

RESOLUTION

RULES, ELECTIONS, INTERGOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS

WHEREAS, any official position of the City of Los Angeles with respect to legislation, rules, regulations or policies proposed to or pending before a local, state or federal governmental body or agency must have first been adopted in the form of a Resolution by the City Council; and

WHEREAS, sidewalk vending has been a cornerstone of Los Angeles commerce since before Los Angeles was part of the United States. It is a staple in many neighborhoods across the City and has evolved with the ongoing legislative changes around regulation of this business practice; and

WHEREAS, the City of Los Angeles decriminalized sidewalk vending in 2017 and began a process in 2018 to create a formal program for regulating vending, including through the establishment of a permitting system and the creation of rules and regulations to govern the practice of vending in public spaces (C.F. 13-1493); and

WHEREAS, sidewalk vending provides important entrepreneurship and economic development opportunities to low-income and immigrant communities in Los Angeles and across California; and

WHEREAS, sidewalk vending contributes to a safe and dynamic public space, and increases access to desired goods, such as culturally significant food and merchandise; and

WHEREAS, many of the tens of thousands of Angelenos working as street vendors are undocumented immigrants, and these workers and entrepreneurs – who nourish our communities and drive our local economies – are now at significant risk of being targeted by federal immigration enforcement; and


WHEREAS, immigrant sidewalk vendors are facing increased threats of detention and deportation and are especially vulnerable to the risk of immigration enforcement actions due to their visibility in public; and

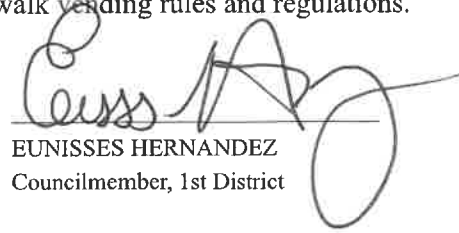
WHEREAS, sidewalk vending permitting programs across California, including in Los Angeles, collect and store sensitive information about vendors, which may disclose citizenship or immigration status and could be used to target sidewalk vendors for enforcement and deportation if the information is shared with federal immigration enforcement agencies; and

WHEREAS, on February 20, 2025, Senator Maria Elena Durazo introduced SB 635, which would safeguard the private data of sidewalk vendors and ensure additional protections for sidewalk and street vendors from federal immigration enforcement actions;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that by adoption of this Resolution, the City of Los Angeles hereby includes in its 2025-26 State Legislative Program, SUPPORT for Senate Bill 635 (Durazo) to amend the State's sidewalk vending law to prohibit local authorities from inquiring or collecting information about an individual's immigration status or criminal history to issue a sidewalk vending permit; providing the personally identifiable information of sidewalk vendors to federal immigration agents in the absence of a judicial warrant; and contracting with nonpublic entities to enforce local sidewalk vending rules and regulations.

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