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On June 15, 2021, many of the pandemic-related restrictions on business operations will be lifted in California and, in many ways, life will return to normal. For a variety of reasons, however, the State and City Declarations of Emergency are likely to remain in place for some time. Many of the City's COVID-19 Protection and Recovery ordinances, codified in Chapter XX of the Los Angeles Municipal Code, have sunsets that are tied to those emergency declarations.

Early in the pandemic, before mask-wearing and other precautions became mandatory, and when there were long lines to enter grocery stores and shortages of many items, the City enacted Ordinance No. 186,587 to provide grocery shopping priority for elderly and disabled residents.

Fortunately, and thanks in large part to the dedication and sacrifice of front-line grocery store workers, there no longer is a need for this ordinance. Moreover, nearly all stores have stopped providing priority shopping hours, and the City is not enforcing the ordinance. As a general rule, we should not have laws on the books that are neither observed nor enforced, and for which the original purpose no longer exists.

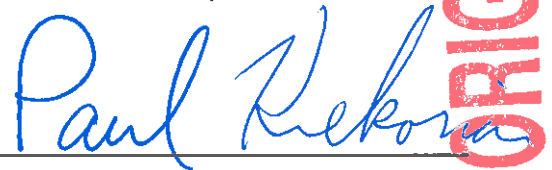
I THEREFORE MOVE that the City Attorney be requested to prepare and present an ordinance to repeal Ordinance No. 186,587 which provides grocery shopping priority for elderly and disabled residents, inasmuch as this requirement is no longer necessary as the City and its economy is returning to pre-COVID-19 operations.

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