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Summary: On behalf of over 40,000 stakeholders, the Los Feliz Neighborhood Council (LFNC) supports this motion and asks the City Council to allow street vendors to operate, and pursue their livelihood and to suspend during the pandemic the many hoops that vendors must jump through. The City Council legalized street vending in 2018, recognizing that our local street vendors are a vibrant part of our local neighborhood character. However, fewer than 100 vendors, out of more than 10,000, have been able to obtain the necessary permits from the County Department of Public Health, whose requirements unfortunately are prohibitively expensive for many vendors. The pandemic has only made these permits harder to obtain, especially as vendors have lost significant income. We must allow vendors to resume their work by lifting the prohibition that was imposed in March 2020. Outdoor street vending is categorically safer than indoor or even seated outdoor dining when it comes to COVID-19 transmission. There is therefore no reason for the current barriers for street vendors to operate. Restaurants are currently allowed to operate outdoor dining and limited indoor dining. Street vendors should be given a level playing field. Allowing street vending now is especially needed, given the undocumented people in Los Angeles who work as street vendors. Undocumented communities have been hit hardest by COVID-19 (while not being able to receive stimulus grants), and many rely on income brought in through vending. Finally, we urge the City to rethink the permit requirements for street vendors after the pandemic, to better reflect both health/safety needs and the economic realities of street vending, as it is conducted by many low-income Angelenos.