

MOTION

The Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) is a Federal law that protects the public and requires that persons with disabilities have access to the public right-of-way. In accordance with ADA requirements, the Los Angeles Municipal Code (LAMC) regulates various uses of the public right-of-way requiring a permit or adherence to rules and regulations.

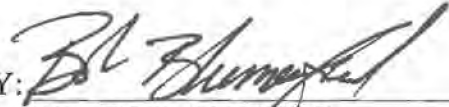
Numerous activities are permitted in the public right-of-way including filming, sidewalk dining, sidewalk vending, sidewalk and street construction, and special events. The City explicitly regulates these activities in order to ensure that the public right-of-way is used equitably and safely and to preserve the integrity of City infrastructure.

All persons obtaining permits and operating in compliance with the City's rules and regulations should be in full compliance with ADA rules as well. However, not all who operate within the public right-of-way do so in accordance with the City's regulations and risk blocking and impeding access to our City's sidewalks and streets.

LAMC Section 56.08 regulates obstructions of the public right-of-way that occur on City streets and sidewalks. The LAMC should be amended to prohibit activity that creates ADA violations as it is imperative that Los Angeles be a City that is accessible to all of its residents.

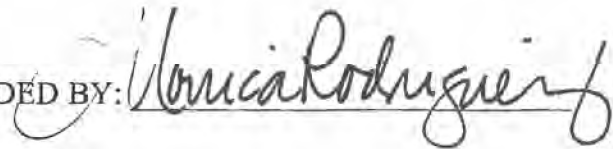
I THEREFORE MOVE that the City Attorney, with assistance from the Bureau of Street Services and the Bureau of Engineering, be requested to prepare and present an ordinance to amend the Los Angeles Municipal Code to prohibit any activity that otherwise requires a permit and creates a violation of the Americans with Disabilities Act.

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