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The Board approved this CIS by a vote of: Yea(15) Nay(0) Abstain(0) Ineligible(0) Recusal(0)

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#### Impact Information

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Summary: A permanent Al Fresco program would aid our community by increasing equitable access to public space and highlighting any disparities in infrastructure and public space access for low-income communities, many of which suffer non-ADA compliant sidewalks, sidewalks in need of repair, or unsafe sidewalk conditions. The opportunity to allow businesses to utilize adjacent public space in a safe, regulated manner would activate the built environment of many communities and enhance public safety. The activation of public space should also be matched by investment in street infrastructure and pedestrian safety improvements.



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## Wilshire Center-Koreatown Neighborhood Council

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December 1, 2020

Councilman Mark Ridley-Thomas  
City Hall  
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We, the Wilshire Center Koreatown Neighborhood Council of the City of Los Angeles (WCKNC) SUPPORT Council File 20-1074, a Motion (Ryu – Buscaino) instructing several City departments to report on the feasibility of developing a permanent Al Fresco program that allows for a streamlined outdoor dining permit process and a plan that would enable interested businesses to opt-in to the permit program.

The Al Fresco program was created as a direct result of the COVID-19 pandemic but has demonstrated new possibilities for the use of public space. The Al Fresco program preserved jobs and livelihood for several communities, including our own. In addition to creating a space for residents to safely patronize small business while maintaining social distancing and complying with recommended safety protocols, the Al Fresco program has demonstrated the potential to increase the cultural value of communities all the while empowering local businesses to envision new ways to operate.

A permanent Al Fresco program would aid our community by increasing equitable access to public space and highlighting any disparities in infrastructure and public space access for low-income communities, many of which suffer non-ADA compliant sidewalks, sidewalks in need of repair, or unsafe sidewalk conditions. The opportunity to allow businesses to utilize adjacent public space in a safe, regulated manner would activate the built environment of many communities and enhance public safety. The activation of public space should also be matched by investment in street infrastructure and pedestrian safety improvements.

For these reasons, the Wilshire Center Koreatown Neighborhood Council is in favor of the creation of a plan to establish a permanent Al Fresco program and stands with our business community's enthusiastic response to the program.

Sincerely,

The Wilshire Center Koreatown Neighborhood Council