOD. I also care about this because many members of my community have been impacted by historic food divestment which has resulted in health issues like heart disease, stroke, and death. These issues have been compounded in the wake of COVID-19. Small businesses offering food options need support to offer a living wage and improve the healthy options they offer in their stores' inventory. When implemented, the Good Food Zone will provide economic opportunity for small good food businesses and ensure access to healthy food options in communities experiencing food apartheid. I call upon LA County and my district representative, Mike Bonin, specifically to help move us toward positive change through the Good Food Zone initiative. Sincerely, Emily Lowe, West LA resident

Communication from Public

Name: Elizabeth Rodriguez Diaz

Date Submitted: 01/18/2021 05:30 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: My name is Elizabeth Rodriguez Diaz, and I live in the City of Los Angeles in Council District 9. I urge the City Council to support the Good Food Zone Policy implementation and work with EWDD and Council District 9 in creating an appropriate, equitable plan to implement this innovative policy and program. We need this policy to be implemented now more than ever. What good will it bring our people if we pass a policy and not implement said policy? Implementing Good Food Zone Policy will give access to folks living in food deserts opportunities for healthier food options. I also care about this because many members of my community have been impacted by historic food divestment which has resulted in health issues like heart disease, stroke, and death. These issues have been compounded in the wake of COVID-19. Small businesses offering food options need support to offer a living wage and improve the healthy options they offer in their stores' inventory. When implemented, the Good Food Zone will provide economic opportunity for small good food businesses and ensure access to healthy food options in communities experiencing food apartheid. Thank you.