

Communication from Public

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Comments for Public Posting: The San Pedro Chamber of Commerce supports the development of new technologies and services to improve the ability of our members to do business in a cost effective and efficient manner. We have been early supporters of the Coco pilot with Councilmember Buscaino and many of our restaurant members. We appreciate the fact that the Council is creating a regulatory framework for personal delivery devices that operate in the City's right-of-way. Most of the proposed regulations seem reasonable, but we worry that without a few changes, the regulations could make it impossible for this service to be useful and affordable to local businesses and could threaten the ability for Coco to expand their pilot operations in San Pedro. We have members who appreciate Coco because it has substantially reduced their delivery costs and their customers enjoy getting deliveries from vehicles piloted by employees hired locally. The initial pilot has gone so well, that we are looking to bring Coco to other parts of San Pedro. Please consider the following:

- Please remove the vehicle caps: The proposed 100 vehicle cap would severely limit the ability for this technology to support Los Angeles businesses. If Coco had reached 100 vehicles and a new business in San Pedro wanted to partner with them, would we want to tell them no? Is it better for those deliveries to be done by car?
- Please remove the fees: We should not be burdening new sustainable and lower cost delivery services with fees, especially when our restaurants are desperately needing affordable options. The proposed fees amount to \$200 per vehicle annually. This is more than many people pay in car registration.
- Please ensure continuity of operation: We do not want San Pedro restaurants and markets that use Coco to lose service in the period between when the regulations are adopted, and permits are issued. With these changes, we believe Los Angeles' personal delivery device program can be a world leader, showing we prioritize sustainable and affordable services that support our local businesses.

Sincerely, Elise Swanson
President/CEO San Pedro Chamber of Commerce



June 1, 2021

Council President Nury Martinez
Los Angeles City Councilmembers
City of Los Angeles
200 N Spring Street
Los Angeles, California 90012

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Elise Swanson
President/CEO
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